

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 16, 2021**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, via videoconference. President Richard Hawksworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with Council Members Peter Bomberger and Alexander Stemer, Clerk-Treasurer Jeannette Bapst and Attorney Adam Mindel representing Dan Whitten in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved and seconded that minutes for the January 19, 2021, Town Council Meeting be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**BANK BALANCES 01/31/2021**

Porter State Bank	\$330,949.77
Trust Indiana	\$158,086.28
Record Balance	\$489,036.05

\*Those funds marked with an asterisk are designated monies and can only be spent for the designated purpose.

**BREAK DOWN OF FINANCES AMONG FUNDS**

As of January 31, 2021

FUNDS	CASH BALANCE 01-31-21	APP BAL.	% Left
GENERAL	173,379.47	\$413,093	93
MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	32,378.78	\$60,000	100
LOCAL ROAD & STREET	20,494.37	\$6,000	100
MOTOR VEHICLE HWY RESTRICT	655.94		
PARK & RECREATION	47,588.18	\$8,000	100
RAINY DAY FUND	110,000.00	\$50,000	100
CCI	962.61		
CCD	28,043.76	\$35,000	100
CEDIT	20,349.00	\$20,000	100
RIVERBOAT REVENUE SHARING	410.45	\$1,500	100
Donations*	30,526.40		
Clubhouse Dune Grant*	.00		
Construction Security Dep*	17,500.00		
SalesTaxClubHouseRental*	403.68		
ClubHouseRentalDeposit*	5,500.00		
Local Road & Bridge Grant*	.00		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 488,192.64</b>		

Clerk-Treasurer Bapst presented the January month-end financial report. It was moved and seconded to approve the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

It was moved and seconded that claims for the month of February, 2021, #7093 - #7120, in the amount of \$57,544.75 be approved, and that Bapst be authorized to issue payment for the new security vehicle at delivery. Motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation (DACIF) Grant Award Notification. DACIF President Paul Woidke had informed the Town Council the Beach Drive Deck construction grant in an amount not to exceed \$27,700 had been approved by the DACIF Board. Funding for the East Beach access mat had also been approved. Ridge Beach mat funding remained under review. The Town Council agreed by consensus to monitor the effectiveness of the mat system at East Beach prior to completing the order for both locations. The Council recognized DACIF for their ongoing support of town enhancements.

## COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

**BEACH:** Beach Commissioner Rob Carstens had emailed a report stating the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided information on the process required to establish a non-boating beach along the west end of Dune Acres, pursuant to previous meeting discussions. Carstens is currently reviewing steps and will schedule a phone conference with DNR officials before the March Town Council meeting.

It was agreed by consensus to stage the Independence Day fireworks display on Saturday, July 3, 2021, with a contract amount of \$7,500.

**ENVIRONMENT:** Environmental Commissioner Robin Tennant's proposal to conduct the Spring Town Cleanup on April 17, 2021 was approved by consensus. The Council recognized Tennant for her outstanding service in organizing the cleanups.

**ROADS:** Bapst reported the Indiana Department of Transportation had rejected the two contracts approved by the Council last month under the Community Crossings Grant award, stating the work must be covered under one contract. The Request for Proposal had subsequently been reissued. A special Town Council Meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021, 8:30 AM to finalize revised awards.

## OLD BUSINESS

2020-21 Deer Cull. The Deer Cull final report, as submitted to the DNR, was presented to the Council, noting a total of 10 deer had been taken this season. The follow-up aerial deer count originally scheduled for the first part of February had been delayed because of heavy snow conditions. It will be conducted as soon as possible.

## NEW BUSINESS

Dark Sky Community. Discussion was held regarding interest in Dune Acres pursuing "Dark Sky Community" status with the International Dark Sky Association. Opinions ranged from a reluctance to over-regulate, to views that regulations/ordinances best establish community standards - noting problems associated with addressing excessive lighting concerns after residents have installed such lighting. A decision on whether to pursue Dark Sky Community status was tabled pending discussion with the Plan Commission (that is responsible for zoning oversight.)

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Prescribed Burns. President Hawksworth stated a work session is still planned to provide information on prescribed burns, as discussed at last month's meeting.

Non-Boat Beaches. Resident Cheryl Evans, 70 West Road, expressed concern about the proposal to establish non-boat beaches along the Dune Acres lakefront. She hoped a work session would be scheduled to discuss details, stating her research indicated problematic issues. She also referenced a snow-related, town personnel situation experienced this week that will be discussed with President Hawksworth after the meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Town Council is 7:00 PM, March 16, 2021.

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RICHARD HAWKSWORTH, Town Council President

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PETER BOMBERGER, Town Council Member

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ALEXANDER STEMER, Town Council Member

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JEANNETTE E. BAPST, Clerk-Treasurer

CLAIMS FOR FEB 2021

<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Payroll, Gross	February payroll, gross	\$ 14,205.25
Payroll, Net	February payroll, net	\$ 11,154.86
Indiana Dept of Revenue	February payroll, state w/h	\$ 703.08
EFTPS	February payroll, fed w/h, fica/medicare	\$ 3,169.87
Menards	Bank clearing error	\$ (0.81)
Indiana State Collection	Garnishment	\$ 264.13
Frontier	Phone and Internet	\$ 66.60
NIPSCO	Mineral Springs and Rt 12	\$ 17.02
Comcast	Phone and Internet	\$ 488.43
NIPSCO	Gas and Electric	\$ 1,010.41
Frontier	Phone and Internet	\$ 102.13
Republic Services	Waste Services	\$ 105.00
Drey Devereaux	Animal Control Expense	\$ 231.84
Kevin Devereaux	Animal Control Expense	\$ 857.46
Bryan McFadden	Animal Control Expense	\$ 323.68
Davids Lawn Care	Snow Removal	\$ 1,575.00
Applied Ecological	Town Park A Restoration	\$ 4,998.80
Duneland Chamber	Membership, 2021	\$ 295.00
Hopkins Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$ 7.99
Menards - Portage	Supplies	\$ 133.57
Pinkerton Oil	Vehicle Fuel	\$ 211.43
Quill Office Products	Office Supplies	\$ 478.97
Riggs Outdoor Mower	Supplies	\$ 29.88
Reling Refrigeration	Gatehouse HVAC, 2020	\$ 1,287.88
The Times Media Co	Legal Notice, annual report	\$ 66.94
Tilden Enterprises	Supplies	\$ 120.60
Deborah Wilson	Uniform expense reimbursement	\$ 58.49
Davids Lawn Care	Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 15,581.25

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**TOTAL February, 2021** \$ 57,544.75