

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 18, 2025
Administration Building – 500 S. Broadway, Beverly Shores, IN

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
(*This meeting was a hybrid meeting and broadcasted live via Google Meets and was recorded.*)

Roll Call - Council Members: Councilors Geof Benson, Matrona Malik, Donna Norkus, David Phelps, and Candice Peterson-Smith were present. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hundt, Attorney Connor Nolan, Marshal Ed Clapp, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sally Bagnall.

Title VI Survey Availability

President Phelps announced the availability of the Title VI public involvement survey. This survey is available online via the Town's [website](#).

Public Presentations

None.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of January 21, 2025, Council Meeting minutes: Councilor Malik motioned to approve minutes as presented. Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded. Unanimously approved.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report: Nothing to report.

Police Report: Marshal Clapp gave report.

Street Report: Marshal Clapp gave a report.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Public Hearing for 2025-01 Additional Appropriation for Multiple Funds. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:07 p.m. There was no public comment. Councilor Benson motioned to close public comment. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Public comment was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Ordinance 2025-01 Additional Appropriation for Multiple Funds: Attorney Nolan introduced the ordinance for first reading. Councilor Benson motioned to approve on first reading. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to adopt the ordinance. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Ordinance 2025-02 Rainy Day Fund Changes: Attorney Nolan introduced the ordinance for first reading. Councilor Benson motioned to approve on first reading. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Benson motioned to adopt the ordinance. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Ordinance 2025-03 Transfers to Rainy Day Fund for 2024: Attorney Nolan introduced the ordinance for first reading. Councilor Benson motioned to approve the ordinance. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved on first reading.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented the January APV register, noting items that were not monthly expenses. Councilor Benson motioned to approve the APVs as presented. Councilor Malik seconded. Unanimously approved. CT Hundt also presented the Fund Report, 2025 Combined January Report, Revenue Report, Appropriation Report, Depository Balance Report, Bank Rec Checking, Bank Rec TrustIN, Bank Rec Water, BOK Financial/2020 Bond Series, January Payroll, Council Norkus will sign off on reports.

Approval of the Town's 2024 AFR: Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded. Unanimously approved. Councilor Norkus had previously reviewed and signed off on the report.

Request to use Bakertilly Financial Advisors for 2026 Budget assistance: Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded. There was a discussion. More information was requested. Councilor Benson withdrew his motion. Vice President Peterson-Smith withdrew her second.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: There were no claims.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Nothing to report.

Building & Building Site Committee: Councilor Malik gave report.

Board of Zoning Appeals: There was no meeting.

Capital Planning Committee: There was no meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: Nothing to report.

Greenspace Committee: There was no meeting.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilor Norkus reported she met with Andre Daugavietis and Rafi Wilkinson regarding social trails within the Town.

NIRPC: Nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Committee: Vice President Peterson-Smith gave report.

Plan Commission: Councilor Norkus gave report.

TDD: Under new business.

Unfinished Business:

Request to open Palmer Avenue: Michael Ganz appeared asking for clarification on which authority he needs to make the request. President Phelps reminded him that the request needs to be made to the Town Council at least 7 days prior to next Council meeting.

Grants updates: Councilor Norkus gave report. The status of the BRIC grant is unknown at this time due to it being a federal grant. Creating a steering committee is in progress. The contract for the Coastal Grant has been signed. The Great Lakes Cities Initiative and Save the Dunes have agreed to join the Town.

Comprehensive Plan Updates and Progress: Councilor Benson motioned to accept the first annual comprehensive status report. Vice President Peterson-Smith seconded. There was a discussion that good progress is being made. Unanimously approved.

Request to move Town Council's March meeting due to CT and DCT being at ILMCT Institute & Academy: No motion was made.

New Business

Review and approval of Transportation Development District map: Councilor Benson reported that map was modified to take out the right of way down Broadway and to reflect that the area on highway 20 is not in Beverly Shores.

Legislative Update: President Phelps reported that the new proposed bill could result in a decrease in Town revenues of approximately \$172,000 over a three-year period as it would cap the levy increase. He encouraged residents to reach out to our legislature.

Public Comment

John Mackin, 204 S. Quigley, voiced concerns about the TDD map.

Scott Vliek, 21 S. Beach, stated this was a good meeting.

Michael Ganz, 806 E. Vera, stated he learns a lot by attending these meetings.

Jay Fahn, 425 E. Rogers, voiced concerns about the proposed toll charges.

Written Communications

President Phelps reported receiving 2 calls regarding the good job that D & M was doing on plowing the roads.

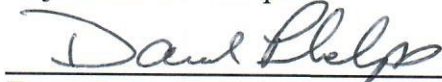
Town Council Comment

Adjourn:

Councilor Norkus motioned to adjourn.

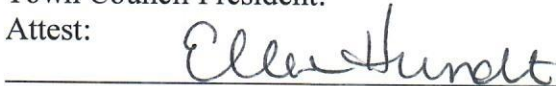
Councilor Benson seconded.

Adjourned at 08:25 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer

Ellen Hundt