

Town of Beverly Shores
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – April 21, 2026
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, Marshal Vernon Garard, Attorney Connor Nolan, 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

Update from the Lakefront Monitor: Brian O'Neil gave his update that included information on what is needed to make Reborna beach accessible, social trails, and boat storage.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of March 17, 2026: Councilor Benson motioned to approve minutes as presented. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of March 26, 2026: Councilor Malik motioned to approve minutes as presented. Councilor Benson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Police & Street Departments

Violation Report: Nothing to report

Marshal Vernon Garard introduced himself.

Police Report: Marshal Clapp gave report.

Street Report: Clapp gave report. The road projects connected to the CCG2026-01 began.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

Resolution 2026-01 Interest Transfer to General Fund: Attorney Nolan introduced the resolution. CT Hundt explained why it was required. Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. There was a question regarding the exact amount. CT Hundt corrected the amount. Benson retracted his motion. Malik retracted her second. Councilor Benson motioned to approve the resolution as amended. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2026-07 Amendment to the 2026 Salary Ordinance: Attorney Nolan presented the ordinance on first reading. Councilor Benson motioned to approve the ordinance on first reading. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. Councilor Benson motioned to consider on second reading during the same meeting as it was introduced. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. Attorney Nolan presented the ordinance for

second reading. Councilor Benson motioned to adopt the ordinance. Councilor Norkus seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Consideration of Claims –CT Hundt presented the March/April 2026 APV register, noting items that were not standard expenses. Councilor Benson motioned to approve the APV as presented. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion was passed unanimously CT Hundt also presented the Fund Report, 2026 Combined March Report, Revenue Report, Appropriation Report, Depository Balance Report, Bank Rec Checking, Bank Rec TrustIN, Bank Rec Water, BOK Financial/2020 Bond Series, March payroll. Councilor Norkus will sign off on reports.

Consideration of Claims for Bonds, 2020 Series: None.

Reports from Committees/Liaisons:

ADA progress: Councilor Malik gave report.

Building & Building Site Committee: There was no meeting.

Board of Zoning Appeals: There was no meeting.

Capital Planning Committee: There was no meeting.

Fire & Emergency Management: Nothing to report.

Greenspace Committee: Vice President Peterson-Smith gave report.

Indiana Dunes National Park: Councilor Norkus gave report.

NIRPC: President Phelps gave report.

Parks & Recreation Committee: There was no meeting.

Plan Commission: Councilor Norkus gave report.

TDD: No meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Grants updates: Councilor Norkus gave report.

Grant opportunity from the EPA on technical assistance for wastewater treatment:
Councilor Benson gave report.

Comprehensive Plan Updates and Progress: No updates.

Discussion on retirement of 2017 General Obligation Bond and engagement of consultant

President Phelps presented the Council with a comparison of the two quotes. London Witte Group's total quote was \$25,000. Baker Tilly's quote was \$35,000. There was a discussion about putting together a plan for spending. Councilor Benson motioned to approve the London White quote, not to exceed \$3,000, for Preliminary Advisory Services. Councilor Norkus seconded. There was further discussion. The motion passed 4:1.

New Business

Depot request for the use of TH - 05/17/2026 Sunday: Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

ABSR request for the use of TH - 07/12/2026 Sunday: Councilor Benson motioned to approve. Councilor Malik seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

President Phelps announced there will be a party for Ed Clapp on Friday, May 22nd, 5:30pm – 7pm in Town Hall.

Written Communications

None.

Public Comment

Robert Cowden, Pines resident, told the Council that he was the person responsible for getting the Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department to sell permits for \$40 to residents of Pines and Beverly Shores. He asked the Council to give him 2 passes in return. President Phelps explained why they cannot fulfill the request.

Town Council Comment

Clapp reported that the damage to the shoulder on Bellevue was filled.

Councilor Malik reported getting an inquiry regarding a path/bike access from trail to the post office. She further reported this was rejected a few years ago because of the having to cross the railroad tracks.

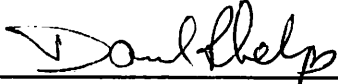
Adjourn:

Councilor Norkus motioned to adjourn.

Councilor Benson seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 08:21 p.m.



Town Council President:

Attest: 

Clerk-Treasurer
Ellen Hundt