



TOWN OF
Ogden Dunes

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**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL- Emergency Special Meeting
AUGUST 12, 2026 – 12 Noon, Town Hall Meeting Room**

PRESENT:

Bernadette Slawinski
Scott Kingan
John Hannon
Dave Snyder
Doug Cannon
Jeremy Ogden, Town Marshall

Call to Order

Roll Call

Bernadette Slawinski declared a STATE of EMERGENCY for the TOWN OF OGDEN DUNES

- After the declaration was made, all the council members affirmed this.
- The entire town lost electrical power, the preceding day 8/11/26.
- Many roads are currently blocked by downed trees and wires.

Town Hall, Volunteer Fire Dept., and the Community Room are operating on generator power.

- The Community Rm will remain open to residents 24hrs –in order to allow for charging devices and access to Town Wifi.
- Prior to meeting, Amy called NIPSCO 800 power outage number to make sure the utility was aware of entire Town of approx. 650 homes affected –not just the 8 or 9 resident calls listed on their website.

Council discussed the number of Street Department crew members that could immediately be called upon.

- At this early stage, it was determined that 6 members (both fulltime and parttime workers) could be counted on to assess damage. Jeremy Ogden added his commitment of labor to expand the crew to 7.
- Former street employee Ben Johansen, committed to returning for Fri, Aug 14th, Sat, 15th & Sun, 16th.
- Street Supt. Mike Lanovitch to be exclusively onsite in Town, directing workers & operating equipment.
- It was agreed that Julia could expedite any temporary hiring that needed to be done to aid road clearing.

Council and Jeremy discussed immediate equipment needs for fallen tree clearance of key roads.

- Jeremy would immediately purchase 3 needed chain saws.
- Town tractor—down for repair, to be activated asap.
- Costs were discussed regarding leasing dump/grapple truck, trailer, etc. per day and/or per week.

Primary Mail Rack crushed by trees.

- Jeremy to assess extent of damage to rack at Diana/Hillcrest.

The meeting concluded.


Bernadette Slawinski, President