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**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL-TOWN MEETING
JUNE 1, 2026—7:00 P.M. in the Community Room & Via ZOOM**

PRESENT

Dave Snyder
Bernadette Slawinski
Scott Kingan
John Hannon
Doug Cannon

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Meeting Minutes from May 4th 2026

- Dave motioned to approve as presented. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder—yes, Doug Cannon—yes, John Hannon—yes. Scott Kingan—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes. The motion is approved.

Manual Claims from April were read . Scott motioned to accept claims as read. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** Scott Kingan—yes, Doug Cannon—yes, John Hannon—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes, Dave Snyder—yes. Motion passed

Opening of sealed bids from contractors for Community Crossing Grant 2026 Repaving Project

- Bernadette began the meeting by opening the 3 sealed bids the Town received from road contractors regarding the repaving project for O.D. -2026-2 grant cycle. She read the three bids aloud.
- The first bid came from Milestone Contractors of Griffith, IN: **project streets 1-8= \$326,635.50. Alternate street #9 = \$78,789.00. Total= \$405,424.50**
- The next bid is from Hamady Services, of Gary, IN : **project streets 1-8= \$360,122.76. Alternate street #9= \$40,865.88. Total=\$400,988.64.**
- The 3rd bid came from Rieth-Riley of Gary, IN: **project streets 1-8=\$358,840.47. Alternate street #9=\$80,656.40.**
- **Total=\$439,496.87.**
- The bids will now be reviewed to determine costs as well as viability by Street Supt. Mike Lanovich and council liaison, John Hannon. Because INDOT is conducting this cycle a bit differently, John advised the council to schedule a special meeting in order to vote on acceptance of the recommended lowest responsible bidder. The results of special meeting vote would then be submitted to INDOT for approval.
- John motioned to follow this procedure. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** John Hannon—yes, Doug Cannon—yes, Scott Kingan—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes, Dave Snyder—yes. The motion passed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Dept.-

- Officer Kevin Murphy reported that during May there were 29 Ordinance violations. As this is the beginning of beach season, only 4 violations have been paid so far= \$800.00
- He also reported 3 case reports. One was for drugs, one was a traffic stop and the third was a civil incident.

Building Dept.-

- Kevin also reported that 48 building permits have been issued to date. This has generated \$36,412.00. There have been 167 contractors registered with \$13,575.00 in fees collected.

Street Dept-

- Mike reported on increased brush pick up, some pothole repairs and crack sealing.
- He's also scheduling installation of new rope railing and sand clean up at accessway 19.
- A couple of issues at the new tennis courts were shared. One of the nets was moved and there have been reports of youngsters riding their bikes on the surface. Both of these actions are prohibited and will have to be spelled out in more specific rule signs.
- The placement of temporary speed bumps are planned for 2 additional locations—one near the East end of Shore and another near the Westside playground on Valerie.

Water Dept. -

- Testing and maintenance will be scheduled for town hydrants and valves.
- Dave asked about the status of the Community Fund Grants? Amy replied that the last step for Porter Co. Community Foundation to release the funds will be done tomorrow. As the minutes to the May 4th Council meeting were just approved—the last requirement) Amy will send them to the Foundation for the check to be released.

COMMITTEES

Beach Nourishment-

- Scott said the committee has met and discussed some repairs to be made on beach steps. They are also getting a price quote on some new ones.
- He also shared that during the new Town Website process, it's been determined that the Beach page should be more prominent and the info provided, enhanced.

Environmental Advisory Board –

- Tom Davenport, 1 Locust Rd., reported on the install of the donated Purple Martin nesting feature at Long Lake Marsh. He thanked Mike L. and the volunteers involved!
- He also reported on the 2026 IDEM Grant for beach water monitoring. Funds were approved to again secure lab testing by Gary Sanitary Dist. as well as for beach program specialist, Karen Berrier to begin taking samples at our shoreline. She has also gotten the water-condition signs up for the season. Tom will be meeting with IDEM about a possible electronic sign-- that will better notify folks regarding water quality and dangerous conditions such as riptides.
- Lastly, Tom asked the council to approve \$100 for renewal dues paid to IN Audubon for Bird Town status.
- Scott motioned to approve. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** Scott Kingan-yes, Doug Cannon-yes, John Hannon-yes, Bernadette Slawinski-yes, Dave Snyder-yes. Motion passed
- Scott shared some details about possible installation of a couple of charging stations for electric cars. He's working with Drive Clean Indiana to see what infrastructure would be needed to have them donate a couple of level 2 charging ports. Many questions need to be answered. The conversation also included having some of our future fleet vehicles, being powered by electric.

Historical Society-

- John shared some of the needs the committee has determined-- regarding upgrades to the entryway at the Hour Glass Museum. This is an opportunity for interested residents to make a donation supporting this effort.
- Bernadette said she was able to sell some leftover merch from the Centennial events so those proceeds can go to ODHS too!

ODHA-

- Andrew Gurschik, 22 Hillcrest, reported on the exciting grand opening of the Pavilion. About 450 folks attended the event. They are working on the donor and sponsor plaques. This will be in conjunction with donor acknowledgements on the ODHA Facebook page. He enthusiastically thanks everyone who made the Pavilion possible!
- He was especially pleased by the ease with which attendees of the opening, in wheelchairs were able to access the site. A lot of consideration and planning went into that part of the project.
- There are already 5 rental reservations for the summer!
- Bernadette congratulated Andrew and the ODHA Board! Andrew said it was really a community project with many folks responsible.

Beautification-

- Bernadette said the committee has been working very hard and that the results are visible in many places—including the Message Board area.
- She also reported on the pretty and colorful copper bird bath that has been placed in the Police Station Garden. This has been placed there in memory of Pat Maxwell who chaired the Beautification committee up until last year.

Recognition Committee-

- Bernadette said Brianna Lambooy was nominated by Dean Duffy for her generosity, helpfulness and kindness.
- Dan Knipsel was nominated by Beautification for all his expert help and generosity regarding garden and landscaping advice & planning.
- John and Harry Colburn were nominated by Erin Woloshansky for their work painting over graffiti on the steel mill bridge. Thanks to all of you!

OLD BUSINESS

Report from Access 18 Special Committee

- John recapped committee recommendations. A short-term plan consisting of removing sand from the east and west edges of the accessway and leveling off the path 30 feet in- from the edge of the road pavement. This would create a better walking surface. The long-term plan is to hopefully allow residents involved in the Central rock project to finish their rock placement. As part of that completion, the residents have committed to removing the built-up road that was created to deliver project material.
- Bernadette asked for clarification on what leveling off means? The plan would be to remove the bump that exists at the entrance of the accessway and to level the surface 30 ft by removing some built- up material. This would be done by a small excavator and by hand digging.
- Sandy Boyer, 120 Shore who is one of the rock project homeowners cautioned about removing too much sand. She said that 6 inches of sand needs to remain above the geofabric there. This is to insure a viable path or road for heavy equipment to return to resident rock project in the Fall.
- Dave and John clarified what the intention of the short-term excavation would entail. Sand would be removed from the sides with some being redistributed onto the rough surface that is currently there.
- The committee authorized Dave to get 2 quotes for the work. He got one from Hamady services and one from M7 Excavating. The bid from M7 was lower--\$3,150.00

- Before a motion was made, Andrew Gurschik, chair of ODHA—who are the owners of the beach accessways, wanted in writing the precise scope and dimensions of the project bids so that ODHA could vote on approval.
- Dave said he'd like a decision by ODHA as soon as possible. Andrew said he would call a special meeting to expedite a vote by the board.
- Dave motioned that the council hire M7 Excavating for \$3,150 pending approval of Ogden Dunes Home Owner's Association. Scott seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder-yes, Scott Kingan-yes, Bernadette Slawinski-yes, John Hannon-yes, Doug Cannon-yes. Motion passed.

The issuance of In-Kind Contribution letters to rock project residents by Clerk Treasurer

- Dave objected to the In-Kind Contribution letters being issued to residents connected to the Central Rock Project-- without the authorization of the town council. He cited minutes from January 14th special meeting which said that action would be decided by council at February 9th meeting.
- Amy responded that council took no action or decided anything at this following meeting. There was never a vote that passed, either in Dec. 2025 or Jan 2026 that expressly prevented the Clerk Treasurer from issuing the In-Kind letters. As there were no dollar amounts stated in these letters, they were mailed to relevant homeowners at the end of February. This was done at the discretion of Amy, the Clerk Treasurer. Dave wishes it known that this was done without the approval of the council.

Central Rock Project Documentation

- Bernadette indicated that the entire town council received a detailed binder from the Boyers at the January 14, 2026 special meeting. This binder contained documents related to the Central Project thus far. It contains: engineering reports, contractor invoices, waivers of lien, owner's sworn statements, etc. More information was provided on Jan 16th, May 12th and May 15th.
- She went onto say that this was a project and a contract that was done between homeowners and the contractors. It's privately funded, through a license agreement with the Town.
- Dave still believes that waivers protecting the Town have not been provided.
- Town atty, Chuck Parkinson, who was present, clarified that lien waivers were not necessary for public property but if the Town wishes to make renewed licensing agreements contingent upon specific deliverables, it can do so, going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Thank you to Lions Club

- They had another marvelous Memorial Day event!

Bernadette reminds residents

- Seasonal speed bumps are soon to be installed. Please watch out for bike riders and pedestrians. Also, if you see youngsters riding their bikes on the play courts or the new Pavilion, let them know or their parents, that it's wrong and they could be causing damage.
- Please stay off the beach grass. Efforts are being made to try to grow and restore grass.

Updates on new Website

- Scott says the initial design and framework is complete. The next steps are creation of online forms.
- He hopes the project will be up and running around the beginning of July. He also thanks Jeff Foresman for all his help!

RESIDENT REMARKS

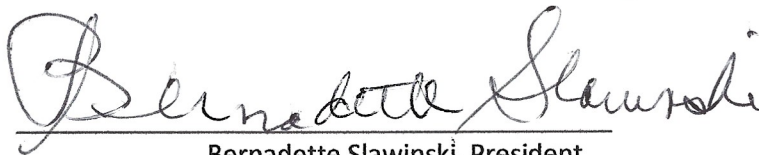
- Michelle Bonneau, 150 Shore Dr. As one of the homeowners who is part of the Central Rock Project, she wished to point out the lack of detail presented on the Access 18 project bids by contractors. She didn't think that either estimate was thorough enough.
- She also didn't understand why Dave was so insistent about project & material waivers? Is he afraid that homeowners aren't going to pay contractors or rock suppliers- thus leaving the Town accountable? Nothing regarding contractors has gone wrong. Dave said yes, that was part of the reason.
- Doug added that past experience has shown that the Town can get dragged into legal disputes because it licensed or gave permission for the work to occur on Town property.
- Margaret Coleman is a dog walker and former resident. She hopes some serious pruning can occur around various blind spots in town. It can be dangerous for pedestrians like her. She has had some close calls.

COUNCIL REMARKS

- John wanted to elaborate on the community crossings grant process. If the Town is awarded the grant, we could very well be looking at \$320,000 in road paving money!
- Doug would like the council to consider speed bumps on either side of Town hall to protect the Beautification workers from speeding motorists. It's a hazard there too. Scott said maybe something that has a flatter surface on top.
- Dave wanted to thank the gentleman from Marina Shores who donated and delivered his leftover road salt to OD!

Motion to Adjourn

Scott made the motion. John seconded. **Roll Call:** Scott—yes, John—yes, Doug—yes, Bernadette —yes, Dave--yes. The meeting adjourned.



Bernadette Slawinski, President