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OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL- 3rd Emergency Special Meeting
September 9, 2026 – 5 p.m. Town Hall Meeting Room

PRESENT:
Bernadette Slawinski
John Hannon
Dave Snyder
Doug Cannon
Scott Kingan
Mike Lanovich, Street Supt.
Jeremy Ogden, Town Marshall

Call to Order
Roll Call

Bernadette presented Resolution 2026-01: *The Ogden Dunes Town Council Declares a Local Disaster Emergency*

- Dave motioned to dispense with the reading aloud and to accept it as presented. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder-yes, Doug Cannon-yes, Bernadette Slawinski-yes, John Hannon-yes, Scott Kingan-yes. Motion Passed.
- The Federal Govt./FEMA declared disaster status on August 25th.

Mike updated on Street Dept. debris clean-up

- To date 307 truckloads of debris have been removed from Town. The leased grapple truck has been very useful!
- In the past 23 days, 75% of the Town's roads have been cleared. This means that an initial pass & clear has been completed on these roads. Streets that have yet to be addressed are mostly on the east end of Town such as Cedar Tr, Aspen, Turret, Bittersweet and Ogden Ct. In some cases, street crew must wait until NIPSCO crews have completed their electrical restoration--- to access areas.
- The out-of-town drop-off site—**Portage Compost**, is no longer open for us to use. In lieu of this, the OD area known as the dog park is now being used as a temporary dumping site—until a chipping/disposal solution is determined.
- Bernadette spoke with Lance Bella, Dir. of Porter County Emergency Management for guidance on an alternative dumping site. He suggested an area near Wheeler High School—45 mins away. This is not practical.
- Prior to storm, Town had scheduled Milestone Contractors to begin repaving cycle. This is pursuant to CCMG Grant award. This project is scheduled to begin on Sept. 14th Mike has worked with their engineer to strategize this while clearing continues.
- Extra attention needs to be paid to tree damage/access on Ski Hill Rd.

Jeremy reported on expenditures related to clean-up

- A comprehensive spreadsheet has been created by Jeremy to tally costs that will ultimately be submitted to FEMA for reimbursement. Costs include purchase of supplies such as chainsaws & back-up WiFi from Starlink. Leased equipment such as the grapple truck & skidsters are also being logged.

- Fuel to power all the necessary equipment has exceeded the Town's allocated budget for this same time period as last year. 874 gallons of gas has been used during June thru August. 1,063 gallons of diesel has been consumed in August alone.
- Street crew labor hours are also being tracked.
- 2 separate construction estimates on repairing the mailbox racks have been submitted. Hopefully this damage will be covered entirely by the Town's insurance carrier. Amy will confirm if/when adjuster needs to visit to approve.
- The estimates are from Higher Ground and from Sierra. Higher Grown's is less.
- Dave motioned to approve Higher Ground labor quote for repair of 2 Mailbox rack locations—not to exceed $11,500-pending insurance adjuster approval. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder-yes, Doug Cannon -yes, Bernadette Slawinski-yes, John Hannon-yes, Scott Kingan-yes. Motion approved.
- Jeremy and Dave reviewed labor cost estimates which are ranging from S11,000 to $20,000 per week. This reflects man-hours for the past 4 weeks. Time cards for 2 more weeks have not yet been accounted for--TBD.
- Dave motioned to approve extending the rental agreement for the grapple truck by $7,600. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder-yes, Doug Cannon-yes, Bernadette Slawinski-yes, John Hannon-yes, Scott Kingan-yes. Motion approved.
- Another motion was made by Dave to extend the rentals of the 2 skidsters, 2 grapple buckets & protection insurance from Sunbelt, not to exceed $8,000. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder-yes, Doug Cannon-yes, Bernadette Slawinski-yes, John Hannon-yes, Scott Kingan-yes. Motion Approved

Discussion about contingency plans, tree removal on the Sand Track, other misc. locations. Also Repaving Schedule

- Joe's tree service will handle 20 fallen trees on the sand trail. Some trees have also been identified near the tennis courts and Long Lake Park.
- There's concern about remaining debris exceeding the dog park's capacity to host it. There may be a need to expand the dumping area or to go elsewhere.
- Discussion also covered communications going out to the public about the Milestone paving project set to begin on Sept. 14th.
- Mike said he intends to suspend street clean-up for an upcoming day to address equipment maintenance.
- Lastly, Jeremy asked for approval to spend approx. $3,000 to make a necessary repair to the Town Hall generator. Dave motioned to approve repair to Generac generator at Town Hall, not to exceed $3,000. Doug seconded. **Roll Call:** Dave Snyder-yes, Doug Cannon—yes, Bernadette Slawinski—yes, John Hannon—yes, Scott Kingan-yes. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn

- Dave motioned, Scott seconded. Roll Call: Dave- yes, Scott-yes, John-yes. Bernadette-yes, Doug-yes. Meeting adjourned.

Bernadette Slawinski

Bernadette Slawinski, President