

**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 12, 2021
Bois Blanc Township**

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Chris Suchner, at 10:48 a.m.

Members Present: Don Balbaugh, Brent Canup, Tom Wybranowski, Chris Suchner.

Absent: Richard Berger, Dave Carter, Paul Jahn. Also present: Betty Hutchinson, Recording Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by T. Wybranowski to accept the minutes of May 8, 2021, and special meeting, June 5, 2021, as presented. Second by D. Balbaugh. **Roll call vote:** Ayes: D. Balbaugh, B. Canup, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner. Nays: None. Absent: R. Berger, D. Carter, P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

T. Wybranowski outlined the finances. Last month bills paid for decking boards for \$29.50 for the Lake Mary dock, Weld Tech for repair of the north ramp for \$13,535.00., and to Plaunt Transportation for the crane to repair the north ramp for \$1,904.00. Current ending balance is \$440,206.06.

NEW BUSINESS

Mooring. C. Suchner said that a mooring slip has become available and outlined the process for filling that slip. The slip is offered to the first person listed on the Harbor Commission seniority list. If no one on that list accepts the slip, a waiting list of people will be contacted. He said the process involves someone calling each person on those lists and would like the process to become less cumbersome. One suggestion was to post the availability on the township website. Another suggestion was to send a group email or text to the people on these lists and see who would respond as to their position on the (1) seniority list, and (2) waiting list. D. Balbaugh asked if there was a regulation regarding someone who wanted a slip but didn't have a boat. The consensus was that anyone wanting a slip should have a boat. C. Suchner suggested that the Commission revise the contract to reflect these issues. The new contract would be available next year. He suggested that the members put some suggestions in writing for discussion at next month's meeting for recommendation to the Township board. The members concurred.

BBRH Property/U.P. Engineering Meeting. B. Canup said he, C. Suchner, and T. Wybranowski have a meeting with U.P. Engineering on June 23 at 11:00 a.m. in Cheboygan to discuss items such as qualifications, making sure they can write grants properly, and review any issues they bring to the table. He will then set up dates with the remaining five engineering firms he has. He would like to have this done by July. He also said the DNR has money available for building harbors and docks, and also for grants. T. Wybranowski said that Bois Blanc is in a good position for eligibility for these grants.

Association Dock Ramp. The cement ramp is in need of repair in front of the Pines. It could be taken care of by placing cement ramps on the spot. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Harbor Employee Hire Update. D. Balbaugh said that Phil Radala was scheduled to begin his duties last Wednesday. Of three candidates, Phil has more of the mechanical experience required for the job.

Grant Update. T. Wybranowski said that the skid pier will be ordered before the September grant deadline.

Dock Signs. D. Balbaugh said while he was at the main dock, there were people bringing in boats and wanting to know where they could park, if there were transient fees, etc. Don saw no signs informing boaters of any regulations. The Harbormaster will be contacted to see what can be done to take care of the situation.

Cheboygan Taxes. A letter will be sent to the city manager in Cheboygan regarding the tax exemption for the property in Cheboygan.

Harbor Commission Member Comment.

B. Canup asked about putting a boat ramp somewhere on the East End. The consensus was that most of the shoreline on the East End is very shallow.

Public Comments

Beth Beson suggested that the Harbor Commission post the agenda on the Township website prior to meetings. C. Suchner said that Commission will discuss that.

Doug Frey asked about the status of the rubber bumpers. T. Wybranowski said they were the wrong size and could not be installed. He will talk with Larry about it. He also asked about the handicap signs that were to be installed. There has been an issue with getting the power lines marked so that hole can be dug. The Commission will find out who to call to get it done.

Next meeting will be Saturday, July 10, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Motion made by T. Wybranowski to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Second by B. Canup. Roll call vote: Ayes: D. Balbaugh, B. Canup, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner. Nays: None. Absent: R. Berger, D. Carter, P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by,

Betty Hutchinson
Recording Secretary

APPROVED BY THE HARBOR COMMISSION JULY 10, 2021