

**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**July 10, 2021**  
**Bois Blanc Township**

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Chris Suchner, at 10:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Brent Canup, Don Balbaugh, Richard Berger, P. Jahn, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner. **Also Present:** Larry Phillips. Diane Akright, Cliff Bloom. **Absent:** Dave Carter, Betty Hutchinson

Pledge of Allegiance

**Motion** made by D. Balbaugh to accept the minutes of June 12, 2021, as presented. Second by P. Jahn. **Roll call vote:** Ayes: B. Canup, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, C. Suchner, T. Wybranowski. Nays: None. Absent: D. Carter. **Motion carried.**

**Harbormaster:** L. Phillips said there was a lot of activity in the past month. Phil Radala has started well in the new maintenance position. He has also worked his way through the mooring seniority list to fill the open spot vacated by Jeff Leidel. Steve Long will move into that position. That leaves a spot open for someone on the waiting list, which will be filled by Graham Whipple. Larry asked if we consider prorating the fee since its in the middle of the summer. The committee agreed it should be done. Brent received bids from Weld Tech out of Cheboygan to do the repairs for the bumpers.

After discussion, **Motion** made by B. Canup to recommend to the Township Board to approve the bid of \$2,805.00 to do the repairs needed to place bumpers. Second by D. Balbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Canup, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner. Nays: None. Absent: D. Carter. **Motion carried.**

Larry mentioned the issue of the ferry disability and said it may be back in service by the end of the day. He said the ferry crew has done a good job of getting people back and forth.

**Finance:** T. Wybranowski outlined the finances. County money has yet to come in at \$257,000. Bills paid in the month of June amounted to \$5,446. Some of the larger bills paid: Operating expenses \$278, crane transportation \$1,192, insurance \$2400, pump outhouse \$675. The West End Brightwaters Park payment is due in August at around \$6,000.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Cheboygan River Property:** C. Suchner said the discussions regarding selection of an engineering firm have been good. Some of the commission members met with the different firms for discussions. C. Suchner said they were very clear with the firms that this project was to be mostly, if not completely, funded by grants. The firm selected must understand that we will be very specific on exactly what we're looking for.

**Motion** made by P. Jahn to recommend to the Township Board to select Eastern U.P. Engineering as the engineering firm for the Cheboygan River property. Second by D. Balbaugh. Roll call vote: B. Canup, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T. Wybranowski. Nays: None: Absent: D. Carter. **Motion carried.**

Cliff Bloom said that special recognition should be made to Larry and the commission members who have gotten this project moving in a very quick and thorough fashion.

**Plaunt Transportation:** Ryan McLaren said they are waiting for the Coast Guard inspection and should be hearing from them around Noon. They're hoping for beginning service today.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Slip Leases:** The commission members felt there should be a better way to contact people regarding the availability of vacant moorings. Suggestion made to email or phone to all on the lists, select a deadline, and select from their response. C. Suchner said he would like to see the entire lease cleaned up and revised for next year.

**Motion** made by B. Canup to revise the mooring lease for next year. Second by P. Jahn. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Canup, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner. Nays: None. Absent: D. Carter. **Motion carried.**

### **Harbor Commission Member Comment.**

T. Wybranowski said he had a phone call from Dave Carter and he will be sending a letter of resignation from the Harbor Commission due to work commitments. He also asked if anybody had heard any more about borings at the North Ramp. Brent Sharpe thought it would be a good idea if, every other year, sample borings would be done through the concrete to see if there is any washing out.

### **Public Comments**

Due to the telephone noise, any comments by the public could not be heard in the Board Room. Comment via telephone: Beth Beson said most of the people in the room cannot be heard. She suggested that the Township use Zoom and it would be heard more clearly.

Next meeting will be Saturday, August 14, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

**Motion** made by P. Jahn to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Second by D. Balbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Canup, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger, P. Jahn, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner. Nays: None. Absent: D. Carter. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by,  
  
Betty Hutchinson  
Recording Secretary

**Approved by BBI Harbor Commission on August 14, 2021**