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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2019
Bois Blanc Township Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Township Supervisor, Brent Sharpe

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Anne Kennedy, Diane Akright, and Brent Sharpe. Present via conference call: T Wybranowski

Agenda was reviewed and approved

Minutes for 3/13/19 were previously submitted to board members for review. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approve the minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright

Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-036 carried.**

Treasurer's report was shared by A Kennedy

Budget Amendment: Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to move \$3360.80 from 594.756.930.000 (Marina Repairs) to 594.210.801.000 (Marina Prof Service) to finalize Budget Amendments needed to close last Fiscal Year. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-037 carried.**

Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright

Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-038 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: Jim Gilligan reported for the Airport. Currently working on lighting repairs from the winter plowing. After that, at some point he would like to review the expanded parking plans with the board.

Estimate was reviewed from Northern Drilling. Notice was received along with the water sample bill that the pressure tank is waterlogged and needs to be replaced. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by D Akright to approve the Estimate for the new pressure tank. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright

Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-039 carried.**

Fire: Fire Dept. is working on a 5 year plan per the township board's request.

Considering polling the island to see if there is a perceived need to have a paramedic which would require additional training. Looking at possible help in training costs and other coverage ideas.

Sometimes Law enforcement is cross trained as paramedics.

Talking to Mike English about the possibility of a loaner ambulance when ours has to be off island for repair/maint. Old ambulance needs to go. It's too costly to maintain and undependable.

Confirmed that Aaron Osborn from Jackson will come up in the fall for additional fire training. Also looking at EMT training for those that still need it. Considering a class to be covered in a small period of time (\$1800-\$2200). There is some new equipment being ordered and paid for via the Fire Fighters Association. House number kits are being ordered for this summer to be sold by the Fire Department.

Lani White's letter of resignation that she submitted to the fire chief and the board was read. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski that we accept with regret Lani's resignation. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright
Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-040 carried.** Thank you Lani White for your 27 years of dedication to the BBIFD

Harbor: All bubblers are disconnected. The 2 dead ash trees by the outhouses have been removed. All the new signs are in the doghouse, but posts will need to be purchased. There was some discussion of the winter damage to the finger piers.

Law: Brent met with the Sheriff's office regarding a new deputy. Part of the discussion was the hardships of keeping a deputy here. Insurance lapse is a big part of that. County has agreed to find winter work to help fill some hours if we can help with the insurance cost for the off months. This will help insure we can keep an officer coming back rather than have them leave to find a 12 month a year job with benefits. An amended contract was submitted that further defined the responsibility for travel costs. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept and sign the amended contract for the Deputy Sheriff as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright
Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-041 carried.**

There was further discussion regarding the intentions to build an efficiency apartment onto the side of the law barn. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to get blueprints completed with the intent to put out for bid the construction project. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright
Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-042 carried.**

Cemetery: nothing new

Parks & Rec: nothing

Planning: nothing

Transfer Station: In good shape. Still have 2 empty. There was some fence damage this year from snow coming off the roof. (Brent will take some pictures for a possible insurance claim)

Zoning: no report

Maintenance: Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to post for the Custodial/Janitorial position for the township. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright

Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-043 carried.** Also noted was a window in the fire barn that was broken this winter from snow and needs to be replaced.

Clinic: Clinic has been off schedule all winter between the airport situation and Maureen's ER schedule.

Old Business:

- Douglas Family Farm – West End Property: A final real estate agreement was received from DFF regarding the west end/Lime Kiln Pointe property. Discussion. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by A Kennedy to proceed with the signing the resolution to purchase. Roll call vote: : Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-044 carried.**

Public Comment:

Clover asked about the Pines Dock and where process was to date. Supervisor Brent Sharpe updated.

Questions were asked about the Plaunt Transportation Contract and where we were to date with negotiations. Clerk Akright gave an update. Answers were given where possible. An offer to share the last rendition of the proposed contract with anyone that would like it was made. Cindy Riker and Francis Urbany noted that they would like a copy.

Francis asked about the age of our equipment (airport & fire dept). Both are being addressed with 5 year plans for each dept.

New Business:

- Invoice 46929 for Prein & Newhof was presented for approval (SRE building construction administration). Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approve invoice for payment in Project-Wise. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-045 carried.**
- Updates to the township website: Tom Bach has approached the township to volunteer his time to learn and assist with website updates for the township. (www.boisblanctownship.org). Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to move forward with design and implementation of improvements to the township website as our current software will allow, and to authorize Tom Bach to make those changes directed. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-046 carried.** (The board thanks Tom Bach for volunteering his time.)
- TDS Long distance: Long Distance usage has gone up with the use of the conference bridge. TDS presented us with a cheaper rate for long distance services. Discussion. – D Akright will check into the cost of unlimited long distance for the township.

Correspondence and Meetings:

- MTA letter requesting township resolution regarding our stance on Nonpartisan Township Elections. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski in opposition of legislation that would allow township board the option to have its elected offices appear as

nonpartisan on the ballot. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski
Nays: A Kennedy Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2019-047 carried.**

- Mack Cnty Treas. – Tax Reverted Lands: List of properties were reviewed. Clerk will respond to the County Treasurer that Bois Blanc Township will not exercise their option to purchase any of the lands up for back taxes.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk

2019 Transfer Station Program

Due to the increased costs of waste removal over the last several years and the non-adherence to size parameters put in place for disposal, the following changes will be put in place effective Monday May 13, 2019.

- The Township will now be utilizing Township issued trash bags, (Green/Printed) to help ensure a more uniform bag size for all.
- Township bags will be issued instead of punch tickets at a cost of \$3 each or (like the punch tickets) 17 bags for \$45.00.
- Temporarily.....like-sized NON-TOWNSHIP bags will be accepted at a cost of \$4 each.
- Temporarily.....bags will be available at the transfer station as well as the Township Hall.
- 10 bags will be issued instead of the “one time free” dump ticket. This again will be per tax payer.
- Unused punches on existing tickets can be exchanged for bags.
- Transfer Station holiday hours will be changed to be open Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- The large item disposal cost sheet is still in effect and will be posted at the transfer station.