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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
May 8, 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, Tom Wybranowski and Brent Sharpe.
Present via conference call: L Sullivan

Agenda was reviewed and approved

Minutes for 4/17/19 were previously submitted to board members for review. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approve the minutes as submitted.

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

Nays: none **Motion 2019-048 carried.**

Treasurer's report was shared by A Kennedy

Budget Amendment: None

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

Nays: none **Motion 2019-049 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: none

Fire: Dan Reynolds reported for the fire dept. BBIFD responded Friday evening to a structural fire on Firetower Rd. Building was a total loss, but there were no casualties.

Harbor: Graham Whipple discussed winter damages. South finger piers, North finger piers, Dock beam in need of repair, Dock sagging indicating possible problem with cribbing. Dock at Lake Mary needs repairs. Dock pump head was damaged during plowing and needs repairs. The following actions we discussed:

- Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to contact Erick Stema (Certified Marine Welder) to complete the repairs on the dock beam. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright, L Sullivan
Nays: none **Motion 2019-050 carried.**
- South Finger Piers: Flotation Docks has been contacted to come access damages and give us recommendations and estimates for repairs.
- North Finger Piers damages were minimal. Repairs can be postponed.
- Northern Drilling has been contacted to repair the well.
- UP Engineering will be called to look at the sagging dock (possible cribbing issue) and give us recommendations.

- Different options for winter will be sought. Graham will get estimates for removal from Flotation Docks and also Cheboygan Boiler Co. Harbor Commission can investigate best practices and possible options since we have had ice flow damages twice now.
- Ferry Ramp is at its highest possible now and lake levels are expected to continue to rise. We will be looking into “options” to correct this immediate problem as well. (UP Engineering may have a suggestion)
- Lake Mary dock damages: These seem to have been done via an accident this winter. Graham is in contact with the responsible party discussing repairs.

Signs that were ordered last year were discussed. Graham Whipple to contact Miss Dig before driving new posts. Harbor Commission can get started with replacement of existing signs too.

There is concern from seasonal renters regarding their slip fees and not having access to their slips. A policy to pro-rate has been used in the past and shall be implemented again.

Questions were brought up regarding mowing the river parcel in Cheboygan. Graham is getting estimates from local people to be presented to the board.

Law: Officer Brittany Bearup introduced herself to the board and community present. She arrived this week to island and is excited to serve here.

Cemetery: nothing

Parks & Rec: nothing

Planning: nothing

Transfer Station: All is well.

Zoning: no report

Maintenance: Last month a motion was made to post for a custodial position. That posting with requirements as well as a second posting for “Maintenance” position with requirements was passed for board review. We currently have Jim Hutchinson listed as back-up maintenance, but we need to hire a primary person for that position. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approve both notices for posting. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright, L Sullivan Nays: none **Motion 2019-051 carried.**

Clinic: No report

Old Business:

Update on Long Distance: A Kennedy and D Akright looked into unlimited Long Distance as requested last month. Costs are much higher and would have to cover “ALL” phones rather than just our office phones. Best solution appears to be the one presented last month reducing our rate per minute.

Public Comment:

Francis Urbany discussed some safety concerns. (Speeding and old dock)

New Business:

- MDOT contract – Runway sealing. Board discussed with community input. Decision was made to not sign the contract including this in the Block Grant, but to source the work locally and pay for it ourselves rather than take it from the grant allotment. Brent Sharpe will contact MDOT Aeronautics regarding this decision.
- Harbor Commission has asked for a joint workshop with the Township Board so we can focus together on some Harbor Issues including long term planning. D Akright will poll all to determine a date/time for the workshop and then post accordingly.

Correspondence and Meetings:

Tom Wybranowski reported briefly on an MDOT road projects meeting he attended in Sault St Marie.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk