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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Sept 11, 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. Absent: L Sullivan (note: L Sullivan phoned into the meeting after the Treasurer's report)

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes for the general meeting 8/14 and 8/28 were submitted to board members for approval. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approve the minutes as submitted/read. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, T Wybranowski, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan
Motion 2019-095 carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was read.

Budget Amendments: Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by A Kennedy to move \$500 from General contingency to Cemetery misc. expenses for unexpected tree removal charges. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright, L Sullivan Nays: none **Motion 2019-096 carried.**

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by A Kennedy to move \$3336.38 from Marina Contingency to Capital Outlay. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright, L Sullivan Nays: none **Motion 2019-097 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: A written report was presented and read. Update was given on the crack and seal project for the airport. Update on repair plans for the Michigan CAT. New regulations for airport inspections are going to require inspections every 3 years rather than every year. Our inspector is stepping down for health reasons. Next inspection will probably be 2021. However, we could possibly have a federal inspection once the SRE building is complete. Final Brush Hogging should be completed by the end of October. Western Star maintenance: Hood Springs, Oil Change, Filters and greasing to be done by October 1.

Fire – No report

Harbor – Tom Lower reported on the repairs and maintenance completed. HC has been issuing warnings regarding parking and compliance seems to be better. Still complaints however that there is not enough parking overall. Life Vest program is well received and being utilized. Coast Guard contacted us regarding a complaint about the light at the end of the pier being out. It had already been repaired. Explained the delay waiting for parts etc. UP Engineering inspection was completed. Probably looking at steel pilings along the south end of the North pier and removal of decking and re-installation to level.

Reviewing our rates for 2020. In the past we have always chosen rate (A) for May 15 – Oct 15. Had a request from someone who wanted to bring in their boat labor day weekend and leave it for \$1/ft. Last HC meeting they passed an addition to rate schedule to allow Oct 15 to ice and early spring to May 15 rate of \$1/ft.

We should be getting something from the Sec. of State about tracking the MC#'s in the case that we need to find an owner. Two new flags have been ordered and the old ones will be repaired.

Law: Information was shared about a new officer. A job offer has been made to Joseph FitzGerald for the position of Bois Blanc Deputy. He specifically applied for this job and brings approx.. 30 years experience in enforcement to the position. Some final things have to be completed but if all goes as planned we should see him here in 2 – 3 weeks. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to reinstate the rental agreement with Linda Patton for the rest of the year. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright, L Sullivan Nays: none **Motion 2019-098 carried.**

Cemetery – nothing new

Parks & Recreation- no report

Planning – No meeting on the 9th due to lack of quorum. There was a reminder that whenever possible a cancellation should be posted in advance.

Transfer Station – Loader is running. New dumpsters coming for front end load/unload at the end of the month. Some discussion about when the camera's would be available for installation.

Zoning – Received a call regarding putting in an environmentally friendly campground. Mike explained the existing zoning requirements. Probably need to be a little more active in enforcement of blight/zoning regulations. Suggested putting together a letter regarding blight again and putting it into the tax bills in December. As a community we need to starting thinking and planning ahead for continued/future growth. There was some additional discussion regarding tickets/infractions, who can be authorized and how they would be handled.

Maintenance- no report

Clinic Committee – Maureen will start her fall schedule 9/4 (every 2 weeks) Emergency refrigerator magnets were shared on the table for people to pick-up.

Old Business: none

Public Comment: There was some general discussion regarding a project for addressing camping at the North Shore; possibly utilizing technology for winter sub-committees to be able to work on smaller projects; possible options for an “ordinance enforcer”; and the removal of the Law boat from the Marina (it was filling with rain/storm water and sinking). New officer will need to pull it out for clean up and winterization.

New Business:

GP Construction application for payment was submitted. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approve the current payment request of \$246,000 through MDOT. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright, L Sullivan Nays: none **Motion 2019-099 carried.** Some additional discussion regarding the airport SRE building and it's placement occurred.

Correspondence and Meetings:

- Fall Harbor Meeting in Alpena 10/2/19 was shared. Tom Wybranowski, Tom Lower and Tom Stevenson will be attending.
- 2020 Rural Development Fund Grant: information regarding this grant was received and shared with board member. Tom Wybranowski and D Akright will contact Connie Riopelle and Jessi Laport to investigate the usage of this grant as an option for partial funding of development on the West End property. Goal is to check viability and prepare a grant application by the deadline of 10/29/19.

- There being no further business the board adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk