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**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Jan 16, 2020**  
**Bois Blanc Township Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Brent Sharpe

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Anne Kennedy, Diane Akright, and Brent Sharpe. Via phone, Louise Sullivan & Tom Wybranowski. It was determined that voting privilege would be awarded to Louise Sullivan.

Agenda was reviewed with two addition under new business. a) Approval for Wildlife Dinner and Gaming License for Raffle (BBI Wildlife Assoc) and b) Emergency Server Replacement Quote Approval.

Minutes for the general meeting 12/11/19 were previously submitted for approval. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Sullivan to accept minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, B Sharpe and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-001 carried.**

Treasurer's Report: There was no treasurer's report as our server is down and no access was available to BSA software.

Budget Amendments: No Budget Amendments at this time. No reporting available.

Motion to pay the bills: A list was created of all bills paid since the 12/11 meeting and all in house bills to pay once the server is replaced. Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, B Sharpe and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-002 carried.**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** SRE Building is finally complete now that the overhead door has been repaired. All equipment is in/parked and plugged into heaters. Have a need for a couple more extension cords. Diane will order (2) 25' cords and have sent over. Temporarily, Jim/Brent/Diane will see what they have at home to use.

**Fire** – Still coordinating with Mike English on continuing training in May. One more coat of paint to go on the 6 x 6. Meeting times have changed to 4:00pm for the winter. We will be starting our winter EMS continuing education training.

**Harbor** – Putting in a couple of additional bubblers. 1 GFI outlet needs to be replaced. Jimmy has one at home that can be used for now and replaced.

**Law:** - no report

**Cemetery** – no report

**Parks & Recreation**- no report

**Planning/Zoning** – Revision 3 of the short-term rental ordinance will be ready for the Feb. meeting so it can be published and a public input meeting scheduled for summer. Jeff and Jessi are taking on the task

of continuing Master Plan revisions. They will be meeting monthly all winter.

**Transfer Station** – no report

**Maintenance**- Noted we have had an issue with the Wagner Room refrigerator. It seems to be OK at the moment, but we may need to consider the possible need for a replacement.

**Clinic Committee** – Nurse Practitioner was has been given the ok to utilize Fresh Air for transportation since we have had multiple issues with Great Lakes Air flying. If for some reason Maureen is unable to fly on her scheduled Wednesday, she will automatically plan to make it up the next Wednesday. Any changes and updates to her being here will be posted on a regular basis. There was a short discussion regarding the added transportation costs.

**Old Business:**

- Grant Research Results: A list of the preliminary results from Lynn Turner’s grant search was distributed to board members in advance of the meeting. Discussion. It was decided to provide the list of information to each of the Dept/Committee heads so they can look into the opportunities deeper. Any recommendation or request to pursue from each department will be brought back to the board to determine if assistance is required.

Public Comment: Cindy Riker, as representative of the School Board, notified the Township Board that the Pines School has been closed due to lack of students and the teacher laid off. She a couple of questions from the board/audience, but at this time there is no further information.

**New Business:**

- Budget Workshop Dates: 2 days are usually needed for budgeting workshops. It was determined to do back to back days again. Postings will be set for March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 3:00pm
- MTA conference in April – It was determined that the township would not be sending anyone to the MTA conference this year. Anyone who wishes to participate at their own expense can contact the township board for information.
- 2020 Meeting Schedule was put together after asking for input from the Planning Commission and the Harbor Commission. Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to approve as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, B Sharpe and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-003carried. New scheduled will be posted around the island as well as on the website.**
- Ferry Landing: On Friday Dec. 13, 2019, (the last ferry run of the year) the main ferry landing at the Marina collapsed while unloading a Cheboygan Cement truck from the Ferry. While the truck was able to be re-loaded on the ferry and no one was hurt, it rendered the Ferry Landing/Ramp inoperable. This being the last shopping trip of the year, Plaunt Transportation did a commendable job in utilizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> landing to get all the island residents, their vehicles and supplies safely delivered to the island. UP Engineers and Architects were contacted immediately to come to island for a site visit to do a damage appraisal and evaluation of the boat ramp for repairs including damage to itself, hydraulic components and to the dock structure. That visit took place on Monday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Supervisor Sharpe met with UPEA at the dock and we have an agreement for professional services to move forward with Plans and specifications

for removal and replacement of the hydraulic ramp at the ferry landing. This would be the engineering designs, but would not include actual bidding and construction administration. (Total contract amount \$20,500). There was much discussion about the probable design proposal, and the need to get drawings done quickly so we can follow through with cost estimates and get in production schedules. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to approve UPEA to move forward with engineering plans for ramp replacement. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, B Sharpe and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-004 carried**

- Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to approve the BBI Wildlife Assoc request to hold a raffle at the 2020 Wildlife Dinner Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, B Sharpe and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-008 carried**
- Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to accept the Quote for \$4840 from IT Right for the new Server and installation. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, B Sharpe and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-009 carried**

#### **Correspondence and Meetings:**

- Resolution urging the Michigan Governor to declare a Great Lakes high water emergency and a letter to Mackinac County Bd of Commissioners to do the same: Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Sullivan to pass the resolution urging the State and Federal Government to declare a high water State of Emergency and to send the letter to Mackinac County Bd of Commissioners urging them to do the same. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, B Sharpe and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-006 carried**
- Letter to City of Cheboygan to be sent with our tax payment regarding property tax exemption status for 2020: Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Sullivan to send the property exemption letter with tax payment. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, B Sharpe and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-007 carried**

There being no further business the board adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright  
Bois Blanc Township Clerk