

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2020
Bois Blanc Township Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Supervisor Brent Sharpe.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Anne Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, Diane Akright, Louise Sullivan (via teleconference) & Tom Wybranowski (via teleconference). It was determined that voting privilege would be awarded to Louise Sullivan.

Minutes for the general meeting 2/12/20 were previously submitted for approval. Motion was made by Diane Akright, 2nd by Louise Sullivan to accept minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright **Motion 2020-018 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read.

Budget Amendments: none submitted

Motion to pay the bills: Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by L Sullivan to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright **Motion 2020-019 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: Nothing new.

Fire: Went through all the medical cases and presented a list of things to order. Tanker painting is finished.

Harbor: Brent presented an update. Ramp removed, Durocher Marine came in to look at the damages. They will be working on two options. (1 to repair and replace the old ramp and 1 to put in the new design.) There has been communications/conversations with Plaunt Transportation as well regarding using the 2nd ramp and using the Kristen D to work off of for some repairs. A special meeting of the Harbor Commission was noted. Posting is up and meeting is to be 3/21/20 at 1:30 in DeWitt, MI for anyone that would like to attend.

Law: Nothing new

Cemetery: Nothing new

Parks & Recreation: Nothing new

Planning & Zoning: Nothing new

Transfer Station: Jim Nagy would like to haul the scrap dumpsters and scrap steel. Discussion. Matt was asked to put together his recommendations for us to be presented at the next meeting.

Maintenance: Nothing new. Michelle will be planning on stripping and re-waxing the Wagner Room floor soon.

Clinic Committee: Assuming that all of NP Maureen Mitchell's re-certification classes were completed and she will be here on Wednesday. Supervisor B Sharpe tasked Brandon (Fire/Rescue) and the Clinic Committee to work with Maureen regarding an emergency response plan in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The island is at a greater risk considering the expected influx of people from multiple locations coming to the island. Diane will send an e-mail to Maureen Mitchell and copy Brandon and Health Committee members.

Old Business: Short Term Rental Ordinance: The most recent copy of the Planning Commission's proposed short term rental ordinance was submitted. Some discussion. It was determined that the township board members would meet with the planning commission at their April 6, 2020 meeting to go over this ordinance paragraph by paragraph rather than try to do it during this meeting.

Public Comment:

Brandon Schlund: Asked that the township reconsider a township Facebook page for information only – no comments. There was some discussion. A page would be one more thing to maintain. We are putting additional changes into our Township webpage and feel it should be the main place anyone goes for information. Individuals can post in Facebook for themselves and link to the webpage if they want.

Francis Urbany: Inquired as to when prints will be here and clarification regarding the authority of the HC. Prints are on their way. Expectation was that they be here for the meeting, but they were just mailed. HC's authority has not changed. They are tasked with certain responsibilities and have a budget, but are an advisory committee to the board. They help implement the goals and objectives that have been approved by the board.

Scott Kruszynski: Asked to get a copy of the proposed lease ordinance. He was referred to Jeff Parent.

New Business:

- Grant agreement for the West End (MDARD) grant was received and needs to be signed/approved. Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by A Kennedy to approve Clerk D Akright to sign and return the grant agreement on behalf of the township board. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright **Motion 2020-020 carried.**

- Prein & Newhof Invoice 54079 for \$3901.60 was submitted for approval. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by L Sullivan that we approve invoice 54019 for payment. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright **Motion 2020-021 carried.** D Akright will approve and promote to MDOT for payment in ProjectWise.
- Dock Repairs Press Release: Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to approve the Press Release presented by T Wybranowski for immediate posting. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright **Motion 2020-022 carried.**
- Per State Tax Commission, Bois Blanc Township needs a policy in place to grant real property tax exemptions. Assessor Joan Schroka submitted an application form for board approval to be used for the purpose of requesting such an exemption. Form would need to be filled out and returned with the appropriate documentation supporting their request for exemption. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by L Sullivan to approve the property tax exemption application form and procedure as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright **Motion 2020-023 carried.**
- A summary of TDS Internet disruptions of service was presented to the board for consideration. Along with the history of disruptions was a recommendation for the future that we indicate a “Communications Director” here to work as liaison to talk to both TDS and IT Right (as communication between the two did not seem to be prevalent). There was also a recommendation to “cage” the modem and wiring in the Fire Hall and that a log book be utilized when anyone works on it. No action was taken at this time.

Correspondence and Meetings

- Letter rec’d from Plaunt Transportation/Craig Horn: Discussion and review of a proposed response letter from our attorney Jeff Sluggett. A motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to request specifically discussed revisions to the letter and have counsel send to Attorney Horn/Plaunt Transportation and the Harbor Commission.
- Meeting for the Budget Hearing and Acceptance of the new 20-21 Budget is set for 3/26/2020 @ 4:00. Hearing first and Special Meeting will be immediately following.
- Letter was received from the Mackinac County Rd Commission regarding a 2020 project participation policy. Clerk, D Akright will contact Dirk Heckman for some additional clarification.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk