

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

April 15, 2020

Bois Blanc Township Hall via Teleconference due to Covid-19 Precautions under Executive Order 2020-48

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Brent Sharpe.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Anne Kennedy, Brent Sharpe, Diane Akright, Louise Sullivan, & Tom Wybranowski.

Minutes for the general meeting 3/11/20 & special meeting 3/26/20 were previously submitted for approval. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by L Sullivan to accept March 11th minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright, and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-024 carried.**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by L Sullivan to accept the March 26th minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright, and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-025 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read.

Budget Amendments: none submitted

Motion to pay the bills: Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by T Wybranowski to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright, and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-026 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: Nothing new. It appears the airport qualifies for some funding under the Cares Act. Jimmy is looking into the details.

Fire: All training has been temporarily suspended. FD is participating in the weekly conference calls with Bryce Tracy – Mackinac County 911. They had a fire call on Rocky Road this month. No one was hurt and fire was contained from spreading.

Harbor: Tom Lower gave an update on the current operations/plans for repair for the Marina. DNR has shut all harbors until May 15th. Our rest rooms will be closed. The south ramp has been modified. It is a good heavy ramp and there should be no problems unloading. Slip contracts are being made ready to mail out. Contracts will run from May 15th. Tom attended an EGLE summit. High water damages are expected to continue. We are seeing increased erosion by the parking lot and the fire well. He is looking into the permits necessary for the

North Shore and the West End. He will also be looking into possible grants for all. First Meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2020. Tom Wybranowski asked about the current opening on the Harbor Commission. We currently only have one applicant and the position has been posted since October.

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by A Kennedy that we appoint Paul Jahn to the open position on the Harbor Commission. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-027 carried.**

Law: Nothing new

Cemetery: Nothing new

Parks & Recreation: Nothing new

Planning & Zoning: Nothing new

Transfer Station: Matt Northrup put together a proposal for the township board to contract with James Nagy for the removal of scrap metal. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by L Sullivan that we take Matt's recommendations and put them into a contract to be submitted to James. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-028 carried.**

A contract will be drawn up.

Maintenance: Nothing new.

Clinic Committee: Connie Riopelle updated the board on the temporary closure of the clinic. Nurse Practitioner has been temporarily furloughed and for safety reasons with the Covid-19 she will not be flying to the island and risking bringing something with her. Telehealth Services will be available, if needed in the interim. (message was put out on the phone tree) We are assuming things will be back to normal operations by mid to late June.

Old Business:

- Ramp repairs/cost estimate: Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by L Sullivan approve ramp repairs not to exceed \$75,000 and move forward with a contract with Durocher. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-029 carried.**
- In the winter newsletter we asked for suggestions for names for the West End Park. We really only received a couple of responses. Since we are hoping to be able to get to work soon on the park it would be nice to finalize a name for it. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by D Akright to name the new West End Park "Bright Water Park". Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-030 carried.**

New Business:

- Emergency Actions Resolution due to Covid – 19 Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy that we adopt a resolution conferring Emergency Powers upon the Township Supervisor and the ratify previous emergency actions taken. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-031 carried**
- Transfer Station free bag program: Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by L Sullivan to continue the 10 free trash bags program for the transfer station again this year. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, D Akright and T Wybranowski **Motion 2020-032 carried.**

Correspondence and Meetings

- Brent Sharp noted that we have a prospective contract on the table presented by Plaunt Transportation and that he would like all board members to review it and get information/feedback to the clerk.

Public Comment:

Kathy Brown had several questions for the board. Discussion. Township Clerk will follow up with Michael Leppin in regard to a donation he made to P&R.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk