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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2020

Bois Blanc Township Hall via Teleconference due to Covid-19 precautions

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Brent Sharpe, and Diane Akright. Present via teleconference: Louise Sullivan

No adjustments were made to the Agenda.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by D Akright to accept minutes for 9/9/2020 as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-097 carried.**

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept minutes for 9/30/2020 Special Meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-098 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read by Anne Kennedy.

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by A Kennedy to pay the Bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-099 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: Working on the Eastern Glide Path getting it cut down and debris hauled out. Mowers are back to working and mowing has been caught up. Servicing has been done for the wind cone and the rotating beacon. Thank you to Brent Sharpe for his assistance with that.

Fire: Approval request to add Jessi LaPorte to the BBIFD roster as an auxiliary member. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by L Sullivan to add Jessi LaPorte as an auxiliary member to the Fire Dept. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-100 carried.**
A Thank You was noted to Jessi for volunteering!

Marina: No report – We were contacted by Paul Peterson – DNR waterways regarding an update as to where we were with the repairs etc. noted under the waterways grant. Just waiting to see what kinds of trucks can be used to bring over the rip-rap for the erosion control. Diane will update waterways and put in a partial for reimbursement to date if possible.

Law: Deputy Fitzgerald reported that the boat has been taken out of the water and sent to Walstrom's for maint and the old law truck was taken over to Fernelius Ford for the same. Everything else seems to be ok. Brent Sharpe asked the boards permission to start negotiations with Ed Wilkes (Current Under-Sheriff Mac Cnty expected new Sheriff – only one running) to include a raise for Deputy Fitzgerald. Our current contract expires 12/31/2020. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by L Sullivan to authorize Supervisor Sharpe to enter into negotiations on

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behalf of Bois Blanc Township and our Deputy for the new contract. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-101 carried.**

Deputy Fitzgerald also noted that he will be here on the island all winter this year.

Cemetery: Nothing new – Jim is scheduled to take care of a couple of needed foundations.

Parks and Rec: Nothing new. Spoke with MI Dept of Ag the other day. Need to do a written project update for them but we should be fine.

Planning: Last meeting was on the 12th via zoom. Contract for the consultant needs to be signed by Brent and forwarded to the consultant. A Survey will be going out to all the taxpayers with the December taxes. Bd members will be given a copy in advance to review, critique and make any recommendations for changes.

Planning Commission has brought forward two names to be confirmed for positions on ZBA. (Jeff Parent & Randy Pierce). D Akright will check with MTA to make sure that a member of Planning Commission can serve on ZBA. There was no letter of interest/intent received from Randy Pierce, however there have been conversations between him and the Planning Commission. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski that we appoint Randy Pierce to the ZBA pending a letter of interest be presented to the township. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-102 carried.**

STR ordinance has been tabled until January so they can speak with the consultant about how to better move forward with it as he has been part of that process with other areas.

We need to verify moving forward what requirements there are (even with a zoom meeting) to make sure we meet the requirements for open meetings act and access for the public.

Transfer Station: Trucks were scheduled for yesterday and today. TS Manager figures it will probably take about 5 trucks and then empty the two dump trailers to get us ready for winter. The GFL driver was going to weigh on the other side to give us some indication of what the weights are going off and whether or not they can load the trucks any heavier.

Zoning: Nothing new. Everything taken care of to date. One of the last ones received had to be denied and a letter is going out to confirm that, the reasons for it and options they have.

Maintenance: Business as usual – nothing major to report. First bill was sent to the school board for the Wagner Room cleaning due to PE.

Health Committee: Maureen has been let go from the hospital. Investigating if we can just hire Maureen direct to keep the clinic going. Connie requested a copy of the contract with Straits hospital to review. Liability would be an issue for us to hire.

Old Business:

Motion was made by Anne Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to have Supervisor Brent Sharpe sign the contract with the consultant on behalf of the township and planning commission. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-103 carried.**

Public Comment:

Clower Schlund: Requested an update as to where we are at on the new ramp design. – We have received the owner review draft. In the process of getting all the billing paperwork completed and up to date with UP Engineering.

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Copy was submitted to Plaunt Transportation for their input. We would like their thoughts before moving toward a finished drawing. We did get some confirmation from George with UP Engineering that if we added a beam midway on our existing ramp it will double our current ramp capacity. We are also bringing that to the Harbor Commission. It would mean that the ramp would have to come apart again to do that. We could then weigh out the cost difference between adding the beam and the new ramp compared to the gain. Neither option would most likely be completed this year.

Beth Beson: General comments toward the HC confusion regarding the date/time and calling information for the last meeting. She was concerned about the comments to Plaunt Transportation regarding not attending when there were attendees on the line and concerns about them only being given 5 minutes to speak. Perhaps they should be given a line item on the agenda. Discussion.

Second question regarding the older posting of guidelines for COVID we have posted and asking for a 14 day self quarantine.....is this still in place? Yes, though it is a recommendation for the betterment of the whole community and can not be forced.

New Business:

School approval/request for portable basketball equipment to be used in the Wagner Room. Discussion: School has ordered the portable basketball equipment, but will not be utilizing it in the Wagner Room.

Correspondence and Meetings :

Board members were given information to review on their own time regarding a county designated assessor. Diane explained part of what is currently being done and that in the near future we will be asked to approve a contract with a level 3 or level 4 assessor. Currently in the process of the search. Discussion.

A letter was read from Stephen Doughty on behalf of the Aero Condos Association. A response e-mail from Airport Manager James Gilligan was also read. Discussion.

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by A Kennedy to have the airport manager post the password @ the airport for public use. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-104 carried.**

Diane/Anne will work on a response letter to Stephen Dougherty to include Jim's response.

FEMA map and letter were received. Just wanted everyone aware of what's being done. It appears that last time we opted out of it. Note that they need the current 911 recognition of roads.

Engineer from Mackinac County was over and looked at the North Shore road. He's putting together a list of requirements to put it back in service. We are looking at maybe the match program to help fund it next year. It has to be passable to the residents and emergency vehicles.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk