

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

June 10, 2020

Bois Blanc Township Hall via Teleconference due to Covid-19

Precautions under Executive Order 2020-75

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 5/13/2020 & special meeting 6/4/2020 were previously distributed to all board members.

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept May 13th general meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-059 carried.**

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by D Akright to accept June 4th special meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-060 carried.**

Treasurer's report was submitted.

Budget Amendments: Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to move \$2895 from general contingency to operating supplies for the new copy machined. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-061 carried.**

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by L Sullivan to increase the Law Capitol outlay – vehicle to \$36,500 to reflect the full amount necessary for the new law truck and equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-062 carried.**

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by D Akright to increase the Marina Capital Outlay to \$141,000 to reflect the full estimated costs of the dock repairs and rip-rap. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-063 carried.**

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, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-064 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: Had the final inspection on the SRE building and are ready to move forward with the next phase of the AIP which is the acquisition of a Snow Blower for the runway. We will be starting mowing at the airport here soon.

Marina: Mike Harrington reported on the first meeting of the new Harbor Commission held 6/6/20. Positions were voted on and set for the year. State Waterways does not officially open the Marina's until 6/15/2020. Brent Sharpe presented an update on the repairs and discussed some problems with the hydraulic cylinders for the back-up ramp. Mike has having discussions with individual members of the HC, the Township Bd, and other interested parties as to how the HC can organize to make it function more in line with the existing ordinance and the proposed by-laws. Very optimistic about the things to happen in the future.

A request was made to approve Betty Hutchinson as the appointed stenographer and manage the clerical duties associated with seasonal slips for the Harbor Commission. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by L Sullivan to appoint Betty Hutchinson as the stenographer for the HC. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-065 carried.**

HC recommends the approval of a purchase from Duramax Marine for bumpers for the marina estimated at \$11,292.80. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approve the purchase of the D shaped rubber bumpers for both the North and South Dock. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-066 carried.**

The HC recommends to the township board that signage be put up and a secure barrier on the Pines Dock until repairs/renovations can be made. Two possible examples of signage for the dock were presented for approval. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by L Sullivan to accept the 2nd example of the notice with Bulleted items on it (attached) to be made and posted on the Pines Dock. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-067 carried.** It was confirmed that Deputy Joe will enforce.

Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by L Sullivan to accept the estimate from Schwartz Boiler for \$1320 for crane service to reinstall the dock ramp. (Township would also pay ferry fees) Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-068 carried.**

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by A Kennedy to accept Joe Fitzgerald and Mick Kimball as Deputy Harbor Master for the 2020 season. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-069 carried.**

Cemetery: working on removing the old foundations and pouring a new foundation for the Munro stone. We have quickcrete and maintenance has the work order.

Planning: Good meeting. Will be working on a schedule of meeting twice a month through the summer rather than once. They have a meeting scheduled for 6/15 @ 10am to do more work on the suggestions for the STR ordinance as well as the master plan.

Zoning: A couple more zoning applications were received this month. A couple of complaints last month on blight. He will be following up on those to see if anything has been done.

Health Committee: We still don't have date as to when the clinic will resume an open schedule. The Church of Transfiguration has agreed to all the Hoover Building to be used for Isolation by the Frist Responders should the need arise.

Fire: Back to regular meeting times & dates. They were hoping to have the MFR training this spring, but due to COVID, that was all cancelled. He has been staying in contact with Mike English and they may be able to reschedule for late summer or fall, but for now everything is on hold.

May 20th the FD responded to the explosion/fire in the pines. It took about 6 hours to get it under control. They had mutual aid from Mackinac Island FD and they were brought over by Mackinac Marine Rescue. North Flight responded to help with the evacuations. Joe (Island Contractors) brought equipment in to help with debris. Several bystanders also helped with containment; especially in keeping the fire from spreading into the woods.

There have been 3 major fires here now in the last 2 years. FD is compiling a list of equipment and things they could really use as they review these previous calls and will get back to the township on how to pursue getting some of this stuff.

Thank you was noted to Brandon and the FD for the job they do. They commit themselves to making things safer for us here on the island and it is greatly appreciated.

Law: Things are going well. If there are any issues Joe has a new cell phone and the number is posted on the website so people can get ahold of him. The boat is in the water. New truck is getting worked on. Waiting on some parts due to delays caused by COVID but we should be able to get delivery soon. A thank you to the fire dept. and all that helped with the May 20th fire.

Parks and Rec still working on updating the plan to include the Marina's recreational boating plan and resubmit it to the DNR. A couple meetings back the question was brought up about a donation that was given to P&R by Michael Leppen for the picnic tables for the North Shore. Michael was contacted and suggested that his donation be redirected to the dock in the pines.

Maintenance: One of the overhead furnaces in the FD is not functioning properly. (Jim said he would check it out) Old concrete in the cemetery on the Munro gravesites has been removed. Caution tape was put up on the Pines Dock per request. Painting on ramp is 99% done.

Old Business:

Parking – Go ahead and send out the billing for parking as it currently is. Create a sub committee with the HC input as to how best to utilize for short term and long-term needs.

Opening on Parks & Recreation: Letter of interest was received from Bruce Thibodeau. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to appoint Bruce Thibodeau to the open position on Parks and Recreation. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-070 carried**

Cares Act Airport Funds: Explanation of information shared about the grant and reimbursement that was shared on the webinar. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by D Akright that we accept the 2020 Cares Act Agreement and have Brent sign for submission. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-071 carried**
There was further discussion regarding the possible things that these funds could be used for.

Bright Water Park: Temporary signage was suggested showing “Bright Water Park” one way and “Private Drive” another direction. Recommend a 24 x 24. Motion made by B Sharpe, 2nd by L Sullivan to approve up to \$200 for the Bright Water Park. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-072 carried** Diane will discuss with Parks & Recreation to set a work day/weekend and put together a list of things that can be done to help prepare the park for a drive install, fence install and parking lot.

Contract for Metal Recycling: Proposed contract was presented for review. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by A Kennedy that we approve the contract submitted and present it to James Nagy to move into utilizing him for the recycling of metals. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-073 carried**

Bids for the Law Vehicle: Since the posting was inaccurate, the decision was made to table the opening of bids, re-post for a deadline of 6/24/2020. We will clarify the green vs orange title issue with the SOS.

Ferry Contract: Last version of the contract was accepted by Plaunt Transportation with the exception of one portion that has to do with Maintenance and damages that may have been caused by Plaunt Transportation themselves. An explanation of what they disagree with and a suggested alternate wording was sent via Attorney Jeff Sluggett and was distributed to all board members for review. Motion was made by D Akright, and 2nd by L Sullivan to approve the proposed alternate wording by Jeff Sluggett. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Shapre, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-074 carried** Diane will have the attorney re-submit to Attorney Craig Horn for approval by Plaunt Transportation. There was a question regarding whether or not the final contract can be posted on the township website. Once we have an agreement by both parties, we will make it available for public viewing.

Public Comment:

Jim Gilligan: noted concerns over the title for the Ford that is for sale. We will do our best to follow up with SOS. Cindy Riker: Noted that there seems to be some problems with the speaker and that portions of the call are cutting out. Kathy Brown inquired about the paving stones under the picnic table at the dock. Mike Harrington encouraged everyone to read the Harbor Ordinance to familiarize themselves with the content.

New Business:

- **Opening of Bois Blanc Township/Wagner Room usage:** resources needed for COVID compliance is difficult. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to close the Wagner Room for social use. We will utilize it for township/school board meetings as needed. Kathy Brown asked about exercise. It was noted that Exercise is not open to the public now. (It appears no vote was taken. We will have to revisit at the next meeting.)

- **Payroll adjustment for Fire Fighters:** Currently our FD is a volunteer FD and the current pay procedure is that they get paid for a 2 hours per call. (\$30). In light of the 2 major fires we have had this year, we believe there is a major need to revise this. Decision was made to work with Fire Chief Brandon Schlund to do some investigation as to how other Volunteer FD's are working and what pay scales are being used. A recommendation should be presented to the board at the next meeting.
- **Insurance Coverage Reviews:** Brandon is reviewing the vehicles from the FD perspective. Everyone has a copy to review and get back to the Clerk with any recommendations regarding any specific changes. The noted changes discussed will be forwarded to the insurance company.

Correspondence and Meetings

E-mail was read that was received by Beth Beson regarding the continuation of audio and/or video meetings for the township. She noted the value she sees in the recent tele-communication meeting. She would consider helping to underwrite/sponsor the costs involved in pursuing the changes we need to be able to continue utilizing this type of technology for future use. We will start to pull some data together for short term and long-term planning to include bids/costs associated with what needs to take place. (Design/Technology etc) Anne Kennedy will help head up a committee to do so.

2020 US Census: Nathan Michaels spoke to all giving an update on the US Census and answering any questions the public might have.

Additional Public Comment: Kathy Brown asked several questions regarding the planned repairs for the Pines Dock.

There being no further business the board adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk

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- NO BEING PRESENT ON THE PIER/DOCK
- NO TRESPASSING
- NO DIVING
- NO SWIMMING
- NO FISHING
- NO MOORING OR DOCKING ANY BOAT OR WATERCRAFT
- NO LOUNGING, SUNBATHING OR PICNICKING
- NO USE OF THIS DOCK/PIER WHATSOEVER

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