

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

August 12, 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.

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by D Akright to accept minutes for 7/8/2020 as submitted.

Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none

Motion 2020-083 carried.

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept minutes for 7/22/2020 as

submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays:

none **Motion 2020-084 carried.**

Treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting.

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 2020-085**

carried.

Budget Amendments: None

Mackinac County Sherriff, Scott Strait recognized the heroic actions of several community members in the events of the 5/22/20 fire in the pines. Their quick actions, at great risk to themselves, helped to save the life of another. Scott S, Shawn Nelson and Kenneth Gahn were recognized for coming to the aid that evening. Without citizens helping citizens we cannot survive as a community. Fire Chief Brandon Schlund was recognized for his quick actions to get the truck and water there which was critical to cool the fire enough so everyone could work together to perform the rescue, and Deputy Joseph Fitzgerald for his outstanding leadership; spotting the fire, responding and coordinating with citizens and the fire chief. There were also Congressional Commendations awarded by Supervisor Brent Sharpe to Deputy Joe Fitzgerald and Fire Chief Brandon Schlund. The whole Fire Department and Community should also be recognized for banding together when most needed.

Recognition and great thanks was also given to Bruce and Chris McAfee for their generous donation to the fire dept. of \$5000 that helped pay for the new/used and much needed tanker truck.

Department Reports:

Law: Everything is going well. Busy with trying to slow down speeders and vehicles in water etc. The new law truck is working well. Older law vehicle needs to have some maintenance done. Joe will take it to the Ford dealership in Cheboygan and coordinate getting an estimate on all that needs to be done for us.

Airport: Crack seal was completed at the airport. Parts have been ordered for the zero turn and the mowers. They have been on back order for a while now. Blarney Castle will be delivering the new tank for airport on Friday.

Marina: No report

Cemetery: Request for burial rights for Wendy Smith (III C 8) and Joan and David Frank (III C 7) were presented for approval. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by L Sullivan to approve. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-086 carried.**

Planning: Had a really good meeting with the public on Monday. There were about 45 people present, many of which were short term rental owners. They gave the planning commission some good information to pursue as they develop vs. 5. The next meeting will be the 2nd Monday in Sept. and they are gearing up to start working with the consultant in the fall on the 5 year plan.

Zoning: A letter of resignation was read from Mike Johnson. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by L Sullivan to accept with regret. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-087 carried.** Question was raised about Jeff Parent possibly serving as an interim Administrator until a new one can be hired. The clerk will double check, but state law dictates that anyone on the planning commission cannot be an employee of the township. That being the case, he probably would have to resign from planning in order to take the roll. We can look into who should be able to fill the interim position though. A copy of a 1st draft of a job description for the Zoning Administrator and Enforcement Officer was distributed to the board to review and will be sent to planning and Mike Johnson for input as well. Further discussion. Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by T Wybranowski to post for the opening for zoning administrator while we work on finalizing role responsibilities and job description. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-088 carried.**

Health Committee: Nothing new.

Fire: Got the new tanker here and all squared away and ready to go. Waiting for Bryce Tracy to install the needed 800 radio. Our new dispatch procedure of off island assist is working well.

Parks and Rec: Nothing new.

Maintenance: Back-pack sprayers for cleaning the outhouses are working well. Nothing much else going on.

Transfer Station: Dumpsters are full and have been. Trying to keep ahead with the trailers and now have concerns about health issues. GFL actually called about the dumpsters because they haven't been over to get them. Discussion.

Old Business: Request to contract with a consultant to work with the Planning Commission on the 5 year plan. Charges \$7500. Assuming this is billed as the work is completed. Job to be started this fall and completed in 8 months. That would put part of the charges in the 2021 budget year. Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by A Kennedy to contract with Richard Deuell to update the 5 year plan for the Township/Planning Commission. Discussion. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2020-089 carried.**

Public Comment:

Francis Urbany – voiced his concerns about the speeding on the island and the safety for children because of it.

Matt Northrup – noticed tonight that someone must have been tearing down a red building and boards are up and down the road (with nails in them). Someone is apparently not covering their loads when hauling. Secondly, when will the N Ramp be usable? The dock has been repaired and is usable now. (To the same extent it has been in the past.) The water levels are not accommodating the dock right now. That's the real hold up. It has been repaired since the beginning of July. The water levels however don't allow Curt to operate with the dock. We are looking for another solution. There is a print released that is being reviewed to see if it is going to work before we move forward with any additional mfg. The water is what is causing the hardship right now. Even if the dock hadn't collapsed, we would be in the same situation. We have exceeded the pad we added to it the year before and it was not conducive to keep stacking more weight on top and still try to hold the same size loads. Not safe for the boat or the people working on it. We may not be able to haul cement trucks, but I'm sure you could bring over a cement mixer and still get it done. As far as load limits on the South ramp, Engineers out of the UP are going to send someone over to evaluate what the load potential might be for that ramp and what the limitations for adding weight (like expanded steel). Don't want to exceed the hydraulics and pumps as we have it now. Further Discussion.

George Peck – had a couple questions regarding the prints. Further questions/discussions regarding the dock/ramp.

Jerry Sears – questions for the township regarding any clean up from the fire regarding a timeframe or requirements for cleanup from the fire that he needs to be aware of. He does have some requirements from his insurance company regarding a timeframe for clean up and rebuild, but there are some restrictions due to the current situation with the dock. He is looking for suggestions. There are community health and safety issues regarding this issue to consider as well. Discussion. The township will communication with the insurance company regarding the current

situation on the island and the problems with high water that are causing unusual issues in this particular case as well as continued communications regarding any progress in resolving the issues.

Treasurer A Kennedy noted in relation to the questions on the dock usage/availability that there are two entities here that are responsible in some ways. There is the township board. We just signed a contract with Plaunt Transportation where he accepted the dock "As Is". We are willing to help out in finding a resolution to the high water, but we would like to see some help on his side as well.

Additional Discussion.

New Business:

- North Shore Rd/Wyandotte Rd: Review of 2 calls recently to the township regarding roads/signs. For improvements to any county road, all work needs to continue to go through the county. For the North Shore there are multiple issues to consider. As for sign placements within subdivisions/intersections we don't currently have any directives within our ordinances. We mark the roads where they come out onto county roads. We will defer all these questions to the planning commission to consider future ordinances/directives to define parameters for new road placement/construction and sign placements.
- Request to purchase another Microsoft Office License for the laptop that is moveable so that the Office Suite of products can be added to it. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to purchase the software license and have it added to the laptop. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, B Sharpe, T Wybranowski and D Akright Nays: none
Motion 2020-090 carried.

Correspondence and Meetings

- Tax reverted properties received from the county. List will be distributed to all board members and tabled until the next meeting.
- Notification was received regarding a Beaver Island high water summit. This will be a on line webinar in case anyone is interested.
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There being no further business the board adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk

