

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting

January 13, 2021

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

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

Present: Anne Kennedy, @ 1800 Cheboygan Ave, Bois Blanc Island, Tom Wybranowski, @ Midland, MI Brent Sharpe, @ 3350 N Lakeshore Dr, Bois Blanc Island, Diane Akright, @ BB Township Hall, and Louise Sullivan, @ The Villages, FL

Treasurer, A Kennedy requested we move up the new business item for MDOT ferry funds (item 11) to be discussed during the Marina departmental reports.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Correction was noted to the meeting time for the December meeting/minutes. Motion was made by T Wybranowski 2nd by A Kennedy to accept minutes for 12/9//2020 Regular Meeting as amended. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-001 carried.**

Treasurer's report was submitted earlier by Anne Kennedy. Report was accepted with no discussion.

Budget amendments were submitted in advance to the board members.

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by L Sullivan to increase the line items within the Marina fund consistent with the reimbursement from the waterways grant (see attached) Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-002 carried.**

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by D Akright to move \$5351.34 from Marina contingency to Marina Attorney -prof services & transportation. (See attached) Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-003 carried.**

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by T Wybranowski to pay the Bills as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-004 carried.**

Department Reports:

Marina: Guests present for this meeting were Andrea Brush (Andy), Office of Passenger Transportation (OPT) – MDOT, Valerie Schultz and Jean Ruestman – MDOT. Explanation of the Federal Ferry Boat Program funds was offered by Andy Brush along with a brief history of how we get them, how we have tried to utilize them and why we have not been able to. The only thing eligible for these funds to be used on would be the public dock on Bois Blanc Island. OPT has proposed a way to flex the funds to the Federal Transit Administration and enter into a contract with the Township as a sub-recipient. We would be assigned a project manager to assist us and make sure all rules are followed. In this way the approx.. \$30,000 per year would be available for qualified projects. Discussion. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by L Sullivan to formally express our interest and move forward with MDOT OPT to make the Ferry Funds available for marina projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-005 carried.**

Some follow-up items were discussed. 1)Minutes including this motion will be forwarded to Andrea. 2)Consider a project team to work on the project description. 3)Designated contacts are Brent Sharpe and Anne Kennedy. 4)Copy of the reports supplied to the Federal Govt by Plaunt Transportation will be requested. 5)Future reporting should probably come via the township.

Airport: Brent was just out there and things appear to be in working order.

Fire: Brandon reported that they have been busy with coordination with 911 and the hospital in St Ignace. All FD/EMR's have gotten their first vaccine and the second will be coming soon. CPR training class has been done. EMR class starting (5 members) in Jan and will run into March. It will require a few trips and possibly overnights off island for practices. School asked them to help with an ice rink. Now we just need colder weather to solidify the ice!

Law: Still waiting on Mackinac County for the new contract. Reimbursement invoice for 2020 has been sent.

Cemetery: Nothing new.

Parks and Rec: Nothing new. Will need to put a timeframe in place on the Bright Water Park project to get the work completed.

Planning: No report from the last meeting. Brent Sharpe brought up that the planning commission should be aware of current changes that have been made by the health dept. regarding septic systems and that some of our current lot sizes will not accommodate a septic field. We may need to look at how our zoning may need to be changed moving forward.

Transfer Station: No report

Zoning: There have been no applicants for the open position yet.

Maintenance: Michelle is keeping up with the cleaning in the wagner room and airport that needs to be done right now.

Health Committee: Straits hospital has notified us that at least through the winter everything would be done through tele-med. Dr Lejay is willing to take on the island residents as patients, so she can offer tele-med, but legally before she can do tele-med with any patient she would need to physically see them once first. Discussion.

Old Business:

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by A Kennedy to accept the Federal Guidelines for Poverty Exemption every year as our standard guideline as well. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-006 carried.**

Recommended appointments for BOR are Martha Stowe, Lani White, Linda Kimball and Lynn Turner. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to appoint MS, LW, LK and LT to board of review. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-007 carried.**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski that we approve training through MTA for all new BOR members and Joan Schroka (assessor). Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-008 carried.**

Dates and Times for a Budget Workshop was set for Feb. 17th & 18th 10am – 2:00pm

Correspondence and Meetings :

There being no further business the board adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk

Budget Amendments as follows:

594-900-972-000 Cap. Outlay/Install Pub Ramp/Dock
increase by \$31,162 to \$77912.
to reflect waterways grant reimbursement.

594-756-860-000 Transportation
increase by \$1407.⁰⁰ to \$3407.⁰⁰ to reflect
waterways grant reimbursement

594-756-~~860~~⁹³⁰-000 Repairs
increase by \$1762.⁵⁰ to \$15847.²³ to reflect
the waterways grant reimbursement.

move

\$3857.⁰² from Marina contingency to Attorney Prof Services

\$1296.³² from " " to Transportation

5,153.³⁴

from \$10,000