

## BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP

### Regular Meeting

February 10, 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, @ Naples, FL Brent Sharpe, @ 3350 N Lakeshore Dr, Bois Blanc Island, Diane Akright, @ BB Township Hall, and Louise Sullivan, @ The Villages, FL

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by L Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept minutes for 01/13/2021 Regular Meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-009 carried.**

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

Budget amendments:

Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to move \$178.68 from Marina Maintenance Wages to Marina Professional Services (Attorney). Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-010 carried.**

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Sullivan to pay the Bills as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-011 carried.**

### Department Reports:

**Airport:** Things are physically fine at the airport. Paperwork has been started with MDOT so we will be ready for the next grant program in the spring.

**Fire:** Brandon reported that this month all FD members completed getting their COVID vaccinations. Also started EMR training and the 1<sup>st</sup> practical was in town. Started more hands-on training again since the whole team has had their vaccine. There was a request to cover the hours necessary to go over and get their vaccinations since many had to take time off work to do so. We (board) previously approved paying for the transportation, but 911 actually covered that.

Diane confirmed that she spoke with the Health Committee about these hours as well as the EMR training costs and all are in support of paying for this through the Health/Clinic fund.

Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Sullivan to cover the emergency responders pay to go over and get their COVID vaccines. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-012 carried.**

**Marina:** Not a lot of activity this time of year. The bubblers are functioning as expected. Working with Brent on some inquiries to get additional repairs done to the N Ramp in order to be ready for spring. Next HC meeting will be a teleconference meeting this Saturday, 2/13/21.

**Law:** Nothing to report. Everything is staying quiet this winter. A request has been made to pay T Kruszinski the last two months of Law rent at the same rate we would have paid for the Patton house. Patton's was sold, making it necessary to move out early. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to pay Nov & Dec rent to Tim Kruszinski. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-013 carried.**

**Cemetery:** Nothing to report.

**Parks and Rec:** Nothing to report.

**Planning:** Met on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Bob Lehto, the Enbridge Operations Manager attended their zoom meeting and was able to answer their questions and share a whole lot of information. Enbridge will be on the March agenda also. Bob will be attending and hopefully the PC will be able to set a date for a public hearing at that time. Consultant gave an update on where they are with the master plan. There is continued work moving forward with that as well. Lee MacNamara has verbally resigned due to health issues. Jeff Parent has resigned and Jessi Laporte has agreed to sit in as chair.

Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept Jeff Parent's resignation with regret. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-014 carried.**

Robert Ross has submitted a letter of interest for the Planning Commission and was presented by the Planning Commission for board approval. (Letter of Interest was read) Discussion. Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to appoint Robert Ross to the open position on the planning commission. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-015 carried.**

There was discussion regarding use of zoom software and platform for meetings. Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to spend up to \$200 for use of zoom for PC and other committee use for meetings to be managed by T Bach. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-016 carried.**

**Transfer Station:** No report Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Sullivan to continue the free bag program for property owners with 2021 bags available starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Motion 2021-17 carried.

**Zoning:** There have been no applicants for the open position yet. Some inquiries, but the only thing pending is the land use permit that PC is looking at and a zoning variance request that would go with that.

**Maintenance:** Nothing

**Health Committee:** We are working with Straits Hospital, Mackinac County Health Dept and Mackinac County 911 to have the COVID vaccine brought to the island for those that qualify right now. We have a list that has been put together for the hospital/county. Also starting a "wait list" for those that will qualify later that wish to get the vaccine.

**Old Business:**

**Public Comment:**

Claver Schlund: Asked about the status on the Pines Dock. Right now there isn't anything in the works because we have other things that are already started that have to be completed from a funding perspective. Next week we will be doing budget planning and we can look at that project and what funds we might have available or grant

possibilities to pursue to help funding it. Before the township takes action on the dock there would be a public hearing regarding the designs/directives.

Larry Phillips: Asked about the PC opening and if it should have been posted. Legally the positions are appointed and no openings have to be posted.

Brandon Schlund: RE: the Transfer Station bags. Brandon would like us to consider additional sizes to be available.

**New Business:**

Letter of interest was received from Mike Johnson to serve on ZBA. Motion was made by Mike Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to appoint Mike Johnson to ZBA. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe  
Nays: none Abstain: D Akright **Motion 2021-017 carried.**

Match program with Mackinac Cnty Road Commission to widen a portion of the North Shore Rd from Fire Tower to the BBI club was presented. Estimated cost is \$30,000. Township portion will be \$10,000. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski that we move forward with the road improvement project for the No Shore Rd. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-018 carried.**

Signature Approval agreement has to be approved for the MDOT ferry grant program. Up to 2 signatures can be approved for on-line processing. Motion to designate Brent Sharpe and Anne Kennedy as approved signatures' for the purpose of MDOT & PTMS master agreement and plan was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Sullivan. Roll Call vote: Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-019 carried.**

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

**Correspondence and Meetings :**

A PIE&G franchise request has been received for broadband and high speed internet. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by L Sullivan to table until the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, L Sullivan, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-020 carried.**

Notification received from the County regarding a needed agreement regarding School Elections. Agreement is between Mackinac County Clerk, Local Clerk, and School Bd Secretary. This agreement clearly defines who is responsible for what actions. It's pretty clear and has already been discussed with Lori & Cindy. This is mostly for board information only.

Notification was received from Beazley our insurance carrier regarding a possible cyber weakness and identified areas we might be at risk. Tom Bach was contacted as our webmaster. Tom responded quickly, working with all entities necessary and this is already resolved and information has been relayed back to the insurance company.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright  
Bois Blanc Township Clerk