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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2021
Bois Blanc Township Hall
Also available to the public via tele-conference

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

Present: Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Brent Sharpe, Diane Akright Absent: Louise Sullivan

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by A Kennedy 2nd by D Akright to accept minutes for 04/14/2021. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-049 carried.** Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by A Kennedy to accept minutes for 04/28/2021. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-050 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read by Anne Kennedy.

Budget amendments: none

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by D Akright to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-051 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: No report

Fire: No report

Marina: They will be here Monday 5/17 to remove the North ramp, put the tie beams under it and then put it back in. They anticipate being done by Thursday 5/20. Letter from the engineers' states that once completed the ramp will be able to handle anything that is legal to haul on the road. Planning on getting the floating docks back out and set here directly.

Law: Joe Fitzgerald reported all ready getting some complaints on speeders and ORV's so he will be cracking down on that early this year. Seem to have more dogs on the island this year. Reminder to islanders to keep their dogs on leashes & in their yards. He has had a couple complaints on dogs running into the road. Other than that, all seems fine. Clerk will see about posting the Mackinac County applications for dog licenses on our township website.

Cemetery: Foundation Stones are being ordered from Cheboygan Cement to accommodate the 3 most used sizes.

Parks and Rec: Will be applying for the wetland permit for Bright Waters Park for the drive and then we will be staking it for inspection and to take bids.

Planning: Public Hearing notice has been published for the Planning Commission Land Use permit and ZBA variance permit for Enbridge/Akright. Jessi Laporte as PC Chair has asked permission and been encouraged to contact legal for any guidance she may need.

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Transfer Station: We received Shawn Nelson's letter of resignation and posted for the opening immediately. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept Shawn Nelson's resignation with regrets. . Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-052 carried.**

Transfer Station Manager reviewed the Job Description for Transfer Station Attendant prior to posting. All applicants we submitted to the manager and he has recommended the board appoint Richard Berger as the transfer station attendant. Discussion. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by A Kennedy to appoint Richard Berger as the transfer station attendant. . Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-053 carried.**

Zoning: Chris Viers has already been very busy. We have issued 7 zoning permits already this year, 2 of which are for dwellings. 2 zoning complaints he is currently following up on, one for a light pollution issue and one for a shed. He has been busy also with some classes. Additional training request for the zoning administrator was discussed. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approve the additional training classes for Chris Viers as requested. . Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-054 carried.**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to increase the budgeted line item for Zoning education & training from \$200 to \$400. . Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-055 carried.**

Maintenance: no report

Health Committee: no report

Old Business:

Mackinac County tax reverted lands. Discussion regarding one piece available in Snow Beach area. Building would need to be demolished. Final decision was to leave it go for back taxes. Notice will be sent to Mackinac County that the Township will not be purchasing any of the parcels.

Cheboygan property/tax tribunal. 1) Final deposition is being put together by the attorneys. Goes before tribunal in May and we should have an answer no later than mid-July. 2) a discussion between Tom Eustice (City of Cheboygan) and the Harbor Commission indicated that the city has never been made aware of our intentions for the river parcel. If we would provide them with usage plan summary (does not have to be detailed or have a timeline as part of it) it would satisfy the cities need. A letter has been put together to be signed by the Township Supervisor & Harbor Commission Chairman if the board approves, as requested. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by A Kennedy to approve and send the proposed letter to Tom Eustice and the City of Cheboygan. . Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-056 carried.**

Public Comment:

Melissa Frey asked about an update on the Bright Waters Park project. : Survey line has been cut through. Overlay of Wetlands map done by Sue Bright has been put together with the survey map and we will be applying for some permits needed. All work from Phase 1 required by the Dept. of Ag grant we received is still planned to be completed this summer.

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New Business:

We have a request from the Coast Guard Chapel board of directors to utilize the Wagner Room for Sunday Worship Services from May 30th through June 27th. Usage would be from 10:00-12:00. Discussion. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by T Wybranowski to allow the booking with a charge to be calculated for the additional cleaning costs required. . Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-057 carried.** Diane will get together with Michelle Satchell to determine those weekly charges.

Estimates for Virtual Meeting Equipment: There has been a lot of requests and interest in the township having the ability to have virtual meetings. We previously agreed to look into this. The proposed solution would allow for zoom meetings as well as someone being able to call in if they didn't have zoom capabilities.

We have a quote from I.T.Right for tech equipment needed plus a wall mounted smart TV & bracket for approx. \$2200. Knowing we do not have the money in our budget, Anne is requesting board approval to submit a request to the foundation to fund this township upgrade. Discussion regarding pros and concerns, opportunities to see it in use or testing for a good assessment prior to purchase. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to pursue a grant request to the foundation for the hardware and software needs for virtual meetings. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: B Sharpe Absent: L Sullivan **Motion 2021-058 carried.**

Correspondence and Meetings :

Notification letter for assessing audit has been received. No action required.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright
Bois Blanc Township Clerk