

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
June 09, 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 Present via Tele-conference: Louise Sullivan

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda was revised to include 1 piece of e-mail correspondence to the end of the agenda.

An announcement was made that when the meeting is opened up for public comment, that dialing 5* will raise your hand to alert the board that you have something to share.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by T Wybranowski 2nd by A Kennedy to accept minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-059 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read by Anne Kennedy.

Budget amendments: none

A motion was made in Mar to approve Weld-Tech expenditures for the North Ramp upgrades, not to exceed \$20,000. The work is now complete, but due to some crane issues the final cost was \$21,335. Before paying the bills we need to approve the additional expenditure. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski that we increase the approved amount for the North Ramp repairs/upgrades to \$21,335. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-060 carried.**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by L Sullivan to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-061 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: No report – Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by A Kennedy to replace the Airport Manager. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-062 carried.**
Brent Sharpe reported that he has been out there and debris from the snow plowing has been picked up and a load of top dirt has been delivered to help fill in the low spots so that mowing can commence. Everything is operational. A letter will be sent to Mr Gilligan referencing the Jan review and a new posting will go up.

Fire: No report - Diane will follow up with Brandon regarding any communication with the DNR regarding removal of the tanker currently being stored in the back parking lot. Discussion regarding the proposed cost recovery ordinance. This ordinance was sourced after budget meetings. It would allow us to bill directly to an individual, their insurance, or the property (through tax) some or all of the costs for an emergency response. Ex: We have a limit to how many hours our fire fighters get paid for a call. In most cases that covers it, but in some cases a fire

may take much longer to fight contain than we have budget availability for. This would allow us to bill the additional hours to the insurance company. In the case of a car accident, if the township is forced to tow a vehicle or impound for the law, it will allow us a way to recoup that towing fee. It is not meant to bill for all charges for every call, but it will help to supplement where normal budgeting would not fully cover the costs. There are some additional things like fee schedules and procedures that will need to go along with this ordinance before implementation. Decision was made to table this for an additional month and follow up with the Fire Dept again and get their feedback.

Marina: HarborMaster Larry Phillips reported for the Marina. 2 items were brought to the board. 1) Recommendation to the board to move forward with the purchase of the skid pier for Bright Water Park at a cost of not to exceed \$20,000. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by L Sullivan to purchase the skid pier for Bright Water Park at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-063 carried.** 2) Harbor Commission's recommendation for the Marina Attendant Position is Phillip Radala. (Note: 3 applications were received) Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by T Wybranowski to hire Phillip Radala for the Marina Attendant. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-064 carried.** Additional upgrades to the North Ramp have been completed. It's fully functional and holding anything we can put on it.

Law: No report. Law boat has been cleaned up and put in the water.

Cemetery: Foundation Stones have been delivered. D Akright resigned the position of Sexton effective Aug. 1st. Posting should go up so that the person taking over can start training for the position. There are currently 6 burials to be completed before Aug 1st. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2nd by L Sullivan to post now, for the position to start Aug 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-065 carried.** Motion was also made by B Sharpe, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept with regrets D Akright's resignation as Cemetery Sexton for Woodland Glades Cemetery. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain: D Akright **Motion 2021-066 carried.**

Parks and Rec: No updates.

Planning: Last Special meeting had to be cancelled due to some technology issues. There are plans for the regularly scheduled meeting on 6/14.

Transfer Station: Matt Northrup has asked the board for direction as to what to do for July 4th in regard to Transfer Station hours. Typically, this is a holiday we are closed, but it falls on a Sunday this year. He is not opposed to being open on that day. Discussion. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to stay open on July 4th at holiday pay. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-067 carried.**

Tom Wybranowski noted that Rich Berger is doing an excellent job as Transfer Station Attendant and is a pleasant addition.

Discussion regarding the quote for a reorder of township trash bags. At budget time we discussed a possible reorder of a smaller qty (last order 160 cases) and going from 1.5 Mil to 2.0 Mil. There have been significant increases in plastics. The previous 1.5 mil results in about a 20% increase. To go to 2.0 Mil would pose about a 60% increase. Minimums will not allow for us to order a smaller qty. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to purchase the 1.5 Mil bags as used in the past. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-068 carried.**

Zoning: Chris Viers called earlier to say he would not be able to make the meeting. There is nothing major pending or anything that needs to be discussed at this point.

Maintenance: no report

Health Committee: no report

Old Business:

Rip Rap for the Marina: Brent will try to follow up again. Everyone is busy and short handed due to the last several months with COVID. Now that the ramp can handle any road legal weights, we need to get the Rip Rap over so we can then start the parking lot repairs.

MDOT Ferry Funds Project: Questions from Chuck Lindstrom and others regarding the project suggestions. Discussion. Anne will talk with Chuck and try to find a couple of possible dates that might work for a joint meeting (MDOT, Board Rep, HC Rep) to ask questions and get a clearer understanding as a whole regarding how the program works, what projects might qualify etc. Diane will pull the minutes for the last joint meeting between the Township Board and the Harbor Commission where some long-term planning goals were discussed.

Public Comment: (Reminder about using 5* was again given for those on line.)

Cindy Riker had a question regarding the Marina Treasurer's report. (Incoming funds were due to mooring contracts) She also asked if a new ordinance would have to have a public hearing. (Yes, there is a public posting and hearing requirement once we get to that stage.)

New Business:

Permission to set up the tent for the Farmer's Market: Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to allow the historical society to raise the tent for the Farmer's Market. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-069 carried.**

Aug 3rd Election: Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to appoint Lani White and Suzanne Cooley-Sanborn as election officials with Anne Kennedy, Joan Schroka, & Clover Schlund as alternates. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-070 carried.**

Summer Meeting Schedule: Past history we usually have 2 meetings in July & Aug. The second meeting is typically not highly attended. We can call a special whenever necessary. Discussion. Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by A Kennedy that we only have one meeting in July and one meeting in Aug that should be held on our standard 2nd Wednesday of the month. Roll call vote: Ayes: L Sullivan, A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-071 carried.**

Correspondence and Meetings :

E-mail correspondence from Beth Beson regarding communication was received by all board members prior to this meeting. In particular, what would be the best way for the township to communicate pertinent information to the public? One of the main recommendations of this e-mail is that the township needs to have a Facebook presence. Discussion both by board and the public. At this point there are no plans to have a Township Facebook page. Tom Bach will be looking into additional costs for some of the other technology updates suggested for our website.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk