

**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 14, 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, Present via Tele-conference: Louise Sullivan Absent: Diane Akright

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by T Wybranowski 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to accept minutes of 6/9/21 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-073 carried.**

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to accept the minutes from 7/1/21 Special Meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-074 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read by Anne Kennedy.

Budget amendments: none

Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-075 carried.**

**American Gas was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the possibility of becoming a provider for the township. They reside in Rogers City. There was a series of questions and answers regarding service. Pricing has not been discussed as there are variables that need to be determined with each customer. If the township were interested in changing that would be a good start to meeting a minimum volume that they would like to get to. Usage information will be gathered and relayed to American Gas for review. AGP was encouraged to get some written materials together for distribution.**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** Lawn is mowed back and equipment back up and running.

**Fire:** On schedule for first week of Oct. to do some fire training. There have been a few EMR calls the last couple of weeks. Talked to the Harbor Master about having a car wash down to the township dock on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 to 2:00. R&R came up and tested the equipment.

**Marina:** Harbor Master Larry Phillips reported for the Marina. A lot of activity. A couple of times we were out of transient spots. Phil Radala is doing an outstanding job down at the Marina. We have a bid from Weld Tech to do

revisions to the rub rail fenders in the commercial portion of the dock down. Harbor Commissions recommendation is to accept the bid for \$28,000 (not to exceed \$30,000) for this work. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to accept the estimate not to exceed \$30,000 and move forward with the improvements. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-076 carried.**

Harbor Commission sourced and interviewed 3 Engineering companies to contract with for the development of the Cheboygan River Property. (All engineering requests to the RFQ have been delivered to the board members.) The Harbor Commissions recommendation is UP Engineering and Architects. Brent Canup was available for any questions the township board might have. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B Sharpe to select UPEA to represent Bois Blanc Township for the engineering of the Cheboygan River Property. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-077 carried.**

There is a request to appoint Brent Canup (Harbor Commission) as liaison between the engineering firm and the township board so we can set some milestones and keep everything progressing as quickly and easily as possible. Brent will make sure he gives the board updates as to what is happening on a regular basis. There should be a lot of money coming available soon and UPEA has a lot of experience and success with grant writing.

We have the resignation of Mr Dave Carter from the Harbor Commission. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept Dave Carter's resignation with regret. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-078 carried.**

**\*\* A question was raised as to why L Sullivan was not voting. New OMA regulations does not allow for you to vote over the phone. A physical quorum must be met and only those physically present can vote. (except for very specific conditions)**

Law: 4<sup>th</sup> of July went very well, even with the break down of the boat. There was a lot of traffic, but it appears the speeding has slowed down. Hopefully this continues for the rest of the summer.

Cemetery: We have requests for burial rights for Mike and Lani White and Joann Szczukowski. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to approve burial rights for Mike and Lani White and Joann Szczukowski. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-079 carried**

Parks and Rec: No updates.

Planning: Regular meeting was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, but the special land use review was changed to July because the applicant requested us to postpone to July 12<sup>th</sup> so they could gather additional information to be submitted to the PC. However, 2 of the board members had family emergencies and the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting had to be postponed. The next meeting will be 8/2/21 (special) and at that time they will be able to move forward with the special land use permit. At the last meeting they reviewed their budget to make sure they were still in budget. Louise gave an update on the work being done on the Master Plan. Really hoping to have available to the township for their input by the end of the year.

Transfer Station: No report

**Zoning:** A new zoning application and instruction form has been created and submitted to the board for approval. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept and put into utilization. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-080 carried**

Chris Viers reported 11 permits pulled since the beginning of April. Mostly for sheds and some dwellings. There have been 4 reported violations and all 4 have been resolved.

**Maintenance:** no report

**Health Committee:** no report

**Old Business:**

Website revisions:

We had a proposal to make specific updates to our website, many of which have been requested by the public in the past. The estimated cost is \$3025. Discussion. As of right now we do not have the funds available in our budget. We could ask for public funds. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski that we table this until we can find funding for it to add to the budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-081 carried**

Applications for posted positions:

2 applicants for Airport Mngr,

2 possible applicants for Maint. – question came up regarding the current requirement to supply your own tools.

2 applicants for Cemetery Sexton

No applicants for Deputy Clerk

Discussion. Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to table all the applications until the next meeting with interviews to take place in between. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-082 carried**

There may be a need to revise the job description for Maintenance.

Cost Recovery Ordinance: In-pur from the Fire Dept is to not pursue at this time.

**Public Comment:**

Clover Schlund

**New Business:**

L Turner: Thank you to Jim & Betty Hutchinson to keep the Historical Society going for so many years. She had questions regarding some specific issues with the Historical Society. (Insurance, parking, building usage etc.)

Letters of recognition to Nautical North, Plaunt Transportation and Arnold Freight lines have been written by T Wybranowski on behalf of the township in thanks for all that was done to help while the Kristen D was down. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to send out the letters of thanks. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-083 carried**

Cheboygan Village Marina and Kokosing Marine were named as also being instrumental during the repair time of the Kristen D. Tom Wybranowski will work on letters for those two companies as well.

Resolution to Authorize the Township Board to have final approval of the Master Plan for Bois Blanc Township:  
Discussion.

Motion was made by B Sharpe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, Nays: none Abstain/Absent: L Sullivan, D Akright **Motion 2021-084 carried**

Truth in Taxation Hearing: (Required) will be set to be held before the next township board meeting on 8/11/21.

**Correspondence and Meetings :**

Notice has been received LARA regarding the Island Diner having applied for the liquor license transfer.

FEMA – sent a package regarding the current flood zones map. Discussion.

Update was given on the current situation with the Cheboygan Tax/Tax Tribunal.

Information was shared regarding the ballot proposal for the Aug 3 election.

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> is the BBI Assoc. Annual Meeting and they would like participation from any board members available.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk

**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**MACKINAC COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**(Resolution No. 2021-084)**

At a Regular meeting of the Township Board for Bois Blanc Township held on July 14, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m., the following Resolution was offered for adoption by Township Board Member Brent Sharpe and was seconded by Township Board Member Tom Wybranowski:

**A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO MCL 125.3843(3) and (4)**  
**AUTHORIZING THE BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**TO HAVE FINAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY OF ANY NEW,**  
**AMENDED OR REVISED MASTER PLAN FOR BOIS**  
**BLANC TOWNSHIP.**

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Pursuant to MCL 125.3843(3) and (4), every new, amended or revised Master Plan must receive final approval by the Bois Blanc Township Board after the Bois Blanc Planning Commission submits its recommendation for a new, amended or revised Master Plan to the Bois Blanc Township Board.
2. The Township Board requests that the Planning Commission completes its current work on reviewing, amending, replacing or revising the existing Master Plan and submit its final recommendation regarding the same to the Township Board no later than October 1, 2021.
3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.
4. Any and all resolutions and motions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of any such contract.

The vote to adopt this Resolution was as follows:

AYES: (4) Brent Sharpe, Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Louise Sullivan\_\_\_

NAYS: (0) None\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: (1) Diane Akright\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above Resolution is a true copy of a document adopted by the Township Board for Bois Blanc Township at the time and date specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

By: *Diane M Akright*  
Diane Akright  
Bois Blanc Township Clerk

*Confirmed through recorded minutes -*