

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Aug 11, 2021
Bois Blanc Township Hall
Also available to the public via tele-conference

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm (immediately following the truth in taxation hearing) by Clerk, D Akright.

Present: Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Louise Sullivan, D Akright Absent: B Sharpe

In Supervisor Sharpe's absence, Trustee T Wybranowski will be leading us through the agenda.

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by L Sullivan 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept minutes of 7/14/21 regular meeting and 8/4 special meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright Nays: none Absent: B Sharpe **Motion 2021-089 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read by Anne Kennedy.

Budget amendments: none

Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by T Wybranowski to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright Nays: none Absent: B Sharpe **Motion 2021-090 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: Airport is supposed to be having an inspection tomorrow. Quick update as to what has been done from a maintenance perspective was given.

Fire: Fire Dept was given a \$3000 donation toward FF gear. It was very appreciated and the Fire Dept. will put together a thank you letter. Along with that donation, the car wash brought in another \$3000. There is fire gear that is needed, (some additional sizes etc.) Report was given by Fire Chief Brandon Schlund. Calls were up – mostly EMR however things went well. DNR tanker truck will be removed soon. Hose reel in the Fire Barn is consistently leaking. We need to have this looked at. (Request was made to have the FD write up the work order so it can be assigned.) Also need to have outside of the barn entrances sprayed for spiders. Also having some questions regarding address assignment and what is correct for a few of the homes in the pines. This can be discussed during the addressing meeting with 911 next week.

Rob Hayes will be resigning from the Fire Dept. as he is moving back to the mainland.

We currently have an issue with the well at the Coast Guard Chapel. Don Balbaugh is working on it and apparently there is an electrical issue coming to the well. He has contacted PIE&G.

Marina: Business is normal down there right now for this time in the season. For some reason the seasonal slips are not full of boats. Though they are all paid for, some just haven't put their boats in the water. Parking is a problem and it seems to be compounding. Rip-rap needs to be hauled in so we can repair the asphalt and open the western parking spots back up. Larry and Brent have had some discussions about expanding the parking across the

road. Also checked with Cliff (township attorney) and we need to have a civil infraction ordinance in order to be about to enforce township parking rules. Though the Harbor ordinance gives the Harbor Master authority, without a civil infraction ordinance there is no muscle to enforce. Long term parking is now full. Would like to get all parking situated and signage up as well as kiosk moved and placed to include parking rules/regulations. A complete list of the parking rules can be mailed with the 2022 long term parking billing.

New parking signage for the Airport needs to be ordered for the fire well. Additional signage will be ordered for the Marina at the same time.

Law: A lot of people here right now. Talking to a lot of the 4 wheelers/side by sides and slowing people down. There was an issue this last week with camping at snake island. Confirmed after speaking with the correct oversight that there is no camping there. Joe spoke to the people and they left. From here on out we can educate people and enforce that. There should be some additional signage put up soon. Everything else is good.

Cemetery: 2 requests for burial rights. 1) Stacy Szczukowski and 2) Delane/Warren VanderBeck

May need a winter workshop to review Cemetery ordinance and current charges.

Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by L Sullivan to grant burial rights to Stacy Szczukowski and Amanda Thomas for Delane and Warren Vanderbeck. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright Nays: none Absent: B Sharpe **Motion 2021-091 carried.**

Parks and Rec: P&R has not been able to meet. Posts and rails for the fencing at Bright Water have been delivered, however we still don't have the permit in order to put the drive in. Will need to check with MDARD to see if we can get an extension on the grant.

Planning: Special meeting was held for the Enbridge Tower land use permit. Permit was denied by the planning commission contingent on legal's approval. The regular meeting scheduled for 8/9/21 was cancelled due to not having a quorum.

Transfer Station: Matt was not at the meeting but asked about the possibility of a letter to go to the businesses on the island with some guidelines/requests for certain basics when delivering trash to the transfer station. (Like breaking down corrugated and keeping it dry as well as trying to get there at least 30 minutes before closing since they usually have a lot of trash.) Overall usage is up and we may have to look at getting another dumpster.

Zoning: Requests may have slowed a little bit. There was a lot of questions generated after the Association Meeting. Working on a couple of issues, but it shouldn't be able to resolve relatively easily.

Maintenance: no report - some discussion about the maintenance position and tool requirements. Final decision to look at the job was unclear from the July meeting.

Health Committee: Straits Hospital is in the process of preparing the new nurse practitioner with an estimated opening of the clinic mid to end of Sept.

Old Business:

Airport Manager Position: 2 applicants, Chris Viers and Jay Beugly- Motion made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to appoint C Viers as Airport Manager. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright Nays: none Absent: B Sharpe **Motion 2021-092 carried.**

Cemetery Sexton: 2 applicants, Dave Carter and Melissa Phillips – Discussion
Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by T Wybranowski to hire Melissa Phillips as cemetery sexton. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright Nays: none Absent: B Sharpe **Motion 2021-093 carried.**

Township Maintenance Position: Decision was made to set a special for 8/25th @ 9am to try to work out the details for the requirements of this job.

Public Comment:

Lani asked for clarification on the planning commission report.

- The tower was denied by the planning commission, contingent on the lawyer looking over everything we did and then he will write up the resolution and send it to the township. PC was supposed to have had a regular meeting on Monday 8/9, but it fell through due to lack of a quorum.

There was a request for a quick clarification on the status at Bright Waters Park.

- Development plan was put together for the grant request.
- Survey was done and the line cut in between the park and the Douglas/Van Horn property.
- This will allow us to determine the area of the drive and a parking lot will be available down by We are waiting on the permit in order to put in the drive/parking lot. There is one small area that will need some fill in the driveway. This is well within the acceptable parameters for fill, but the permit is still required. Once completed/received we can put a bid out for the clearing and installation of the drive. Could we put in the drive up to the point of fill? Yes, but that doesn't really work well as far as bidding for the job and efficiently getting the work done.
- The skid pier is on order. This can be moved in and out of the water seasonally and will allow for temporary mooring and access for emergency rescue boats.
- The posts and railing for the fence to be put up between the park and Douglas/Van Horn Property is here. Fencing would be installed last.

New Business:

Resolution to Levy Taxes: Resolution imposing 2021 property tax levy was read and explained. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by L Sullivan to pass the resolution to impose the 2021 property tax levy. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright Nays: none Absent: B Sharpe **Motion 2021-094 carried.**

Assessor Leave of Absence and Interim Assessor: Current Assessor is in need of an extended leave of absence. We need an assessor and to that end the Equalization Dept. gave us a recommendation. An offer was reviewed from Liz Zabik for assessing services through FY 2023. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by L Sullivan to accept Liz Zabik's proposal and enter into a contract for assessing services. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright Nays: none Absent: B Sharpe **Motion 2021-095 carried.**

Transition to AGP Products (Propane provider): Motion was made by L Sullivan, 2nd by T Wybranowski to transition township propane from Amerigas to AGP. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, L Sullivan, D Akright Nays: none Absent: B Sharpe **Motion 2021-096 carried.**

UPEA Contract: A contract proposal was received from the engineers for the beginning work for the Cheboygan Property. (Phase 1) – discussed. Tabled until after the Harbor Commission meeting where some additional questions can be asked and a revised contract received.

Correspondence and Meetings : None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk