

**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Sept 8, 2021**  
**Bois Blanc Township Hall**  
**Also available to the public via tele-conference**

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

Present: Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Diane Akright, Brent Sharpe present via teleconference: Louise Sullivan \*(Note) Trustee L Sullivan can participate in all ways via teleconference, but does not count toward quorum and cannot vote in accordance to OMA law.

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by A Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to accept minutes of 8/11/21 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-098 carried.**

Motion was made by A Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to approve the minutes from the <sup>8/11/21 Truth in Taxation</sup> ~~8/25/21~~ special meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-099 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read by Anne Kennedy.

Budget amendments: none

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-100 carried.**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** Airport Manager submitted a brief report that was read.

**Fire:** Brandon reported for the fire department.

- FD needs to be included in the future civil infraction ordinance when it's written. Recent instance where people had parked in front of the fire doors and had it blocked.
- With the growing events, we need to consider more parking. Suggestion to remove all the trees between the circular drive.
- Well out at the Coast Guard Chapel has been repaired.
- Also got another \$5000 donation from Rex & Kathy Lamb. Letters of thanks for all the recent donations are going out.
- Thanks also to Brent Sharpe for his recent assistance with a call.

**Marina:** David and Christine Viers recently permanently vacated their slip. Larry calculated a pro-rated refund per contract. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to refund \$499.62 to David and Christine Viers for unused mooring. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-101 carried.**

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Overall general activity at the Marina has decreased. First weekend we haven't had to turn 5 – 8 boats away because of space. Other than that, there is a lot of waiting going on. Waiting for Merchants to come pump out the outhouse (men's outhouse has been lock). Discussion Also waiting on Weld-Tech to finalize the bumper installation. Flag is on its way. Signs are on their way for the private slips.

**Law:** Weekend was good; safe with a lot of people around. Summer overall has been good. Would like to recommend the possibility of a winter project for a committee to work with him to review the signage for the island. Several people have been stopped over the summer to slow people down. Possible consideration should also be given to purchasing a solar powered "feedback" speed sign. It may be good to speak with some of the municipalities that have one to get their feedback as well. Association may be willing to help with purchase.

**Cemetery:** Missy Phillips is now fully active as the roll of Cemetery Sexton.

**Parks and Rec:** No activity at the moment.

**Planning:** Meeting for 9/6 did not occur due to a lack of quorum. Meeting re-scheduled for 9/16 may not happen for a lack of quorum. PC is working at recruiting new members. Enbridge/Akright Special Land Use resolution has been returned from the law office and will be addressed at the next possible PC meeting. Discussion regarding 9/16 scheduled meeting and the continual string of absences. Jessi is working on a reschedule date for 9/16 now.

**Transfer Station:** Everything should be fine. There will be a notice posted regarding the cut off date for large item and household "stuff" being brought to the Transfer Station as opposed to bags of kitchen waste.

**Zoning:** Chris Viers could not attend tonight's meeting. A brief report was submitted in advance. 24 permits have been applied for to date. (20 permits for total of 2020) 5 violations have been resolved and 4 additional ones are being worked on.

**Maintenance:** Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to offer the maintenance position to Tony Antonetti. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-102 carried.**

**Health Committee:** No report

### **Old Business:**

UPEA (Upper Peninsula Engineers and Architects) contract for Conceptual Harbor Designs – Cheboygan Property: Discussion. Motion was made by T Wybranowski to accept and sign the contract with UPEA. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-103 carried.**

Address Questions in the Pines: Update – Meeting with 911 on addressing was cancelled and needs to be rescheduled. We currently don't have answers yet. Further discussion regarding addressing errors, how addresses will be designated in the future and the problems existing because of the errors.....including for first responders. This is not just a Bois Blanc Island issue, but all of Mackinac County.

Update on Weld-Tech project: Guessing they should be complete in the next couple of weeks. Discussions regarding paint.

Rip-Rap for Marina: No current updates from Robiadek.

**Public Comment:**

Kathy Brown: 1) Concerns about ORV's on the island and questions regarding an island pamphlet that was designed when she was on Parks & Rec. The pamphlet can be readdressed and considered in the future when we have a full P&R committee to reconvene. 2) Questions raised about the increase in travel trailers on the island. (Chris Viers has already started addressing zoning violations) 3) Questions raised about the rules behind being able to serve on the township board and residency qualifications. (Residency does not mean you have to own property. It does mean you have to have a place here that you reside at least part of the year and you are a qualified voter here.) 4) Questions as to a rumor that Trustee Sullivan asked to resign and the board told her no. Louise confirmed for all that she has never asked to resign, she still is and will continue to be a registered voter here and she is currently coming back and forth from the mainland and staying with family until her new home is completed. Once built she will be here from May through Nov of each year.

Beth Beson: RE:1) an e-mail to township and P&R regarding ATV's and the abundance of them on the island and the lack of signage and rules posted for them. She feels the need for an informative brochure. We should spend more time protecting the current property owners instead of opening things up in ways to bring more people here. 2) Questions regarding how the Park on the West End could even move forward without a Parks & Rec. committee meeting. Explanation of project development was given including the appointment of a committee to work on the MDARD Grant. Supervisor Sharpe also explained how the Township Board at times has to respond to a situation that an advisory board hasn't had a chance to meet on or hasn't made a decision on yet. At times we need to take action in order to keep the daily business and routines going that the public expects.

**New Business:**

Phone allowance for Airport Manager: Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to provide a \$40/Mo allowance to the airport manager in lieu of entering into a new contract and purchasing a new cell phone for the Airport Manager. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-104 carried.**

Airport American Rescue Plan funds: Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to proceed in accepting the ARP funding in the amount of \$22,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-105 carried.**

**Correspondence and Meetings :**

Request was received from Sheila Hyde about putting signage on Sand Bay Rd (at Sioux Ave) "No Outlet". Would like to have it added to the bottom of the street sign. Diane will check with Dirk Heckman for Road Commission input.

Question was also brought up about the Pines Subdivision Road from the old dock going west in front of the cottages. The road no longer goes through and people are venturing down it and turning around in people's yards. Property owners should be able to put up a sign that says "Road Closed", but it would not be the township or road commissions responsibility to do so.

E-mail/Letter of resignation received from Tom Bach: Discussion. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to accept with great regret Tom Bach's resignation from Parks & Rec and as current IT liaison and webmaster. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2021-106 carried.**

E-mail received from Beth Beson regarding maps and her concern about the availability of incorrect maps and hoping the township can do something to make sure accurate maps are available in the future.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk