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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
March ~~Feb~~ 9, 2022
Bois Blanc Township Hall
Also available to the public via tele-conference

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Supervisor Brent Sharpe.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Anne Kennedy, Diane Akright, Brent Sharpe via Teleconference: Tom Wybranowski, (Naples, FL), **
Note due to OMA regulations, trustee's Wybranowski cannot vote, participate (as board member) or count toward quorum.

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with the addition of the proposed 2022 ferry schedule and rates added to New Business.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by D Akright to accept minutes from 2/9/22 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-023 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read by Anne Kennedy.

Budget Ammendments:

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to increase Parks & Rec Projects (101-751-967-000) from \$3500 to \$6717.89 to reflect the BBICF reimbursement from the fencing for Bright Waters Park. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-024 carried.**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to move \$393.75 from Deputy Clerk (101-215-702-050) to Twp Admin (101-265-702-050) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-025 carried.**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to move \$271.27 from Streets/Proj costs to zoning as follows: \$252.00 – salary, \$19.27 – medicare/ss. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-026 carried.**

Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by D Akright to pay the bills as presented. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-027 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: A new parking form and rates were presented for the airport. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to implement and accept the new parking rates and policy for the Airport. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-028 carried.** Straits Area Glass will be coming out to change the glass in the door to the Airport Terminal.

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Fire: FF training is going well. Fire Dept received a quote of \$23,000 for the new turn out gear. Cost will be covered by the FF Assoc. Purchase order will be placed but there is a 7 month lead time. Fire Dept. is also working on a AAA grant for \$56,000 for new jaws of life tools that are battery operated and other safety equipment. At the budget workshop there was discussion for a proposed 2 person rotating "paid on call" program to insure we always have at least two people on island. This would be minimal pay. We have found a way to cover it in this next years budget, but will be asking for a millage increase in August from 2 mils to 3 mils. With the on-call, we will also revamp the fire permit procedure so that you will only have one number to call for a permit and it will be forwarded to whomever is on call that week. This will require us to add call forwarding to the township line. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by D Akright to add call forwarding with remote access to the fire number. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-029 carried.**

Marina: (As a Harbor Commissioner,) Tom Wybranowski gave the Marina report from the Mar 5, 2022 meeting noting that commissioner Brent Canup had given an update on the River Parcel and that the Engineering firm is working on grants. The Harbor Commission reviewed the summary document from attorney Cliff Bloom and were recommending approval and posting to the township board.

Law: No report

Cemetery: Melissa Phillips reported that last fall there had been 3 burial services and she currently has one interment scheduled for this summer.

Parks and Rec: There was no meeting in Feb. They are supposed to meet tomorrow. (3/10/22) We will be re-appointing a chairperson as that was not done correctly in Jan.

Planning: No news. Openings are posted. **We have currently received no inquiries or applications.**

Transfer Station: Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by D Akright to offer the free trash bag program again for 2022. (10 free bags per tax payer – not per property) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-030 carried.** Clerk Akright will update the sheet for distribution to start in April.

Zoning: Opening has been posted for both the zoning administrator and the zoning board of appeals, but there have not been any inquiries or applications to date.

Maintenance: everything is good.

Health Committee: No report.

Old Business:

DNR Land Acquisition: Last month we tabled a purchase opportunity through the DNR awaiting some additional information. Information was received confirming that it is not Federally protected Mississauga habitat. In order to keep our options open a land transaction application had to be submitted. This was done for the 2 pieces being offered in what is identified as Nichols Pt., Lot 1, Section 27. This will now be sent to Parks & Recreation to review and propose how they would recommend utilization of the ground for the township. In the mean time, the state will start to process and will advise of a sale price. If we accept the application fee will be applied.

Confirmation of a budget hearing date/time was set for 3/23/22 @ 4:00pm immediately followed by a special meeting to accept the 2022-23 budget.

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Public Comment:

Melissa Freye requested a copy of the resolution from 2/9/22 and a copy of a letter sent so it can be used to send letters of support. Clerk will e-mail it to her. (The resolution and a copy of one of the letters are part of the minutes posted from the 2/9/22 general meeting and available on the township website.)

Jacqueline Johnson commented regarding her questions about the Cheboygan River Property purchase, thanking the board for the FAQ from 2018 that helped answer some of her questions and that she was looking forward to the summary document on the agenda tonight, in hopes that it will answer specific questions that she has regarding terms of purchase, litigation with the city of Cheboygan and future plans.

Beth Beson asked if the Parks & Recreation meeting is to be available via zoom? No, it will not be. We currently do not have anyone to administer it. We will discuss at the meeting.

Eric Ratts – asked if we have considered how the new DNR land being considered for purchase relates to the Master Plan and the Parks and Rec plan.

Connie Gask – noted the zoom meeting was a much better format and asked where we were with the Planning Commission and Master Plan. (again, openings are posted)

New Business:

Burial Rights: Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to approval burial rights for Linda Gekle. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-031 carried**

Cheboygan River Parcel Narrative: Attorney's summary was approved by the Harbor Commission and presented for board approval to be posted. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to approve and post on the website for the public.

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to accept the letter of resignation received by Bruce Thibodeau (resigning from the P&R committee). Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-032 carried**

Trustee Attendance/per diem discussed from a payroll perspective. Trustee's are currently paid a very small salary and a per diem for meetings attended. In the past, our policy was to allow 1 board member to attend virtually if necessary. Current OMA laws prohibit that, leaving a question as to how/if we pay the trustees their per diem. We will investigate this through MTA and add it to the special meeting the end of the month.

Plaunt Transportation submitted their proposed 2022 Ferry Schedule on 2/16 and their rates were submitted on 3/3. Discussion. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy that the CPI-U from November to November shall be used as the annual basis for the contract. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-033 carried** Motions was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to accept the proposed schedule. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-034 carried** After discussion regarding the proposed rates, it was decided that it should be returned to Plaunt Transportation to review as many items are outside of the contract allowed increase of 8%. It should be verified that there was not a mistake made. We can readdress at a special meeting. Increases over the CPI require justification and board approval per contract. A letter will be sent (electronically and via mail) as to the motions and questions above.

Correspondence and Meetings :

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An e-mail request was received from the Historical Society to hang 2 quilts they have that were made by islanders over the years in the Wagner Room so they can be enjoyed by the community much like the schools "recycled" mural. Discussion. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy that we suggest an alternative of hanging them in the conference room instead. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, L Sullivan **Motion 2022-033 carried**

An e-mail was received by Jacqueline Johnson regarding Cheboygan River Parcel questions. The attorney narrative approved tonight should address most of those questions. Supervisor Sharpe noted that if there were additional unanswered questions that a FOIA should probably be placed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk