

Approved 3/13/24

**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2024
Bois Blanc Township Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm Supervisor Brent Sharpe

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Diane Akright, Brent Sharpe, Keri Viers, Absent: Tom Wybranowski, Anne Kennedy

Agenda was reviewed and accepted with the addition of 1 item to old business and 1 to new business.

Others present: Damien Nelson, Chris Viers, Richard Berger, Rick Navarre, Brandon Schlund, Megan Hawver, Chad Vallance

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by D Akright to accept minutes for 1/10 & 2/5 as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, A Kennedy **Motion 2024-024 carried.**

No Treasurer's report was submitted this month.

Budget Amendment: None

Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by A Kennedy, D Akright to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, A Kennedy **Motion 2024-025 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: Things are going well. We may need to step up the airport fencing in the overall AIP plan. Safety issues have been raised regarding the deer in close proximity to the runway.

Fire: Training for the new Fire Fighter members is going well. Using some of the regular scheduled training meetings to help with any required reviews. Air Transportation was an issue. There has been quite an outpouring of offers to help including Mackinac Island/Arnold Line, N Country Aviation and Island Airways. Fire Dept will be sending thanks in acknowledgement and will pass the information along to the Township Board so we can also acknowledge the assistance and offers of assistance. This opens up questions regarding concerns of overall travel needs in an emergency situation as raised by 911.

As we grow, concerns have been raised to consider about our travel/infrastructure problems.

Marina: All seasonal wait list letters and contract renewals for mooring have been mailed out. Everything has been passed to Betty Hutchinson for Administrative work /assistance to the Harbor Master.

Law: No report.

Cemetery: After the Budget Workshop Granger was contacted about some survey work. There is some additional information they need, but they will be glad to get us an estimate.

Parks and Rec:

Nothing new

Planning: Waiting for the ordinances to come back from Legal. Next meeting is scheduled for 2/26/24.

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Transfer Station: Everything is fine. Need cargo straps for the dumpsters.

Zoning: No new permits since the last meeting. Some calls with questions. The Citizen Planner training is about to start. Damien requested permission to register. Cost is \$250 Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by K Viers to approve registration for Damien Nelson in the Citizen Planner program. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, A Kennedy **Motion 2024-026 carried.**

Maintenance: Quiet right now.

Health Committee: We will have someone coming from Straits starting in March. Question about what he/she will be able to do? Will need clarification from Straits. Also looking for a phlebotomist that will be stationed here on the island. If anyone is interested, they need to contact Lani.

Old Business:

Date/Time for Budget Hearing: Decision was made to post for the budget public hearing to be prior to the March meeting as follows: 4:00 Public Hearing, 4:30 Special Meeting to adopt the budget, 5:00 regular General Meeting.

Public Comment: none

New Business:

- Request has been received for the township to consider renaming Bible Road back to it's original name Wiener Road. In preparation of this discussion an inquiry was sent to Dirk Heckman (MCRC) & Bryce Tracy (County 911) as to what might be required. That response document was shared with the board. A name change would involve Equalization, MCRC, and the Master Street and Address Guide. Since this historically was known by Wiener Rd, the Clerk was tasked with getting some more concrete information as to what the charges from the various dept's listed above might be to initiate this change. We will re-address at the March meeting.
- Letter to MDOT regarding IFE analysis: HDR's analysis of the Prein and Newhoff contract as required by MDOT was fair and reasonable. Letter was presented to the board for approval to be sent to MDOT to move forward with the runway rehabilitation project. Motion was made by K Veirs, 2nd by D Akright to approve the letter to be signed by Supervisor Sharpe and sent to MDOT. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, A Kennedy **Motion 2024-027 carried.**
- Prein & Newhoff Project Consultant agreement for Runway and Taxilane Rehabilitation project at a cost of \$112,100 was presented for approval. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by K Viers to approve the consultant agreement for the rehabilitation project, have it signed and submitted to the consultants for full execution. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, K Viers & D Akright Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, A Kennedy **Motion 2024-028 carried.**

Correspondence and Meetings : none

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 6:38 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk