# Bois Blanc Island Harbor Commission

# Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2019

1. Call to order

Chairman Graham Whipple called to order the regular meeting of the Bois Blanc Township Harbor Commission at 9:34 am on 10/05/2019 at the Bois Blanc Township Hall.

1. Roll call

Secretary John Sanborn conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Graham Whipple, Thomas Lower and Tom Stevenson. Tom Wybranowski and John Sanborn participated in the meeting by phone with Wybranowski having voting privileges per the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Member excused was Chris Suchner. Others present were Township Attorney Cliff Bloom, Paul Jahn.

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Secretary John Sanborn read the minutes from the 09/07/2019 meeting. Motion by Lower to accept the minutes as read. Second by Stevenson. All in favor. Motion passed.

1. Open issues
   1. Harbormaster Report: Lower reported that additional lighting was added to the south pier area for safety. Security cameras are in place and working. DNR report needs to be completed and the new Michigan State Waterways rate needs to be approved. Whipple reported that Commissioner Dickerson passed away. Whipple recommended that a memorial plaque be installed at the harbor in recognition of Commissioner Dickersons’ many years of service.
   2. Whipple presented report from U.P. Engineering on the condition of the north pier and the harbor in general and recommendations for repairs. Lower reported that a grant writing committee consisting of Tom Wybranowski, Jessie LaPorte, Diane Akright and Connie Riopelle is studying the options for applying for a grant to improve the public access site at the west end. Whipple reported that The Army Corps of Engineers is sponsoring a workshop regarding permit applications on October 17th, 2019. Whipple,Wybranowski, Lower and Stevenson will attend. Stevenson suggested doing the West End project in phases to see how much use it receives.
   3. Whipple presented a letter from Chris Viers regarding pro-rating fees for not being able to use his slip due to ice damage to his slip. Whipple and Sanborn will contact Mr. Viers for more information. Township Attorney Bloom recommended applying solution to all displaced seasonal boaters.
2. New business
   1. Lower reported on removing finger piers for the season. Whipple presented an estimate from Schwartz Boiler for removing the finger piers for the season in the amount of $6,900.00. Discussed using Sharpe Construction for removing the finger piers. Motion by Wybranowski to hire Sharpe Construction to remove the finger piers not to exceed $6,900.00. Second by Lower. Rollcall vote. Whipple yes, Lower yes, Wybranowski yes and Stevenson yes. Motion passed.
   2. Lower reported that the Township insurance carrier granted approval to use volunteers for projects at the harbor as long as they have signed a waiver stating that they will not hold the Township for any injuries sustained while working at the harbor.
   3. Stevenson suggested that The Township Board contact the Mackinac County Sherriff regarding what services are offered per the contract regarding enforcement at the harbor. Sanborn will contact Township Clerk Akright regarding posting the vacancy on the Harbor Commission. Discussed river property maintenance. Whipple reported that he is waiting on a report from U.P. Engineering before moving forward with that project. Lower reported that the harbormasters meeting in Alpena was cancelled and is being rescheduled.
3. Adjournment

Chairman Graham Whipple adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m..

Minutes submitted by: Secretary John Sanborn

Minutes approved by: Name