

Bois Blanc Township
Harbor Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2020

Call to Order/Rollcall:

Harbor Commission Chairman Graham Whipple called the meeting to order via conference call at 1:30 pm.

Commission members present were Chairman Graham Whipple, Co-Chairman Thomas Lower, Commissioner Tom Stevenson, Commissioner Chris Suchner, Commissioner Tom Wybranowski and Secretary John Sanborn. Township Supervisor Brent Sharp and Township Clerk Diane Akright were also present.

Public present were Francis Miller, Melissa Frye, Linda Wells, Linda Gekle and Ron Petersen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Thomas Lower to approve the regular Harbor Commission meeting minutes of 11/09/2019. Second by Tom Stevenson. Rollcall Vote: Ayes, G. Whipple, T. Lower, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, T. Stevenson and J. Sanborn. Nays, None.

Communications:

None.

Treasures Report:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Harbormasters report: G. Whipple reported that on 12/13/2019 the substructure on the north ramp at the harbor failed making the ramp inoperable. Plaintiff Transportation was able to use the south ramp to unload the ferry. On 12/23/2019 an engineer from U.P. Engineering inspected the damage to the north ramp to gather information for a report to be presented to the Harbor Commission at a later date. The Harbor Commission received the report on the damage to the north pier and recommendations for construction of a new ramp from U.P. Engineering on 03/18/2020. After reviewing the report the Harbor Commission recommends that the Township Board hire Durocher Dock and Dredge to repair the damage to the north ramp. Motion by T. Lower to recommend that the Township Board contract with Durocher Dock and Dredge to repair the north ramp. Second by T. Stevenson. Rollcall vote: Ayes, G. Whipple, T. Lower, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, T. Stevenson and J. Sanborn. Nays, none. T. Lower reported on erosion at the harbor due to high water levels. The Township has applied for erosion control permits from EGLE and the ACofE. T. Lower reported on the grant applications for the west end property project. One grant has been approved. Brent Sharpe that a quote from North West Hydraulics had been received for upgrades to the south ramp at the harbor. After review T. Lower made a motion to recommend that the Township Board accept the quote in the amount of \$1881.57 from NW Hydraulics to upgrade the south ramp. Second by T. Stevenson. Rollcall vote: Ayes. G. Whipple, T. Lower, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, T. Stevenson and J. Sanborn. Nays. None. G. Whipple reported that it has been suggested that the Township Board hire a stenographer to record the minutes of the commission and committee meetings for the township. Motion by T. Lower to recommend that the Township Board hire a stenographer to record the minutes of commission and committee meetings for the township. Second by T. Stevenson. Rollcall vote: Ayes. G. Whipple, T. Lower, T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, T. Stevenson and J. Sanborn. Nays. None. Discussed the BBIFD/Township policy regarding the Covid19. The Harbor Commission recommended following the FD/ Township Board policy for Covid19.

Public Comment:

Francie Miller asked if there was a way to recoup funds spent to repair damage at the harbor due to high water levels. Township Clerk Diane Akright responded that damage from natural causes was not covered by the insurance carrier. Melissa

Frye asked about condition of the TDS telecommunication line at the harbor. T. Lower responded that the service is operational at this time. Ron Petersen asked what are the load limits on the south ramp. T. Lower responded that we are waiting on report from U. P. Engineering to determine the load limits on the south ramp. Linda Wells asked if there was any way to inspect the interior of the bin wall. T. Lower responded that currently there is no way to access the interior of the bin wall.

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the Harbor Commission. Motion to adjourn by T. Lower. Second by T. Stevenson. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm by G. Whipple.

Respectfully,

John Sanborn