

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2020
Bois Blanc Township Hall via Teleconference

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by interim Chairperson, Chris Suchner

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Bill Akright, Richard Berger, Don Balbaugh, Mike Harrington, Paul Jahn, Chris Suchner, Tom Wybranowski. Supervisor, Brent Sharpe, Township Clerk, Diane Akright, and Harbormaster, Larry Phillips were also present.

Update on South Dock Repair: B. Sharpe reported that piling has been driven in base of concrete at South Ramp, and the ramp is in good condition.

Plaunt Transportation: Curt , is adding a 9 foot extension and moving the other back at the dock in Cheboygan due to the high water.

Grant Request: D. Akright provided an update to the grant request process. The deadline has been met and turned over to DNR. However, recreational plans must be rolled into Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan. Connie Riopelle is working on these plans. There is no deadline for approval.

Covid-19 Update: The Governor's directives are being released slowly. The Township has been able to work with them to date.

Recording Secretary: M. Harrington stated that in line with the Harbor Commission's request for a recording secretary, he had spoken to Joan Schrocka and Betty Hutchinson. Joan has declined due to health issues. Duties of the recording secretary will consist of recording minutes of commission meetings and maintaining the seasonal boat slips. Motion made by M. Harrington to appoint Betty Hutchinson as recording secretary. Seconded by D. Balbaugh. Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Harbormaster: Larry Phillips, as Harbormaster, is attending to day-to-day operations, which consist of maintenance of the North and South Docks, Pines Dock, Lake Mary, Lake Thompson, future West End Dock and Cheboygan property. He is considering Joe Fitzgerald and Mick Kimball as deputies. He will also be working as liaison between the Harbor Commission, the Township, and Plaunt Transportation.

B. Akright thanked M. Harrington for organizing the first meeting. He also suggested using subcommittees to assist in handling the many projects of the commission. He also suggested there be representatives from the commission to work with the Harbormaster.

Meeting Schedule Change: T. Wybranowski requested that the meeting scheduled for July 4th be changed to July 11, 9:30 a.m. at the Township Hall. Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. **Motion Carried.**

Update on Piers: B. Sharpe spoke to Malfort regarding a price for boring of 14 inch holes in spin walls in order to get a visual of the degradation of the piers, especially the north pier. Repair of these piers will eventually secure the whole dock. He will get prices in time for the

July meeting. B. Akright asked if repairs to the waterfront parking lot and well come out of the commission budget. B. Sharpe said this will be part of the grant money.

Dock Repairs: B. Sharpe said that a bill for a quote on rubberized bumpers for the North and South Docks is expected. These bumpers will not decompose as previous bumpers have and are expected to have a longer life. The total is \$13,967.60 and will be placed on the next meeting agenda. L. Phillips said he would like to see a decisive decision on the bumpers as he doesn't want to see the subject tabled indefinitely.

Motion was made by D. Balbaugh to purchase bumpers for the docks. Second by P. Jahn. Roll call vote: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Update on Floating Docks: B. Sharpe said new pipes were put in to stabilize a floating pier. All others have no damage. M. Harrington thanked Brent for all his extra work on the main dock during the Harbor Commission transition.

Discussion regarding an ordinance that was passed previously and commission bylaws which have not yet been adopted. T. Wybranowski and C. Bloom have been working on the bylaws and they will be presented soon. Will be placed on the agenda.

UP Engineering will redraw a floating style ramp. The prints that we received were not suitable as drawn. They will also provide a new dollar amount. \$2500 has been paid. The paperwork will be out soon. T. Wybranowski stated that there are three people working to get grant monies to pay for these projects: Connie Riopelle, Jessie LaPorte, and Lynn Turner.

Election of Officers

Motion made by T. Wybranowski to elect Mike Harrington as Chairman of the Bois Blanc Harbor Commission. P. Jahn second.. Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. Abstain: Mike Harrington. **Motion carried..**

Motion made by M. Harrington to elect Chris Suchner as Vice Chairman of the Bois Blanc Harbor Commission. D. Balbaugh second. Roll call vote. Ayes: T. Wybranowski, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. Abstain: C. Suchner. **Motion carried.**

Motion made by M. Harrington to elect B. Akright as Secretary for the Bois Blanc Harbor Commission. P. Jahn second. Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, R. Berger. Nays: None. Abstain: B. Akright. **Motion carried.**

Pines Dock. Cliff Bloom advised that the commission should provide a recommendation on how to handle the Pines Dock activity now that the Township owns it. Because of the condition of the dock and the high water hiding rocks and pilings, the commission should provide a recommendation to the Township Board in regard to the public use of the dock and the liability that incurs. Motion made by D. Balbaugh to place signs around the dock indicating its unsafe condition and that it may be rebuilt in the future.

Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

South Dock. P. Jahn asked if there is something wrong with the cylinder under the dock that Plaunt Transportation is now using. L. Phillips indicated that it is cracked and leaking.

Biodegradable hydraulic fluid is being used to minimize damage to water life. He would like to see it pulled out and order a new six inch longer cylinder and use the current cylinder as a backup. He is getting prices on new cylinder and repair. Jason Plaunt indicated that there are already issues on getting the boat in and soon the dock will not be usable. Motion made by B. Akright to purchase a new cylinder. Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Time. L. Phillips suggested that the commission amend the time meetings are held as the Plaunt crew is unable to participate due to the ferry schedule. T. Wybranowski will check to see if there are any meetings or activities that will conflict with the amendment.

Motion made by T. Wybranowski to amend the meeting time for the July 11 meeting. D. Balbaugh second. Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. **Motion carried**

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Bill thanked Mike for organization of this meeting

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Public Comment:

Kristin Schoenberg requested that the Harbor Commission keep Plaunt Transportation in the loop. In the past, communication between the two would have saved time and duplication. She asked if there would be a seat for Curt to talk to the engineer as to what would be best for the boat and the dock. The consensus was that it will be a question for Supervisor, Brent Sharpe. The group will address this subject in more depth at the next meeting. .

Motion made by M. Harrington to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. D. Balbaugh second. Roll call vote: Ayes: T. Wybranowski, C. Suchner, P. Jahn, M. Harrington, D. Balbaugh, B. Akright, R. Berger. Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by:

Betty Hutchinson
Recording Secretary