

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

September 12, 2020

Bois Blanc Township Hall via Teleconference

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Mike Harrington, at 10:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Richard Berger, Tom Wybranowski, Mike Harrington. Bill Akright, Chris Suchner. Absent: Don Balbaugh, Paul Jahn. Also present: Larry Phillips, Harbormaster, and Recording Secretary, Betty Hutchinson.

Motion made by C. Suchner to approve Minutes of August 1, 2020, as presented. Second by T. Wybranowski. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Akright, R. Berger, M. Harrington, C. Suchner, T. Wybranowski. Absent: D. Balbaugh, P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

Report by Harbormaster: L. Phillips tallied mooring fees from 88 boats for the season. \$2748.90 was received this summer. It was a busy year but worked out well. He is waiting on EUP Engineering to determine weight capability of the north ramp. Timber has been reinstalled and he is expecting certification the beginning of the week. T. Wybranowski asked if it could be certified without someone being here in person. They have been here so there should be no question.

OLD BUSINESS

Possible Change for Meeting Times.

The members indicated that the 10:30 a.m. meeting time was fine. Ryan McLaren said 10:30 works out better for them than 9:30. **Motion** made by B. Akright that future board meetings be set to 10:30 a.m., the first Saturday of the month, permanently. Second by T. Wybranowski. Discussion: L. Phillips asked that the commission consider moving the meeting to the second Saturday of the month to avoid the holidays. T. Wybranowski suggested meeting twice a month in July and August. M. Harrington said that the commission can call special meetings, needing only two members to make the request. This would work better than locking into two meetings. M. Harrington called for a vote on the original motion and the amendment. **Motion** made by T. Wybranowski that we add an amendment changing the date to the second Saturday of each month. Second by C. Suchner. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Akright, R. Berger, C. Suchner, T. Wybranowski, M. Harrington. Absent: D. Balbaugh, P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

M. Harrington called for a vote on the original motion that that future board meetings be set to 10:30 a.m., the first Saturday of the month, permanently, with the amendment that the day be the second Saturday instead of the first. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Akright, R. Berger, M. Harrington, C. Suchner, T. Wybranowski. Absent: D. Balbaugh, P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

Five Year Plan/Yearly Goals. No report

Job Description Harbor Maintenance: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Comments of Members of the Harbor Commission

B. Akright asked who was on the committee for the Cheboygan property. M. Harrington said P. Jahn is in charge and he expects information from him now that Labor Day is over. Bill also asked about the installation of new bumpers. Brent and Larry working on it. There is a problem with bolts.

Bill said he would like to see the south ramp certified because our contract is for north not south. The south ramp should be able to be used when and if there are problems with the north ramp. Both ramps should be ready for service at any time. M. Harrington said it is the list for the 5 year plan.

Bill also wanted to know what the weight capability is on the Plaunt Transportation ramp. Ryan said they are capable of 80 to 90 thousand pounds or 40-50 tons. L. Phillips asked Ryan who certified their ramp and indicated if EUP does not get the certification done, he will be looking for someone else to do it.

T. Wybranowski wondered that as money is still owed to EUP, would they be dragging their feet on the certification. L. Phillips was not sure but thought it was not an issue.

Tom also said he has heard that Plaunt Transportation is requesting bolts that are missing on the north ramp, certification for the ramp, and a waiver of insurance. Larry indicated that the bolts were not epoxied correctly but will be taken care of. Certification is currently in progress. Ryan indicated that the certification is wanted to ensure that a certain tonnage can be relied on as they do not want to be responsible for the ramp collapsing again. They also need numbers for the timber that has been put on the ramp. Just need to know what they can load and unload without problems. L. Phillips said it might be good to have recertification more often to ensure its capability. The Township would want the insurance, not waiver it.

M. Harrington has been working with other harbors and people who use their harbors for a way of getting better feedback from people we serve.

Public Comment:

Melissa Freye asked what happened to the 30 minute handicapped sign at the end of the angled parking spaces by the ramp. L. Phillips indicated that it was approved by the harbor at the August 2020 meeting and he will get it done.

Ryan asked if the south ramp is certified, would the Township advertise for another boat to come in. M. Harrington said that is not the case, but would be necessary for having both ramps in shape for use in case of problems with either one.

Motion made by C. Suchner to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m. Second by R. Berger. Roll call vote: Ayes: B. Akright, R. Berger, C. Suchner, T. Wybranowski, M. Harrington. Absent D. Balbaugh, P. Jahn. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by,

Betty Hutchinson
Recording Secretary