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**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 15, 2023**  
**Bois Blanc Township Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm Supervisor Brent Sharpe

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Diane Akright, Brent Sharpe, Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Keri Viers  
Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to accept minutes for 4/12/23 as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2023-033 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read.

Budget Amendment: Motion was made by K Viers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to move \$1121.73 from FY22 contingency to FY22 Ins & Bond. (Final Budget Amendment – Pre Audit) Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2023-034 carried.**

Motion was made by K Viers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2023-035 carried.**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** Some minor maintenance to be done. A little repair work around the parking lot. New windsock to be replaced in the next week or two. Things are in pretty good shape.

**Fire:** Just got our ambulance back over after some repairs. Thanks to Cheboygan for the loaner while work was being done and to Main St Automotive for getting the work done quickly. Just had CPR recertifications done last week. WI-FI is back to working in the Wagner Room.

**Marina:** No report

**Law:** Please be assured that if there are any questions about the individual camping, law is aware of it and is taking care of it.

**Cemetery:** Clean Up days are set and will be posted on facebook.

**Parks and Rec:** We have a deed for the Nichols Point Park property. Finalizing details for the West End (Bright Water Park) for the July 1<sup>st</sup> opening. Need to coordinate the skid pier being moved and set, as well as Tom Boulan working on the park sign project. Need to go out with Brandon and make sure the turn area is finalized and ready for use. (And acceptable for the Fire Dept.) Surveyors and Engineers are coming tomorrow for the Feasibility Study.

**Planning:** Starting to look at some ordinances and review for updates. Master Plan public hearing is set for June.

**Transfer Station:** Everything is running smooth. Need to have the burn barrel looked at and possibly repaired or replaced. There was discussion regarding island clean-up. We had someone who stopped in to find out about disposal of some old Maple Syrup lines etc. they had picked up. Township will provide 20 bags to help in the clean-up projects. We have always taken the roadside clean up bags @ no charge. We can also post a box and a sign for donations the same as we have for the school.

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**Zoning:** Been a busy spring. 5 applications so far. 1 is still pending. Tom attended MTA and was able to get some additional training and information relating to zoning.

**Maintenance:** Been working through projects. Rick was out to Lake Mary and the outhouse there needs a power washing inside and outside and probably painting. (note: Tom Bach and another individual was out last weekend and pressure washed the inside and outside.) Rick also talked to Brandon about cleaning out the FD office so he could get started on their flooring.

**Health Committee:** Still waiting on the hospital for some kind of equipment and training for Tele-Med.

**Old Business:**

New Cemetery Ordinance: Motion was made by K Viers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to approve the revised cemetery ordinance with the removal of Section 8, sub section c that would limit any further sales of burial rights to cremains only. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2023-036 carried.**

Note: it was discussed that future expansion may require an area of clearing so as to accommodate full casket burials.  
TDS outages: Angie Dickison has been great at keeping us informed of the TDS proposed changes for the coming year in response to our letter to them this fall. Keri summarized her latest update to us regarding both an engineering study to address backhaul capacity issues (usage/speed) and the battery back-up upgrades. Keri will develop a response with a few additional questions.

PIE&G new building project is progressing. They have requested a proposed contract and will be working on a site plan.

The new purchase of a snow blower for the airport is progressing. Project estimate is \$166,170 with 90% being federal funds, 5% state funds and 5% (\$8,309) our cost. Resolution was offered up for approval of a block grant contract for the same. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Viers to accept and enter into the Block Grant contract. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2023-037 carried. Certified resolution will be forwarded through Airport Manager, Chris Viers.**

**Public Comment:**

Chad Vallance addressed the board about the possibility of a drop box for tattered and retired flags. He knows how they are to be disposed of and would be willing to coordinate a “flag retirement day” and ceremony. The board is in agreement and will work together with Chad on details as we move forward. Once everything is in place, a posting can be made to alert the community.

Beth Beson requested an update on the outhouses to be installed on the North Shore and had questions regarding the standing water at Bright Water Park.

Melissa Phillips wished to thank all involved in her emergency call of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Connie Gask asked about the time restraints on the Master Plan thinking it would be good to have it July/Aug. However, there are specific schedules that need to be followed. Also had questions regarding blight enforcement.

**New Business:**

Mackinac Cnty Tax Reverted Lands: A letter was received from the county treasurer regarding lands reverted for non-payment of 2020 property taxes. Discussion. It was decided that none of the property listed for Bois Blanc Township is of interest to the township for purchase. The county will be notified that we will pass on the purchase of any of these pieces.

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Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to appoint Thom Bencin to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2023-038 carried.** The clerk will notify Thom of his appointment and training opportunity within MTA.

Airport Rescue Grant (6Y1-13222) – Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Viers to enter into the ARPA agreement and authorize Supervisor Sharpe to sign all documents as sponsor representative. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2023-039 carried.**

DNR Land Offer: We have an offer from the DNR to purchase 3 additional pieces from the DNR that would be in conjunction with Nichols Point Park. These are all lakefront pieces and would be required to be maintained as public access. A land transaction application would be required with a \$300 application fee to pursue. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to pursue the purchase of the additional 3 parcels from the DNR. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2023-040 carried.**

#### **Correspondence and Meetings :**

**County correspondence was received encouraging all townships to have rules of conduct/by laws. They have sent a copy of Moran's for us to use as a template or for comparison. This may be a good time to review ours. Diane will send a copy of our existing rules along with the copy of Moran's for comparison.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk