

Approved 10/11/23

BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Sept 13, 2023
Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Keri Viers, Diane Akright, & Brent Sharpe

Agenda was approved without additions.

Minutes were submitted to all board members and time was allowed for review. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by K Viers to accept minutes for 8/09/23 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-075 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read.

Budget Amendment: Budget Amendment request for the Airport was submitted to move a total of \$3788.53 from contingency to Fuel & Gas (3334.33), Prof Services (168.00), Transportation (157.04) and Ins/Bond (129.16) Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by K Viers to approve as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-076 carried.**

Current Airport budget shows a Revenue to Expenditure expected balance in excess of \$14,779. Because of this, it is proposed to increase the capital expenditure for the airport by \$6000 to cover the cost of the GPS receiver for the snow blower and the first year of satellite fees. Motion to increase the Airport Capital Expenditure by \$6000 was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by D Akright. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-077 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: New snowblower has been delivered to the Airport. Special thanks to Brent Sharpe for his assistance in unloading. A general overview and equipment training was done with maintenance, Brent and Chris. Chris added an explanation about the budget amendments regarding propane and how we are transitioning from Amerigas to American Gas. The airport is starting to prep for winter. All things are going well.

Fire: No report

Marina: Chris Viers will be filling in as Harbormaster temporarily. We will need to post for the open position. We will probably need to clarify responsibility and authority for enforcement at the Marina. There was concerns with transient mooring general rules. Chris looked into it, and generally it is 5 days allowed and then you have to depart for 48 hours before you can re-establish. Signage needs to go up as well as some changes to parking signage. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to approved the purchase of new signage. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-078 carried.**

HC will provide a list of signs needed.

Law: No report

Cemetery: No report

Parks and Rec:

Reviewed again the Memorandum of Understanding from the DNR regarding the N Shore campground. Concerns are if we can do this without taxing the general fund. It seems all responsibility falls to the township. Could we require the DNR to make at least a monthly trip to the island to inspect for themselves?

Planning: The next ordinance they will be working on is trailers. Next meeting is the last Monday of the month.

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Transfer Station: Everything going well. Truck will be coming next week.

Zoning: One application processed and a new one received today. Everything going well.

Maintenance: No report

Health Committee: No report

Old Business:

Marina Parking: - Being worked on.

Transfer Station Signage: - Hours need to be updated – (Get some tape in town to block out the existing information) Also need a sign to stipulate no steel or metal.

TDS update: The last correspondence was read/summarized. Basically, they feel they have good enough back-up based on what is required by law. Short of additional funding availability to help pay for it, nothing else will be done.

PIE&G Contract: Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by D Akright to forward the contract to Tom Sobeck for PIE&G's review. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-079 carried.**

Public Comment:

?? Regarding parking at the Marina and the misuse. Truck that had been in the lot for several weeks. Why were we not towing or ticketing? (An overall Parking Ordinance has to be designed with authorization to write citations.)

Property on the Cheboygan River – Updated information requested.

- We are in the last year of our property purchase contract
- Discussion will start with Walstroms
- Harbor Commission should consider having it mowed and a sign, "Coming Soon". Don has started with the sign permit from the city.

It was suggested that an update be included in another township newsletter.

A suggestion was made that we put a sign at the end of the dock to read, "Island wide speed limit of 25mph enforced"

Lisa Fisher expressed concerns about the purchase and development of Nichols Point Park. The future costs/development plans. Highly suggest we hold until we have better information and plans as to how to maintain it. Have we considered the close proximity of private residences (like at Bright Water Park)? Suggested she attend the next Parks and Rec meeting to get a better feel for their development and execution plans.

Connie Gask mentioned that during a recent power outage down state(4 days) that after 2 days cable/internet went down and portable Honda Generators were utilized to regenerate the battery packs. Are our boxes here equipped for a generator?

New Business:

Correspondence and Meetings :

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk