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**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 11, 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 in advance. Motion was made by K Viers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept minutes for 8/14/23, 9/13/23, 9/29/23, & 10/04/23 as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-0083 carried.**

Treasurer's report was read.

Budget Amendment: none

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, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-0084 carried.**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** Omnitrack system was installed on the snowblower last week and runways/taxi ways have all been mapped. Very nice system and it should help us a lot. Blower shaft has a leak and Hutson's will be coming out to repair it. The Dodge plow truck also has a transmission leak and is in need of maintenance. It was sent to town today to Main Street Auto. A small smart TV has been added to the terminal building lobby and some small maintenance has been done.

The 5-year plan meeting was with the state yesterday. Next year the planning & design work will be done to completely rehabilitate the runway and taxiways. Right now, the work is staged for 2025 and then in 2026 we will do the design work to replace all of the lighting for the entire runway including the PAPI lights etc. Those would actually be replaced the following year (2027). Recommendation is for every 15 years. We may have to do a redetermination of the rating of the apron. Currently it is not being included in the rehabilitation.

**Fire:** Working on scheduling EMR training for new members. Looks like we may be able to do that in the spring and we are looking at having a lot of the training over here rather than having to send our members someplace else.

**Marina:** HC is working on an updated set of rules and regulations for our Harbor and Parking lot. Basically, putting in writing rules around transient slips and how seasonal slips are assigned. Trying to streamline the process. An enforcement ordinance was requested from the township attorney for both the marina usage and parking. HC will review both and once completed a draft of the copy will be sent to the board for final approval.

The flag that was paid for and not received has now been delivered and is stored away. The flag currently flying has some tears. May have identified someone who may be able to repair it for us, but plan now is to let the flag fly for a couple more weeks until it comes down for the season. At the same time, we will move the south finger slips and install the bubblers. HC meeting for October has been moved to 10/21.

**Law:** No report.

**Cemetery:** We have a request for repurchase of cemetery plot 7-A-9 for the original price of \$100. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to purchase back as requested. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-0085 carried.**

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We also have a request for purchase of burial rights for Tim & Carol McGillan that was started before our new pricing went into effect. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Kennedy to approve burial rights at the old pricing of \$100/plot for McGillan's. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-0086 carried.**

**Parks and Rec:** 2 project bids have been posted. Updated reporting has been given to MDARD (west end park), which has been approved and an additional \$58,000ish will be cut to us for reimbursement. This puts us at about 80% of the grant having been received. Parks & Rec's next meeting is Thursday. We will be working through a more detailed long-term plan. Identifying what we have for assets, projects that we would like to see around those assets/development, and prioritization over a 5-10 year period.

**Planning:** Continuing to meet monthly and reviewing ordinances. Cliff currently has the food truck and STR ordinances. Once they are returned, Planning will continue to move through with the reviews and updates, schedule public hearings and keep progressing through multiple topics and areas of concern thus updating our ordinances and zoning accordingly.

**Transfer Station:** no report

**Zoning:** Since last meeting there have been 4 site visits and multiple communications regarding questions or needed information. Overall, it has been pretty quiet.

**Maintenance:** Working on minor items and will get started on the floors in the Wagner Room regarding stripping and re finishing.

**Health Committee:** Mackinac Straits is supposed to be coming over (3 people) on a Friday. Don't really have an idea of their plans/intentions.

**Old Business:**

Flag retirement drop box: Rick has finished the collection box (by the township entrance). We will make some additional signage for it and try to get the word out. Chad will start checking it from time to time to collect anything dropped off.

**Public Comment:**

None

**New Business:**

Bid received from Straits Mechanical for 2 new hanging furnaces for the fire barn. Bid and all supporting documents were reviewed. Motion was made by K Viers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept the bid from Straits Mechanical for the new furnaces for the Fire Dept. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, K Viers, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none **Motion 2023-0087 carried.**

Board should be aware that we are going to need to secure housing again next year for Law. Suggestion was made that we consider a temporary housing solution like a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel that can be tied into the township electric, water and sewer. Another suggestion was discussed about possibly building something that can be used or buying something if it comes up for sale. Need to keep our eyes open for a solution.

**Correspondence and Meetings :**

A second letter has been received from Bernath and Sabuda. It seems that most of what their concerns are here are above our oversight or supervision. Discussion. If LMAS were to find a violation it would still come down to the township. Letter will be forwarded to LMAS and ask if there is any legitimacy to this complaint or if there were any permits pulled or needed and await their response.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk

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