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**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Mar 12, 2025**  
**Bois Blanc Township Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm Supervisor Brent Sharpe

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Diane Akright, Brent Sharpe, Sue Winters, Megan Hawver-Vallance Absent: Tom Wybranowski,

Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Motion was made by M Hawver-Vallance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Winters to accept the 02/12/25 regular minutes as submitted.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-022 carried**

Treasurers report was read by M Hawver-Vallance.

**Budget Amendments: (3 submitted)**

Motion was made by M Hawver-Vallance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Winters to moved \$6,881.17 from Fire Contingency to Fire Operating Supplies. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-023 carried (Turn out Gear)**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Hawver-Vallance to move \$5742.18 from Law Contingency to Law Salary. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-024 carried**

Motion was made by S Winters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Hawver-Vallance to moved \$182.00 from General Ins/Bond to Planning Prof Services. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-025 carried**

Motion was made by M Hawver-Vallance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Winters to pay the bills as submitted. . Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-026 carried**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** No issues.

**Fire:** Checking on training – CPR/First Aid responder certifications need renewed. The quote from Northern drilling was received for a fire well to be put in at Bright Water Park. P&R is interested in having a piggy back well for hosing off boats and a possible drinking fountain. We will request Northern Drilling revise their quote to accommodate this. Estimate for a temporary electrical panel is \$2000.

**Marina:** No report

**Law:** No report

**Cemetery:** Letter was submitted for township review. No problems were seen. A letter campaign regarding the efforts to update the records for burial rights assignments and an offer to “buy back” were discussed. After we have been through the full cemetery list, we will then address any plots where we did not have a contact. After discussing with

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legal counsel, there is a way to address putting them back in the township inventory. Board agreed and Missy will start the process.

**Parks and Rec:** Putting plans together for the coming season. Moved the 5K run date so it did not interfere with Arts & Craft show and working on a Monopoly game for a fund raiser.

**Planning:** Planning met the end of January with the consultant. He has provided a copy of proposed changes to update our zoning and make sure it is in line with the master plan and any changes to Michigan laws. We will be meeting twice a month as we work through this and other items. The consultant helped us with many questions regarding STR's. (short term rentals).

**Transfer Station:** Everything is good.

**Zoning:** A zoning change request was submitted by the PC for final board approval. Mackinac County PC had advised that they have no problem with the revision submitted for their review. The requested changes are as follows:

Revise page 9-13 of the zoning ordinance to enter a definition of "shipping container" as, "Large box that is designed to transport goods over long distances by land, sea, or rail (intermodal). They are often used for storage or construction projects."

Revise page 9-1 definition for "Accessory Structure" to read: "Any building, shipping container, or structure that is customarily incidental and subordinate to the use of the principal building or structure."

Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Hawver-Vallance to approve the revisions to the zoning as presented and recommended by the planning commission. Roll call vote: Ayes: M Hawver-Vallance, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: S Winters Absent: T Wybranowski **Motion 2025-027 carried**

**Maintenance:** No report

**Health Committee:** Health committee met and reviewed current balances. They will continue to cover the costs for EMR's wages and proposed an increase from \$20/hour to \$30/hour. Motion was made to increase as suggested by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Winters. . Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-028 carried**

Currently checking with Straits regarding blood draws to see if they can either have the nurse trained to do this, or provide a phlebotomist when the send the nurse for the open clinic hours. Clinic has negotiated with Northwoods Aviation to provide services at a pre-negotiated rate for non-ambulatory patients (cadavers) being flown off the island. The will also approach Plaunt Transportation for the same. John Maynard asked what was needed to get them set up as a vendor. Advised that Northwoods Aviation accounting dept. should contact the Clerk.

**Old Business:**

Ferry Rates 2025: Response was received from Plaunt Transportation regarding our request that they review the 9 items that were over the max CPI-W accumulated rate. PTC felt they were within their rounding rights for the rates requested. Rates were again reviewed and options discussed. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Winters to accept all but 3 rates, with our recommendation for approval as – auto fare: \$83.50, Child fare: remain at \$15.50, Truck (1ton) : \$130.00. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-029 carried** \*in order to keep within the deadlines of the contract our response will be sent via e-mail first.

Corrective Action Letter directed from the December board meeting was submitted to Township Board members for signature.

**Public Comment:**

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**New Business:**

**Road Commission Letter regarding Road Work:** Letter for new project policy was received. We do have some questions. Brent asked Brandon to find out from Joe what had been submitted to the county and if they had a better idea on process.

Motion was made by S Winters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Hawver-Vallance to increase the cost of a zoning permit to \$150. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski,

**Motion 2025-030 carried**

**Correspondence & Meetings:**

Noted correspondence: Job vacancy notification with Mackinac County Equalization & an e-mail regarding MSHDA funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk