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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Oct 8, 2025
Bois Blanc Township Hall

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Motion was made by T Wybranowski with a 2nd by S Winters to accept the 09/10/25 regular minutes as submitted.
Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, M Hawver, S Winters Nays: none Absent: None **Motion 2025-078 carried**

Treasurer's report was submitted.

Budget Amendments: None

Motion was made by M Hawver with a 2nd by S Winters to pay the bills as submitted.
Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, M Hawver, S Winters Nays: none Absent: None **Motion 2025-079 carried**

Department Reports:

Airport: Have been working on the clearing of the west end. Notification was received today that the runway rehab bids were accepted and we should be getting a contract from MDOT within the next couple of weeks.

Fire: There was a joint meeting with Mackinac Marine Rescue, 911, Bois Blanc and a couple of others regarding the amount of runs and cost for those runs Marine Rescue has incurred for Bois Blanc. No one is arguing the need, or want to stop service, but we are looking at a way to possibly help cover the cost. Costs for fuel and personnel were shared for the cost of a run from 2024 data and 2025 data. A Bois Blanc run in 2024 was between \$2500 & \$2900. Costs increased in 2025 and we show and estimate of \$3400 - \$3900. The number of runs has increased as well. Short term, Bryce is going to attempt to draft an intergovernmental agreement where there will be an allotted amount (either per run or per annum) for the services of MMR. We will build that into the FD budget. Long term, we also discussed that the original plans for Bright Waters Park was to include a pier where emergency rescue would be made easier and access to the hospital (St Ignace) quicker. We currently have the finished feasibility study and engineered drawings. Price tag for the pier is beyond our reach right now without a funding source. All will be on alert for possible opportunities to help fund this project.

Question was raised about the FD possibly getting the ability to refill their own oxygen tanks. Costs for AirGas have been very high in comparison to previous years. Brandon shared that it is going to be really hard to ever make that happen. You have to be very careful of where you pull your air from. The licensure and inspections are very difficult. It's not just a matter of the equipment to be able to do this.

Marina: Harbormaster was to be attending a conference. We have to close up the harbor yet (around 15th) and move the finger piers to avoid any additional winter damages. Flotation docks was over to do analysis of all our existing floating docks. HC is working on some permits for dredging between the N piers and the flagpole area.

Law: Another possible prospect of a veteran law enforcement officer. Nothing solid yet, just considering the possibility.

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Cemetery: Burial Rights request for Kevin and Mary Deery. Request was for 1 plot. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to grant burial rights to Kevin and Mary Deery for Block IV, Section C, Plot 1.

Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, M Hawver, S Winters Nays: none Absent: None **Motion 2025-080 carried**

Parks and Rec: Vaulted toilet at Bright Waters Park is scheduled for installation this week. Rick did a great job getting the kiosk installed on the N Shore. Next year we should be able to get the other kiosks installed (Bright Waters Park & d the information to P&R to consider ordering for installation.

Planning: Next meeting will be October 29th. This will allow some additional time for any feedback from the public on the PUD (Planned Unit Development) ordinance, the Greenbelt (Tree Preservation) zoning and the Pines Beach Park ordinance. Public hearing on all of this went very well. Gregg with Fresh Coast Planning joined us for the meeting and was able to explain some of the language in more detail the advantages and disadvantages to having/not having PUD zoning.

Transfer Station: All is well. Thank you to Carl for filling the potholes in the drive. Question about disposal of electronics. (Just need to take it as trash)

Zoning: Going well. We just got another permit today.

Maintenance: N Shore kiosk installed. Fencing around the harbor bathrooms has been completed. Moved the old zero turn from the airport and had some tree limbs removed that were a problem by the Wagner Room.

Health Committee: They will be coming over for a flu shot clinic.

Old Business:

***Website:** Proposal received and distributed for the township to review.

***Audit:** Completed. We don't have the final reports yet, but final copies will be coming and will be distributed to each board menu. Auditor didn't see anything major of concern. One thing that everyone needs to be aware of is that the final amount of designated funds will be transferred from the General fund to Parks and Rec. so next month treasurers report should reflect those numbers.

Public Comment:

Has the township ever done a survey of the taxpayers as to how they feel things are going? Questions as to how we would/could do this. Might be able to include with the taxes as part of a township newsletter, or we might be able to do some kind of electronic survey on the website. Discussion.

Suggestion was made that there is a need for an administrator in the office to assist. (We can work on the possibility for the next budget year.

New Business:

***Intergovernmental agreement for road match:** Mackinac County has submitted the intergovernmental agreement for our signatures. Motion was made by M Hawver, 2nd by S Winters to enter into the MC intergovernmental agreement for road improvement projects. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, M Hawver, S Winters Nays: none Absent: None **Motion 2025-081 carried**

***Road Sign Installation:** Copy of an e-mail to MCRC regarding some missing road signs and some damaged sign posts that need to be addressed. Tom will order the mission signs. Brandon mentioned they may still have some sign posts left. Joe contacted us to let us know that ICI is not interested in continuing to be the contractor to maintain these. We will need to figure out what we want to do moving forward (bid work or handle internally). To start with we are going to try to handle internally via maintenance.

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Correspondence & Meetings:

These were just for board information:

Memo from the Fire Dept

Letter from a taxpayer regarding vehicles on the beach at Snow Beach. I will make sure P&R has a copy of this and can address signage.

Copy of a MC Board of Commissioners Resolution Condemning the Spread of Misinformation.

Additional comments:

*Brandon asked about attending the HC meeting to discuss the pier for the west end. (discussion about possible temporary solutions)

*Clover asked about an update as to any progress on the Cheboygan River Property. 1 full payment) (2026 and 1 partial payment(2027) are left to be made at which time the property will be completely paid off. (Unless there is a possibility of paying it off early). Contractors working on the new fuel tanks (adjoining property) will be putting down some gravel – slight improvement in an area where they are staging supplies. The whole piece needs to be mowed again. Still seeking funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk