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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2026
Bois Blanc Township Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm Supervisor Brent Sharpe

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion was made by T Wybranowski with a 2nd by S Winters to accept the 02/18/26 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-020 carried**

Treasurer's Report:

None

Budget Amendments: 5 budget amendments were brought to the board.

- 1) Motion was made by S Winters, 2nd by T Wybranowski to increase 101-446-967-000 Streets/Project Costs to \$19,402.50 as Mackinac County Money was received per agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-021 carried**
- 2) Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by S Winters to move \$1400 from multiple cemetery lines to General/Prof Services 101-265-801-000 for extra auditor fees. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-022 carried**
- 3) Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to move \$2576.39 from Zoning Salary to multiple Wagner Room expenditure lines. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-023 carried**
- 4) Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by S Winters to increase Parks & Rec – Land Improvements 208-751-974-000 to \$13,302.00 to cover the cost of kiosks purchased (There was unbudgeted revenues that more than cover the expenditure.) Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-024 carried**
- 5) Motion was made by S Winters, 2nd by T Wybranowski to move \$3344.34 from Airport contingency to Airport Repairs. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-025 carried**

Motion to pay the bills:

Motion was made by S Winters, 2nd by D Akright to pay the bills as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-026 carried**

Department Reports:

Airport: Notification was received from MDOT regarding a Final Accounting invoice on the SRE building project of 2019. A look back through our data confirmed we received the “estimated final accounting” report, but apparently not the invoice for \$230. Motion was made by S Winters, 2nd by T Wybranowski to pay the final accounting invoice from 2019 for \$230. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-027 carried**

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Fire: The EMS training has started. **FD will most likely up the “training pay” as it is requiring a lot more time than in the past. FD will communicate those rates to Clerk for payroll.**

One of the heaters in the fire barn is shut down as we lost the exhaust vent off the roof with all the snow. Straits Mechanical has been contacted and repairs will take place in the spring.

The intergovernmental agreement with Mackinac Marine rescue has been reviewed by their council and it was determined they are recommending a per run reimbursement charge of \$1000. We put \$3500 in budget specifically for this purpose and there is adequate contingency, so we will not look at adjusting the budget at this time. Run totals over the last 5 years have been from 2 to 6 runs. Contract still have to go through their attorneys and be passed at the April council meeting before coming to us.

Marina: No report

Law: none – see items below

Cemetery: None

Parks and Rec: None

Planning: PC is still continuing to work through the review and revisions of our current zoning rules and regulations.

Transfer Station: All is well.

Zoning: any permits are on hold until spring

Maintenance: None

Health Committee: Still working with Straits.

Old Business:

- **Law Housing:** Contract was submitted for board final approval for law housing for 2026. Contract is for Mosher property on W Huron Dr. Details of the contract were submitted to the township board with the trustee’s signature and a signature of Deputy Joshua Howe (Prospective Island Deputy). Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by S Winters to have Supervisor Sharpe sign the housing contract with the Keith Mosher (Susan Mosher Trust). Roll call vote: Ayes: T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, Nays: none, Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance **Motion 2026-028 carried.**
- Due to delays in final vetting and the heavy snow and winter conditions, Law has agreed that it would be best to delay the actual start date to May 1st. We can do a temporary adjustment to the contract (for 2026) with a board resolution. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to officially propose an on island start date for the deputy of May 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-029 carried**
- **STR – Update:** We have received approximately 10-12 applications that have been approved to date. Those letters of approval have been sent along with a request for the balance of the permit fee in order to send their permit copy. Those that we know have been renting, but have not applied have also been sent a letter to make them aware that the new ordinance is currently in place. We also have 3 parcels that under the new ordinance are not eligible to be legally used for short term rental. The attorney has drafted a letter to be mailed to those property owners. I just need the Supervisor to sign them and they will be mailed out as well.

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- **2026 Ferry Rates – Communication from Plaunt Transportation was received today (3/24) in response to our letter dated 2/25/26. Information was reviewed. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by B Sharpe to communicate in writing to Plaunt Transportation that the board approves a rate for all line items that does not exceed the perpetual CPI table maintained by Bois Blanc Township and supplied to Plaunt Transportation. 2026 rates need to be adjusted to comply with that maximum rate. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-030 carried****

Public Comment:

A request was received from D Quattrin that the township board request PIE&G provide us with an explanation as to why our electrical bills have jumped so much (even when the electricity is off) and if we will be reimbursed for the recovery amount when their emergency funds are received from the State/Fed disaster fund. – there has been a lot of communication from PIE&G as to these charges, but we did note the request and suggested perhaps this would be an opportunity for PIE&G to address the public during the summer association meeting.

New Business:

- **County Road Project 2026** – Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by S Winters to accept the project/contract submitted by MCRC. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-031 carried**
- **TDS meeting regarding Broadband Expansion** – Request was received from Angie Dickison (TDS) to do an in-person meeting with the board regarding their upcoming high speed broadband expansion project. Suggested date was May 6th. This does not seem to be an issue with anyone's calendar on the board, so the Clerk will communicate an acceptance to TDS.
- **Edgewater Resources Proposals – Marina** 2 proposals from Edgewater Resources were received 3/23/26 from Tom Lower for the board review/approval. One is entitled, "Bois Blanc Island Harbor & Riverfront Marina – Waterways Grant Application Proposal" and the other is entitled, "Bois Blanc Island Harbor and Riverfront Marina – "Maintenance Dredging Permit Proposal" Both of these require review by the board members and have been tabled for April agenda.
- **Adjourn for Closed Session to discuss an Attorney privileged and confidential opinion letter.** There being no further general business of the board, the meeting was adjourned to move into closed session and the township hall was cleared at 6:49pm. The Township Board General Open session meeting was opened back up at 7:09pm. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by S Winters to contact township attorneys Bloom, Sluggett, PC to draft a letter to the Bois Blanc Township Treasurer regarding her unfulfillment of duties with options and a deadline for response. Roll call vote: Ayes: B Sharpe, S Winters, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: Megan Hawver-Vallance, **Motion 2026-032 carried**

Correspondence & Meetings:

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk