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**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>. 2022  
BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON CHRIS SUCHNER AT 10:45AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Suchner, Don Balbaugh, Paul Jahn, Carl Miller, Tom Wybranowski, Brent Canup.....Absent Chris Viers....Also present Larry Phillips**

**Pledge Of Allegiance**

**There was no motion to accept the minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup> as there were no copies to review.**

**HARBORMASTER:**

**Larry reported that the Rip Rap was installed and it took 2 days. He is working on repairing the asphalt pavement and striping.**

**Discussed the repairing of flags at the harbor. Larry may have found a company that repairs boat sails who will look at repairing our flags. It was also suggested to look at using smaller flags.**

**The seeping in of ground water, and the seeping out of the waste of the harbor outhouses was discussed. As in the past, installing a bladder to stop this problem was brought up but Larry said he did not have any luck in finding this product. Brent Canup had a possible solution. There is a company near the Ohio/Michigan border that sprays a foam product on the inside walls of the vault once they are emptied. Brent Canup indicated that the cost was not too much and that we should consider looking at both Harbor vaults, the yet to be installed vault at the North Shore and Mary's Lake. The dimensions of the vaults will need to be taken. Brent Canup will look into this and get back to Larry.**

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## **PARKING:**

**Parking is still a problem ....cars, trucks and trailers parking too long In the same spot...if a spot can be found. Apparently, according to Larry, tickets or citations are not even allowed to be written. Also, once again discussed, was the “switching” of the two parking lots by the Transfer Station, putting cars & trailers in the first lot and long term on the back lot. Also discussed was the idea of a bridge or walkway from the two lots to the dock to cut down the walking distance. Another idea was to move the Transfer Station to get more parking near the back lot. To pave or just to dress the lot(s) with gravel was discussed. Dressing with gravel seemed to be the direction to go based on cost.**

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Tom Wybranowski reported the Marina beginning balance thru July 2022 was \$375,272.43 and the ending balance was \$334,739.00. Two bills paid...\$2544.00 to Cincinnati Insurance and \$44,700.00 to as the final payment to Robeidick.**

## **NEW BUSINESS: Updates on the BBI river parcel;**

**Brent Canup gave a update on the Bois Blanc River Harbor. So far it looks as if looking to the State for funding the project rather than the Federal Government is the way to go. Besides grants, BBI can borrow from MDOT, up to 2 million with a match from them. This could be accomplished by revenue bonds or direct State appropriations. BBI also needs to put together a business plan in order to move forward. Along with a business plan, BBI would benefit from a plan with a partner...suggested was Plaunts, the City of Cheboygan or possibly another ferry service. There are limits on how much BBI can borrow. Will also check with EUPE to research grants to expand the BBI harbor. The island is an underserved and we need more slips.**

**Tom Wybranowski gave a update on BWP. He shared a proposed request for bids draft by Dianne A. for the clearing, leveling, dressing, silt fence, and access road to the park. It was asked what the timeline would be for the request to be sent out, how long for a bidder to respond and the start and finish dates for the project.**

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**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Don Balbaugh talked about life rings. Most Marinas do not have enough life rings as well as BBI. A life ring is suggested for every 200 feet of dock, a 100' rope with a 500# capacity and a minimum 28" ring. Buying more rings was previously approved and they will be ordered.**

**Larry mentioned that there are boats moored in slips that empty and do not belong to them. There was discussion as to whether that was that was allowed or not....either with the slips lessor's or Lessee's permission or not. Carl Miller said that there are leases and there are permits, that they are not the same as to what each allow or not. Should BBI slips be a lease or permit to answer some of these questions?**

**PUBLIC COMMENT;**

**Mr Blamer asked about the handicamp ramp that has been sitting on the dock by the electrical panels for years now. Comment was that the ramp ordered might not actually work as it was intended due to the changing water levels?**

**Next meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:30**

**Motion made to adjourn at 11:55 by Don Balbaugh, second by Brent Canup. Roll call vote: Ayes: C. Suchner, P. Jahn, C. Miller, D. Balbaugh, B. Canup, T. Wybranowski....MOTION CARRIED**

**Submitted by;**

**Tom Wybranowski**