

**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2024, 9:30 AM
(UNAPPROVED)**

- 1) **ROLL CALL: Present: Carl Miller, Tom Wybranowski, Chris Suchner, Don Balbaugh, Scott Anton; Absent: Chris Viers, Brent Canup....it was noted that Chris Viers resigned**
- 2) **Approval of the July 13th and August 10th minutes.... Motion to approve Carl Miller, 2nd Don Balbaugh....All present, Aye**
- 3) **No report from Brent Sharpe**
- 4) **Harbor report from Jay Buegly is attached**
- 5) **Finance report Tom Wybranowski..Begining fund balance for September 2024...\$409,752.62 and the ending balance \$407,791.06. Chris Suchbner asked if the river property payment is paid out of the Township general fund or the Marina fund. I checked with Dianne and she said the payments come from the Marina general fund.**

NEW BUSINESS:

River Development update: Back in July, the department handling the Port Development Grant asked some questions regarding our grant request. It was noted that that is a good sign as they must still be looking at our request. And recently we were asked if BBI was going to do the 20% match of the 11Million request or waive it. Decision was to waive it.

Harbor lighting: It was reported that the requested lighting was earlier approved by the Township Board. The question of who would be installing the new lighting was discussed. A motion was made by Don Balbaug, 2nd by Scott Anton, to ask the Township Board to help in the selection of an electrician for work not to exceed \$2500.00..... All present Aye.

Don Balbaugh gave a report on the sample holes he drilled in the North and South piers or cribs. The voids were not as pronounced as thought. Discussion followed on how to fill those voids, utilizing either pumped foam or aggregate. Don also reported on the toilets which are working well. They are about ½ full and will not be pumped until next year.

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Viers resignation from the BBIHC was accepted. At the same time, Steve Barnum volunteered to serve on the BBIHC. Motion was made by Don Balbaugh, 2nd by Carl Miller to make a recommendation to the township board to appoint Steve Barnum at the next Twp meeting.....all present aye

PUBLIC COMMENT: Don Balbaugh asked if the \$5.00 transient fee is dropped after September 1st. Ryan McLaren commented about the \$5.00 transient fee that is charged at certain times. Ryan said that the \$5.00 fee is still posted on the dock but understands that there is no \$5.00 fee. After further discussion, apparently there is no \$5.00 fee at any time if one is just tying up for a bit. Over night tying up there is a fee. To try to enforce the \$5.00 docking fee is nigh on to impossible.

Tom W. will ask Dianne to place on the Twp October meeting agenda the BBIHC appointment and the expenditure for dock lighting installation

Motion to adjourn at 9:55 made by Carl Miller, 2nd by Don Balbaugh....all present aye.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Wybranowski

Harbormaster update

September 11, 2024

Slips

- Transient slip fees as of September 10th, 2024 is at \$4,051
- Use of transient slips really started to drop off before Labor Day. There were frequently open slips during the Holiday weekend.

Maintenance

- Island Marina
 - Welder – is finally scheduled for October 2nd. He anticipates 2 days to work.
 - The plan is to first fix the broken posts near backup ferry dock and weld hinges on.
 - Once the posts are repaired, we can address the pin on the primary ferry ramp
 - Want to schedule a volunteer work day at the marina for people that would like to help make repairs/clean up Marina
 - Posts and horizontal bumpers are ready to be cut, drilled and installed (work day project)
 - Plan to try and paint blacktop once the marina has a little less traffic this fall.
- Thompson Lake Dock
 - Planning to work within Brent Canup's schedule with Jeff Parent, Tomas Lower, and myself to repair dock
- Lake Mary
 - Some deck boards need replaced and others need reattached. Will order hardware and boards and get those replaced.