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**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**July 10, 2024**  
**Bois Blanc Township Hall**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Diane Akright, Brent Sharpe, Anne Kennedy, Tom Wybranowski, Absent: Keri Viers

Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept the 6/12/24 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski Nays: none Absent: K Viers **Motion 2024-083 carried**

Treasurers report was read.

There were no budget amendments submitted.

Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to pay the bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: K Viers **Motion 2024-084 carried**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** No report – See mowing has been done and everything looks pretty good out there.

**Fire:** Been busy. Needed some new batteries for some of the vehicles and those have been purchased. Also started buying a fuel mix for the small engines that seems to be working better than additives. Seeking guidance on the purchase of additional EPI pens. We currently only have 1. FD/EMR's believe it would be good if each responder carried 1 in their kit rather than risk not having what we need. They can order directly from McKessen, but it is expensive (about \$4000 to place in each go bag) and the pens are only good for 1 year. There was discussion about the Association possibly covering all or a part of this. Can also check about the Health Committee to see if they may be able to cover part of the costs. In any case it was agreed that the FD research & purchase as they see need and we will try to cover from additional sources if possible. Chad and Megan have been added to the on call rotation.

**Marina:** The Harbormaster (Jay Beugly) presented a written report to the board and summarized the info for us. (see attached) Harbor has been really busy. Have been busy answering questions and concerns about the ordinance. He is still working on getting signage up and continues to put warnings on the vehicles. Need to finalize the citation writing process for parking. Dead trees near the outhouse needs to come down. Flag already starting to fray.

Jay mentioned there has been suggestions made to maybe expand the bulletin board area and include a map of the island and maybe a list of island businesses that boaters might want to know about if they were to come here with bicycles. The Foundation has made a flyer. We have 2 copies laminated so they can be posted. Diane discussed the idea of using one of the privacy fence walls at the marina outhouse that faces the parking area and using it as an "information" center. All seemed to agree and some estimated costs will be put together.

There was also a question about the status of the camera upgrades at the Marina. This will need to be brought up at the HC meeting as well as a need to repair a hole in the concrete.

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**Law:** No report

**Cemetery:** No report

**Parks and Rec:** N Shore permit has been cleared up. Meetings with the DNR went well. Need to follow up with the remaining work to be done there. Had a good meeting with the DNR while they were here. We have some follow up with them on some signage etc. Continuing planning for Nichols Point. Meeting is tomorrow 7/11. Question was asked about a boat launch at BWP. Brent explained we have drawings, just need to have time to get the funds. Question was asked about a porta-jon at BWP. We did discuss during budgeting. It has not been purchased yet. Request was made that when we do, we make sure it is a larger handicap one.

**Planning:** No report Meeting coming up July 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Transfer Station:** Richard Berger submitted his resignation as Manager effective 8/31/24. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept with regret. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: K Viers **Motion 2024-085 carried** New posting will go up for the manager's position.

A complaint was recently registered regarding the TS attendants opening trash and going through them. Richard has pictures of materials deemed hazardous that we are not supposed to be accepting that have been hidden within trash bags. They do not open everything, but suspicious looking bags can be and will be opened. This is in line with protection of the township's liability.

It was noted that since Richard has been at the Transfer Station things have been very organized and clean. He has done a wonderful job.

**Zoning:** 3 permits were processed for accessory buildings. A couple of additional letters have been sent regarding zoning issues. There have been a lot of questions and conversations with people regarding building.

**Maintenance:** Things are going relatively well. A lot of trimming, mowing, maintenance for P&R (trash etc.). Discussed the purchase of 5 gallons of exterior white to repaint all 4 of the entry areas for the township building and fire building. Clerk will pick up the paint in town. Fire Dept asked for a new lock for the Fire Dept. doors.

#### **Old Business:**

Island Airways thank you letter for assistance in transportation for the Fire Dept. this winter was read. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to send a check for \$2000 for their services this winter, as well as the appreciation letter. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: K Viers **Motion 2024-086 carried**

#### **Public Comment:**

Melissa Freye expressed appreciation for the speed sign on the island and noted how much she felt it was helping. Also wondered about the missing street sign for Lake Thompson Access Road. (It is on order)

Clover asked about an update on the mowing and sign for the Cheboygan River Property. It will be reviewed with the HC at Saturday's 9am meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Request for VPN renewal for the clerk (to allow remote access): Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to approve a 2 year renewal of the VPN for the Clerk. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: K Viers **Motion 2024-087 carried**

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Anne Kennedy noted that next budget year we might want to consider this for the new Treasurer as well. As we have been growing it becomes harder to concentrate with the noise and interruptions in the office.

- Millage Proposal for Parks and Rec was requested at budget time to be put on the November ballot. The wording has been received from the attorney. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Wybranowski to accept the millage wording for .5 Mills for 4 years for Parks & Recreation and have it forwarded to the county clerk for the November ballot. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, D Akright Nays: none Absent: K Viers **Motion 2024-088 carried**
- PIE&G package received about "Metro Act"- Looks like approving a permit for PIE&G to use public right of ways to expand their internet/communications. Decision was made to table until the next meeting and send a copy to Bloom Sluggett for their review.

## Correspondence and Meetings :

The following was received and shared with the board.

- **Mackinac County Commissioner's agenda was received and shared. (meeting July 11)**
- **Invitation for an informational "teams" meeting regarding possible funding for township housing was received for 7/25 regarding possible grant moneys available for law and school housing.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk