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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Aug 14, 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, Keri Viers

Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept the 7/10/24 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-093 carried**

Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept the 7/18/24 minutes as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-094 carried**

Treasurers report was read.

Budget Amendments:

Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by T Wybranowski to move \$990.08 from Airport Contingency as follows: \$560.95 to Airport Transportation 295-537-860-000 and \$429.13 to Airport Ins/Bond 295-537-910-000. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-095 carried.**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by K Viers to increase line 207-330-702-000 (Liquor Law Enforcement) from \$770.00 to \$782.38 to reflect the actual amount received from the state. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-096 carried.**

Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by T Wybranowski to move \$450 from General Contingency to Clerk Computer Supplies for a portion of the cost of the VPN connections/services. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-097 carried.**

Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by T Wybranowski to move \$297.89 from 101-265-910-000 (General Fund/Township/Ins-Bond) to zoning as follows: \$284.00 to zoning Salary/Per Diem and \$13.89 to Zoning Transportation. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-098 carried.**

Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by T Wybranowski to increase general fund Capital Outlay (line 101-900-970-000) to reflect the West End Land Payment from \$0 to \$7633.98 Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-099 carried.**

Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by A Kennedy to pay the bills. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-100 carried.**

Department Reports:

Airport: Everything is in good shape.

Fire: It was a very difficult call for the Fire Dept today, but everything for the dept. is good.

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Marina: A lot of days use this month. There was an increase in usage with the Mackinac boat race. Welder coming to fix bent posts and some other items. They will also be fixing a pin on the load ramp for the ferry. Will be buying a new cart for the Harbor. Still working on a date to fix Lake Thompson. Commission is working on boring and filling portions of the dock that have hollowed out. Also working on replacing the lights on the flagpole. Parking issues seem to have slowed down.

Law: No report

Cemetery: No report

Parks and Rec: Meeting tomorrow. Just working on further advancing the projects we already have in planning stages.

Planning: They will be meeting tomorrow (8/15) am. Continuing to work on review of ordinances.

Transfer Station: Truck will be coming on the 21st and labor day week. The transfer station needs to have a first aid kit available. Richard voiced concerns that anyone working there should have an up to date tetanus shot. Carl will be working May through November and Rich again shared his recommendation that Carl be awarded the manager's position. He would be on island and available for the season while trucks needed to be scheduled.

Zoning: 7 permits were issued (2 extensions) 6 letters of awareness – cautioning property owners that we are a zoned community. We have one issue involving a shipping container that will be shifted as a special land use application.

The topic of zoning permit follow ups was brought up. A process to follow up to make sure projects are taking place as approved, progressing along so that if an extension is needed it can be approved, etc. This process will be left to the zoning administrator to recommend and put in place.

Maintenance: A tree came down behind the building on election day and hit the edge of the roof. It does not seem to have done a great deal of damage, but the roof is in poor shape and we should start planning to replace it.

Old Business:

PIE&G permit under Metro Act: Document was sent to legal for review. Summary is as follows:

- **It is currently presented as a 15 year w/ up to 3 5 year renewals (30 year's total)**
- **Terms are standard and really can't be negotiated.**
- **We could choose to only grant a unilateral permit (5 years) with options for renewal/extensions.**
- **Insurance declaration does not evidence the min. required insurance coverage and needs to be updated if we choose to grant.**
- **Recommended we require a bond (\$20,000) for right of way restoration obligated before construction.**

Discussion: Tom Wybranowski also contacted PIE&G's Onaway office and they indicated as in the past that PIE&G did not have plans to expand their internet to us on Bois Blanc Island. Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by T Wybranowski to pass on the franchise agreement with PIE&G until such a time that they are more serious about installation of their internet on BBI. Roll call: Ayes: T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers, D Akright Nays: A Kennedy **Motion 2024-101 carried.**

Update on proposed build for Law housing: Brent has been working on it and will have more for next month's meeting.

Transfer Station Manager's position: We have 2 applicants. Both are currently working some hours at the Transfer Station. Carl Pickworth is very interested, but will only be on the island May through Nov. Chad Vallance is also interested and lives here year-round, but will only be able to work at the transfer station on weekends as he is also

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employed by ICI. Pro's and Cons were discussed. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by K Viers to appoint Carl Pickworth to the Transfer Station manager's position effective Sept 1. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-102 carried.**

Wagner Room Sound System: Discussed previously, a request was submitted to the Community Foundation (and approved) for a sound system for the Wagner Room that would be used for square dance on Thursday nights and whenever we have speakers in or meetings that would require the use of a PA (public address) system. What kind of a system was not clear and Tom Wybranowski was going to investigate this further. An e-mail from Ryan Schoenborn was received with an example of an 8-channel portable PA System with Bluetooth that appears to be in line with what would be required for the job. This system (or a comparable one) with a compatible wireless headset should be close to what we need. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by D Akright to approve up to \$2000 for the sound system for the Wagner Room as presented by Ryan. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-103 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:

- **Runway Design Contract:** Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to authorize Supervisor B Sharpe to execute the Airport Sponsor contracts for the runway rehab design work. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-104 carried.**
- Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by T Wybranowski to enter into the contract for the runway rehabilitation noted as Grant Number 3-26-0155-17524. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-105 carried.**
- **A request was made for a meeting/workshop on ordinance enforcement and citation issuance. Per review of everyone's schedules, a workshop/meeting will be set for 8/26/24 @ 8:00am. Damien will help outline a list of items to discuss.**
- **Law Contract** – Current contract expires 12/31/24. A copy was distributed to all board members so we can review discuss at the Sept. board meeting. Township Clerk will also contact Sheriff Wilke to start to get their feedback as to any suggested changes.
- **DNR land offer for outdoor recreational properties:** A few very specific pieces have been offered with restrictions to government units and conservation owners. One such piece identified as DNR parcel 446202 has access off of Fire Tower Rd and extends to Twin Lakes farther north of the current lake access. A land transfer application with \$300 is required to move forward with a selling price and discussion of use. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to take the next steps as required with the Land Application in possible purchase of the offered land. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-106 carried.**
- **DNR road proposal:** One of the items on the DNR agenda while they were here in June was mapping the access roads and trails on DNR land. That has been completed and a proposal of future use has been submitted to the township for our input. They request our feedback by August 31st. A copy has been distributed to each board member and will be reviewed for input at the special meeting/workshop on 8/26/24.
- **Liedel Re-zone determination:** Due to the time required to give Mackinac County Planning time to review our Planning Commissions determination, this will be added to the Sept 11, 2024 General Meeting.
- **2024 GLIA Summit:** The 2024 Summit will be in Cedarville/Hessel on Sept 22-25th. Summit Cost is \$150. GLIA comps each island 2 rooms for the summit. Jay Beugly is interested in going on behalf of the Township, representing P&R & the Marina/HC. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by K Viers to approve 2 attendees to the 2024 GLIA summit. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers and D Akright. Nays: None **Motion 2024-107 carried.**

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Correspondence and Meetings : Mackinac County Notice was received regarding a Materials Management Plan to be developed as a Multicounty plan with Luce & Chippewa County. This notice will be posted on our kiosk.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:09 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk