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BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
Oct 16, 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 with the following changes: Law Housing plans are not complete, therefore review has been tabled. Airport clearing bid package is not complete, therefore its review/approval has been tabled.

Minutes were submitted to all board members prior to the meeting. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept the 9/11/24 minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-119 carried**

Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept the 10/03/24 minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-120 carried**

Treasurers report was read.

Budget Amendments: 2 Budget amendments were submitted for approval.

Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by A Kennedy to transfer \$1500 from Airport Contingency to Professional Services for the skylink subscription for the JD. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-121 carried**

Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by T Wybranowski to move \$2,372.62 from General Fund Contingency to the following zoning categories: \$2,100.00 to Zoning Salary, \$88.37 to zoning Medicare/SS, \$184.25 to zoning transportation. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-122 carried**

Motion was made by K Viers, 2nd by T Wybranowski to pay the bills as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-123 carried**

Department Reports:

Airport: Things have slowed up some. Runway refurbishing work is moving forward. We are pretty much ready for winter and looking at some maintenance work on summer equipment.

Fire: It has been quiet. Just met with a rep from R&R here and fit Chad and Megan for turnout gear. It was a good meeting and some additional information was shared about some possible grants.

Marina: No report. Last month we approved the purchase of LED lights for the flag pole, but we didn't have an estimate on the installation yet. A proposal was submitted by Straits Electric for installation in the amount of \$1,676.50. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by T Wybranowski to accept and contact Straits. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-124 carried**

Law: No report.

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Cemetery: A request was submitted to sell back burial rights. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by K Viers to approve the sell back of burial rights for Jim & Betty Hutchinson for the \$100 originally paid. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-124 carried**

Parks and Rec: Just generally following up with on going plans. There is an approval of preliminary plans for Nichols Point Park farther down on the agenda.

Planning: Met last week. Continuing zoning reviews and there is a Public Hearing scheduled for 10/22 on the land use request for the school.

Transfer Station: Slow. Everything is good. Probably going to have to delay the concrete work until next year. Cut off for large items will be Nov 15th in anticipation of the last pick-up for the year.

Zoning: Applications are slowing some. We received 2 new ones yesterday. The new ArcGIS is on line and Damien is familiarizing himself with its usage. It will be a great tool to assist planning, zoning and many areas of the township.

Maintenance: no report

Health Committee: no report

Old Business:

RE-zoning application Liedel: An application to rezone parcel 001-034-015-60 to Commercial 2 was submitted to the planning commission in April of 2024. On 6/27/24 there was a public hearing on the request and on 7/24/24 the PC voted to recommend to the board that the zoning request be denied. Notification has to go to Mackinac County Planning prior to the township board's final decision. Mackinac County has to be given 30 days to respond. The Bois Blanc Township review was tabled in September to await a full board. Prior to this evening's board meeting a variety of documents were supplied to each board member including: a download of all current commercial property on BBI with a corresponding map of their locations, the planning commission's summary and final recommendation supplied by the zoning administrator, a summary of all letters received by the planning commission and the minutes from the 6/27/24 public hearing, a letter from the township attorney regarding regular rezoning vs conditional rezoning, and additional letters and petitions received since the planning commission meeting in July. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by A Kennedy to open for discussion the rezoning request. There was great discussion among board members and those in attendance. A summary was given of the PC determinations and a review of topics of concern pointed to in letters were addressed. Motion was made by A Kennedy, 2nd by D Akright to grant the rezone requested from residential to commercial 2. Roll Call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, D Akright Nays: T Wybranowski, B Sharpe, K Viers **Motion 2024-125 Request to Rezone was denied.**

*It should be noted that there is great appreciation for those serving on the Planning Commission and desire to do what is best for the Township as a whole as well as Jeff Liedel's willingness and cooperation to utilize the system that is in place within our zoning rules and regulations for review further set the determination of land use. All showed a great respect for the process. There were many in the meeting that supported both sides of the issue and all construction discussion was appreciated.

Public Comment:

- Jim Blamer suggested that we might want to make a deal with the DNR for some land to be a light industrial park where storage units could be put in as the Wildlife Assoc also needs a place to store feed.
- Jim Blamer had questions about the parking at the Marina and wasn't happy about his 2nd parking place costing \$100 rather than \$60.

New Business:

- Request for burial rights was submitted for Bob & Martha Stowe. Motion was made by D Akright, 2nd by K Viers to approve burial rights for Block 7, Lot D, plots 4&5. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none **Motion 2024-126 carried**

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- Parks & Rec preliminary plan for Nichols Point Park was submitted to the board for input and their approval to submit to the Planning Commission. Noted was the need to move the “parking area” out of the County road right of way. Motion was made by T Wybranowski, 2nd by K Viers to send the overlay to Planning Commission for input/review. Roll call vote: Ayes: A Kennedy, B Sharpe, D Akright, T Wybranowski, K Viers Nays: none
Motion 2024-127 carried
- Dale Quattrin had questions regarding the overall funds the township currently has and the millage request currently on the ballot. Clerk will provide for him a copy of the overall budget for the township so he has a better idea of where his tax dollars are budgeted to be spent. An explanation of how the request for Parks & Rec millage came about and what in general the funds would be for was given. Dale asked how much it cost to put a proposal on the ballot. Actually, the only cost is the legal fees required to have the wording prepared to meet all necessary laws. As long as the proposal goes before the people during a normal election year and is not a “special election”, there are no additional charges that the township does not already have to incur.

Correspondence and Meetings:

- A letter was received from Mackinac County Road Commission regarding some changes that may affect our match program for road work.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk