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**BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Feb 12, 2025**  
**Bois Blanc Township Hall**

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm Supervisor Brent Sharpe

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Diane Akright, Brent Sharpe, Sue Winters, Megan Hawver-Vallance Absent: Tom Wybranowski,

Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Hawver-Vallance to accept the 01/08/25 regular minutes as submitted.

Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-007 carried**

Treasurers report was read by M Hawver-Vallance.

**Budget Amendments: (3 submitted)**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Winters to moved \$4,424.00 from General Contingency to Planning Prof Service.

Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-008 carried**

Motion was made by M Hawver-Vallance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Winters to moved \$384.00 from streets/project costs to Zoning

wages. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-009 carried**

Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Hawver-Vallance to moved \$53.83 from Cemetery transportation to ZBA wages

& mc/ss. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-010 carried**

Motion was made by S Winters, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Akright to pay the bills as submitted. . Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B

Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-011 carried**

**Department Reports:**

**Airport:** No issues.

**Fire:** It has been quiet. Winter attendance is lower. A lot of people have been off island. Brandon talked to SOVA about replacing the Fire Dept. exterior light with LED. Estimates about \$300. Do we need to bid this? (Not necessary for that kind of cost.)

**Marina:** No report

**Law:** No report

**Cemetery:** Request to purchase burial rights was presented for Jeffery Gerds Trust (Jeff Gerds – property owner on BBI).

Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Winters to approve burial rights in Block 9, Lot D Plots 1-4. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-012 carried**

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Missy working on correspondence to go out to owners of burial rights to notify them of the ordinance changes (2023) and giving them the opportunity to sell back plots if they are no longer wanted. Would also like to get things ready for Grainger to survey and help with an extension layout in the spring.

**Parks and Rec:** Have not met yet this winter, but chairperson is planning to be here for budget workshops at the end of the month.

**Planning:** Planning met the end of January with the consultant. He has provided a copy of proposed changes to update our zoning and make sure it is in line with the master plan and any changes to Michigan laws. We will be meeting twice a month as we work through this and other items. The consultant helped us with many questions regarding STR's. (short term rentals)

**Transfer Station:** Everything is good.

**Zoning:** Resignation of Damien Nelson from the position of Zoning Administrator was received. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Megan Hawver-Vallance. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-013 carried (A new posting will be created and put on website)**

**Maintenance:** Nothing

**Health Committee:** Nothing

## **Old Business:**

- MTA training packages: Last month a variety of options were discussed for on going training for all board/committee members of the township. An e-mail was sent to township board members looking at the bulk training packages from MTA. Possible budget dollars to help cover the costs were also reviewed. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Hawver-Vallance to purchase the Essentials Plus package for \$1000 and start putting together a training schedule. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-014 carried**
- MTA conference registration was reviewed. We have 5 people attending this year.
- Letter of Interest was received from John Maynard regarding the final opening on the ZBA. Motion was made by D Akright, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Hawver-Vallance to appoint John Maynard as alternate on ZBA. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-015 carried**

**Public Comment:** Clover asked if they could see a copy of Damien's resignation letter. (A copy was provided) There was much discussion about the resignation and current opening.

## **New Business:**

- A request was received from the BBI Wildlife Assoc. for approval to obtain a charitable gaming license for a raffle. Motion was made by M Hawver-Vallance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S Winters to approve. Roll call vote: Ayes: S Winters, B Sharpe, D Akright, M Hawver-Vallance Nays: none Absent: T Wybranowski, **Motion 2025-016 carried**
- New proposed rates for Plaunt Transportation were just received via Supervisor B Sharpe before this meeting. A copy was distributed to the board members. Clerk Akright will plug these numbers into the spreadsheet utilized for rate increase/comparisons and re-distribute to the board. We will add it to the agenda for the Budget workshop on 2/25/25.

**Correspondence & Meetings:** A letter from EUP Regional Planning regarding housing readiness was distributed to the township board and Planning Commission members.

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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 5:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M Akright , Bois Blanc Township Clerk