

**MINUTES FOR THE BOIS BLANC TOWNSHIP
HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2024 (UNAPPROVED)**

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Don Balbaugh, Carl Miller, Scott Anton, Chris Suchner, Tom Wybranowski, Steve Barnum...ABSENT: Brent Canup

AUDIENCE: Attorney, Cliff Bloom, Ryan McLaren, Jay Buegly

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2024 MINUTES....Motion by Don Balbaugh, 2nd Carl Miller.....All present AYE

HARBORMASTER REPORT: Jay Buegly (see attached report)

FINANCE: Tom Wybranowski \$Beginning Fund Balance, \$407,791.06 and the ending balance \$406,850.79

RIVER DEVELOPMENT: Brent Canup no report.

NEW BUSINESS: Received quote from Straits Electric for \$1676.50. (The quote was approved by the BBI Township Board at their October 16th meeting.)

There was a discussion on Transient Slips, cost, ratio of Transient to those leased, is the harbor included in the BBIP&R 5 Year Plan, or do they need their own 5 year plan as one is needed to apply for grants. Cliff said that he did a draft for a 5 year plan (look for an e-mail I sent on October 17th to all the members on Cliff's draft)

Jay B. suggested to look at Bouys for boats to tie off as we are short on finger piers. There was some discussion on the cost of delivery of packages via Fedex, UPS and now Amazon, as they may have a distribution center in Gaylord.

There being no further business, motion by Carl Miller to adjourn at 9:55, 2nd by Don Balbaugh, all in favor AYE

Respectfully submitted, Tom Wybranowski

Harbormaster update

October 12, 2024

Slips

- No Update to transient slip totals, 2024 is at \$4,051
- Seasonal slip holders pointed out that their contract for slips is rated at harbor open to close, May 1st to October 15th. It makes a lot of sense that transient slip users should be required to pay during those time periods too.

Conferences and Summits

- Attended the Great Lakes Island Alliance meeting - September 22-25
 - Compiling notes still
 - Learned a lot about how other harbors (Cederville, Hessel, Detour, ...)
- Michigan Harbormaster Summit – October 7-8
 - Information on harbor construction and operations
 - I gained contact info for multiple harbormasters
 - DNR reservation system might be adaptable to our harbor, and would provide a way for people to pay online
 - Learned about waterways grants and their harbor development projects
 - Possible electronic parking kiosk that prints receipts to be displayed in windows so we have time stamps of when cars are parked??

Maintenance

- Island Marina
 - Welder
 - repaired bent posts
 - Replaced ferry ramp pin
 - Wasn't able to build an auxiliary hinge for floating dock because we couldn't attach a nut or bolt from backside. The cause of the break was that the hinge was locked up and wouldn't move. He freed the hinge and reattached with the assumption that the pressure on the welded galvanized would be okay since it broke due to frozen hinge and not normal stresses.
 - 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.
- Flag
 - Needs replaced, I plan to retire it on Oct 15th (harbor "close" date)
 - Linda Wells offered to take our old flags and sew up 1 good one so that we have a back up in the future. I will check the cost of a new one to see if its worth hours of her labor.
- Thompson Lake Dock – no update