

**JANUARY 17, 2017
JOINT BOARD AND
COMMISSION MEETING**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT BOARD AND BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT CITY HALL, 364 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2017 AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tom Neidhamer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne, Commissioners Hugh Conklin, Laura Sansom and Ron Grunch

Staff: Mark Fowler, Andy Kovolski, Scott McPherson, Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Jeff Gaither, Kevin Spate and Barb Brooks

Others: There were 7 citizens in attendance,

Review of City Goals

City Manager Cain and Mayor Neidhamer welcomed those in attendance. The goals set in 2016 were discussed. Housing Diversity/Economic Development/Parks and Recreation Programs were the three goals determined following a goal setting session and subsequent surveys.

Election Commission

Clerk / Treasurer Cindy Grice discussed the roll of the 3 members of the election commission. They meet prior to each election to approve that election's inspectors. There were 4 elections in 2016. 1,971 ballots were cast in the November general election.

**Economic Development
Corporation / Local
Development Finance
Authority**

Ralph Gillete said there was an ownership change in 2016 where a long vacant building was purchased. The TIF plan is expiring for the LDFA and the renewal is in process. Businesses in the park are concerned with workforce housing.

**Compensation
Commission**

Cindy Grice spoke for this Commissioner. They meet every odd numbered year to discuss and recommend possible changes to the City Commissioner's annual compensation. In 2015, the board chose to keep the compensation the same as the 2013 levels, which were increased for the first time since 2001. All members of the Compensation Commissioner expressed gratitude to the Commissioner's for their hard work and all agree that the compensation is not nearly enough for what they do. There is currently a vacancy on the board.

**Historical District
Commission**

Jeff Wellman said their board discusses the exteriors of properties in their district which is on Pearl Street. The most current project is 417 Boyne Avenue that has been completed and now occupied.

Historic Commission

Commissioner Laura Sansom discussed the board is currently working on the new museum space in the new facility. There has been a group visiting other museums throughout northern Michigan. They are also working on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 1917 LaFrance fire truck.

**Boyne City Housing
Commission**

Housing Director Jane MacKenzie discussed the units they have available at Litzenburger Place, Deer Meadows and other housing throughout the community. They are currently working on getting 7 acres rezoned for future development.

City Manager Cain spoke for the Main Street Board. The new director will be arriving and will start on January 20th. Main Street is rolling out the Main Street Refresh program. We are a master level Main Street Community Building. The Boyne Thunder event is bigger and better than ever. There is not enough marina capacity and the Boyne Thunder committee has pledged to work with the marina to add dockage space to provide dockage space for 10 boats.

Main Street Board

Boyne Area Chamber Director Ashley Cousens said at their next meeting, there will be a representative from Stiggs Brewing along with Jane MacKenzie from the Housing Commission.

Team Boyne /

Mike Sheean said 2016 was a busy year. Prospects of purchasing the Open Space, completing the Boyne on the Water master plan, re-establishing the Play Ground in Veterans Park, plans for the new Pavilion, working with Main Street and Trail Town for a plan for new trails into Boyne City from Charlevoix and Boyne Falls, working with TOMMBA as they develop Bike Trails, working with the airport board to develop a trailhead, developed a new entry to Avalanche from Division Street, working with the Friends of Avalanche to add new signage and working with Boyne Valley Township to develop the Boyne Valley trailway were the major projects along with soliciting and securing several grants to assist in these projects.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Planning Director Scott McPherson discussed the board is looking at square footage of houses and group day care standards within the ordinances. Medical marijuana is also being looked at again.

Planning Commission

Scott McPherson this board is charged with the review and interpretation of the ordinance.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Bouters said there is currently a vacancy on this board. There are 33 hangars and they are hearing that there are people interested in building more hangars. The courtesy car is well used and received. The Master Pilot award will be given to Leon Jarema who has logged 54 years and 16,000 hours of flying. Guidelines were adopted for model airplanes and unmanned aircraft. The runway lines and numbers were recently repainted.

Airport Advisory Board

Oral Sutliff spoke for this board. There are three members who convene every March to hear citizen's appeals on their property values.

Board of Review

Library Director Cliff Carey said the library is open 64 hours per week. 7,300 people were served. 4 townships are covered along with the City. There are 55,000 books in their collection with access to 14,000 items. They have a Business Recourse center, community rooms, 175 children's programs and a 3D printer. There were 80,000 visits last year. The library is looking to add more space.

Boyne District Library

City Commissioners

Mayor Tom Neidhamer said we are at 22 projects this year. Collectively, this is a reflection that we are not sitting still and are still raising the bar. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said this been a busy year and thanked everyone for keeping Boyne City moving forward.

Boyne City Public Schools

Superintendent Patrick Little said there are two new board members this year. They are working to develop new strategic plans. Marking Boyne City and schools work hand in hand. He is proud of the progress staff makes with students and the progress the students themselves make. They are seeing college acceptance letters trickle in. They are also looking to grow vocation programs. 1,388 K-12 students are currently enrolled.

Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce

Director Ashley Cousens said the board has set their new goals. She is excited to work with the approximately 365 members. The new website was launched in the fall. They are always looking for volunteers. Board President Mike Doumanian said they are really lucky to have Ashley. She is a great addition to the tea. It should be an exciting year.

Staff Comments

Assistant Police Chief Kevin Spate discussed the core values of the department. They are discussed at every department meeting. Programs for their department include Cops and Donuts at the High School, Coffee with a Cop, safety in the library, day officers have lunch and recess with students. There have been tabletop drills with the schools. We have a new bike and officer trained, thru donations. The training we have had has been implemented. Mcoles is now being tasked with how to foster better communications with communities. There is a statewide survey addressing this and is currently available.

Harbormaster Barb Brooks said we are looking at funding improvements to the marina. We have engaged with an engineering firm for the first phase of the expansion. We are still investigating floating wave attenuators.

Planning Director Scott McPherson said zoning permits were up over the previous year, with more single family dwellings. There were two hearings for depilated houses.

Water/Wastewater Director Mark Fowler said we are now accepting sewer from Sommerset. Gary Dunlop is retiring in March. Mark has recently been appointed by Governor Snyder to the Public Health Advisory Committee.

Clerk / Treasurer Cindy Grice said we have a new team member, Jane Halstead who has hit the ground running. We are preparing for a very exciting time with our move to the new facilities this summer. The City has applied for an award for financial reporting thanks to the assistance of all departments as well as information from the Boyne City Schools and Boyne District Library.

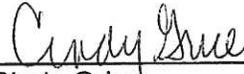
ADJOURNMENT

City Manager Cain said we continue to see the value of partnerships and relationships with the School, Library and other organizations.

Moved by Mayor Neidhamer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Towne to adjourn the Joint Board and City Commission meeting of January 17, 2017 at 8:51 p.m.



Tom Neidhamer
Mayor



Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer