

**FEBRUARY 13, 2014
JOINT BOARD AND
COMMISSION MEETING**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT BOARD AND
BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT
BOYNE CITY HALL, 319 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 13, 2014 AT 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Mayor Ron Grunch, Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne, Commissioners Derek Gaylord (arrived at 6:46 p.m.), Laura Sansom and Tom Neidhamer

Staff: Michael Cain, Cindy Grice, Michele Hewitt, Jeff Gaither, Andy Kovolski, Hugh Conklin, Barb Brooks and Scott McPherson

Others: There were 15 citizens in attendance,

**PETER MOSS, BOYNE
CITY SCHOOLS**

Peter Moss, Boyne City Schools Superintendent discussed the progress the board and the schools have made and upcoming projects. Highlights include the protective wall at the south end of the football field will soon be a reality; buzz-in systems have been installed for safety; new evaluation systems are in place; continuing to provide resources necessary for technology; stressing student achievement; continually improving communication with parents. They are also looking at updating their website. They are currently looking at a partnership with NCMC for a program to provide students with an associates degree before they finish high school.

The Safe Routes to School program is also being looked at working with the City.

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

City Manager Cain said the EDC / LDFA boards had a productive year. Top items include relocating Classic Instruments to a new location, and the addition to their facility doubled their size. There is continued growth at Lexamar and Precision Edge. There are ongoing concerns with Kirtland.

Election Commission

Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Grice discussed the roll of the election commission and it's membership.

**Historical District
Commission**

Michele Hewitt discussed the board and membership. Very little activity this past year. The board meets three times per year or if applications make it necessary. 411 Pearl Street had improvements this year They are looking for future plans for the 417 Boyne Avenue buiding.

Historic Commission

Michele Hewitt stated this commission oversees the museum operations. There are currently two vacancies on the board. The board maintains and controls artifacts, work with visiting students and family reunions. There are new individuals volunteering to do data entry of the museum artifacts. Digital frames have been donated to place in other locations to encourage visits to the museum. The board is also discussing celebrating the upcoming anniversary of the 1917 LaFrance fire truck

Jane MacKenzie said the Housing Commission just completed their REAC inspection and received 96 of 100 possible points. All findings from the HUD audit have been cleared and all items on the action plan are cleared. The Housing Commission runs three separate businesses; Dear meadows, low rent housing (including Litzenburger), and vouchers.

Housing Commission

Main Street Program Director Hugh Conklin discussed the 10th anniversary Main Street celebrated this past summer. May 18 – 20, 2014 is the National Main Street conference in Detroit. We have applied again for the Michigan Main Street award. The theater project is on hold now, but it is high on the State's radar. The Dilworth was purchased and a grant package and plans are being put together to come up with a sustainable plan. Four new bike racks are going up this spring. Bob Carlile has retired from the board and Ben VanDam has been added. Food truck discussions are upcoming.

Main Street Board

Jim Baumann, who is also the Chamber Director said Team Boyne is one of four Main Street main committees – the economic restructuring community. The group invites new businesses and possible new businesses to attend their meeting. The team interviews businesses. Hugh Conklin added that businesses are appreciative how everyone helps them succeed.

Team Boyne

Mike Sheean said the board consists of 8 citizen members who are custodians of the jewels of the city, the parks. They interface with people in the community working with user groups of the parks. They recently set up a committee to work with trail towns and a dog park and are now looking at a five year plan. He encouraged people to go to Avalanche this time of year. Enjoy the sledding, ice rink and décor.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Planning Director Scott McPherson said they are looking forward to the Redevelopment Ready Community project and are awaiting the assessment. Background info is now being assembled for the master plan update. Several plans were reviewed this past year.

Planning Commission

John McClorey said the board has five members. Due to the good work of Scott and Annie, the board hardly met this year. They met two to three times with no more than 2 applicants per hearing.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Bouters said the GPS has been in place the past year and a half. The board gets good feedback regarding the fuel. The fueling honor system works well. In July, an aviation open house was held during the Boyne Thunder event, which included a Young Eagles event that day. Time and flights were donated. Booths were available. Richard has been certified as an assistant airport manager. An agreement was made with the marina to store boat trailers at the airport for a fee. The board is currently working on a future capital improvement master plan. They would like to add weather reporting and are researching the addition of jet fuel. Richard also thanked Andy Kovolski and crew for keeping the airport clean. They have done a great job.

Airport Advisory Board

Oral Sutliff discussed the upcoming CPI rate for 2014 which is 1.6%. John Talboys retired from the board this year. The City Commission approved Bob Carlile as their new member. John's service on the board will be greatly missed.

Board of Review

**Boyne District Library
Board**

Susan Conklin of the Boyne District Library discussed the Geek the Library campaign that will be ending soon. Mayor Grunch signed the Geek the Library Proclamation. It has been a great campaign. The community room is well used, and sometimes another spot is needed. Staff is arranging the young adult area to make it more useful. Furniture will also be reconfigured to make it more useful. A subcommittee is now planning on what to do with the "red building" the library owns. The Library recently received the Boyne Area Chamber Community Pride Award. They are also promoting technology via ebooks.

**Compensation
Commission**

Clerk/Treasurer Grice provided a brief summary of the charter statute requirements of this board. This board recommends the elected commissioners compensation. This past year, the board met and recommended approval of an increase in the Mayor's compensation from \$2,800 per year to \$3,000 per year, and the commissioner's compensation from \$2,300 per year to \$2,500 per year.

Boyne City Commission

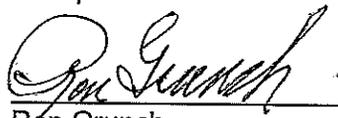
Mayor Pro-Tem Towne thanked the volunteers. We've had a great year and are looking forward to a better year. Commissioner Gaylord thanked everyone. That's what makes a community function. There are always different voices and opinions at every level and he has the citizen's best interests. Commissioner Neidhamer said he is very appreciative of the contributions. Commissioner Sansom said she agrees. Its an exciting time in Boyne City. There can't be enough good said about the hard work people do. It's nice to gather and hear what everyone else is doing.

**Presentation of Goals
Survey**

Barb Brooks presented attendees with results of the Goal Setting session and the survey results.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Towne to adjourn the Joint Board and City Commission meeting of February 13, 2014 at 8:13 p.m.



Ron Grunch
Mayor



Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer