

**OCTOBER 30, 2017  
SPECIAL MEETING**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 319 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2017

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Neidhamer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: None

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Scott McPherson, Mark Fowler, Kevin Spate, Deb Chavez

Others: There were ten citizens in attendance including a representative from the Petoskey News Review.

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**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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**West Michigan Water Extension Special Assessment Public Hearing**

Consideration to create a special assessment district for the development of the proposed West Michigan and Woodland Street Water System Extension and based on the input received determine to make the improvements and adopt a resolution as recommended or as modified by the City Commission

Mayor Neidhamer opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

City Manager Cain discussed the process to develop the proposed special assessment district. This is being done in response to the petition filed requesting a special assessment district to be created to pay for the development and installation of a water main, hydrants and related items to service properties on West Michigan and Woodland. At this time, we would also like to incorporate comments from the minutes of October 17, 2017 as part of tonight's record. We also received a phone call from John Herzog who opposed the proposed extension.

Citizens Comments: Danielle Miner asked where the notice to 520 W. Michigan went. Their property line is 6' from the edge, not 10. Also, why weren't people across the street included? Is there any way to get out of the district? The answer to that is no, there is not a legal basis to do so.

Walt Coyle questioned a corner parcel but it is not a buildable lot, so it's not included.

Dick Sarchet asked if Mr. Davis's lots are included and was informed yes. He added that he and his wife are in favor. It will be an asset if they sell their property. He thinks people who buy it would expect to have water service there. He is also in favor of the hydrants. He also stated that the water fund should be built up to do projects like this. All the money is going into the general fund.

Betty Sarchet said she thinks the equal shares is the most equitable way to go.

George Ellwanger said he and his wife are in favor of the proposal.

Bill Stanley asked if anyone in the township has contacted the City to be included. City Manager Cain said we have been in contact with the township supervisor and they are not interested.

Mayor Neidhamer closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Board Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said he is okay with moving forward. Commissioner Sansom said she feels there is enough individuals and property owners in favor of this. Commissioner Conklin asked how long for the design to be ready. Engineer Larry Fox said it should be about 3 months and ready by late Spring 2018. Commissioner Conklin also added that it's addressing the poor water quality, a health issue, fire safety, and will be good for the area to have quality water. Commissioner Grunch said he supports the proposal. Clean and good water is paramount to quality of life. Mayor Neidhamer agrees with all comments and added that we have the ability to provide it.

**MOTION**

2017-10-101  
Moved by Conklin  
Second by Sansom

To approve to create a special assessment district for the development of the proposed West Michigan and Woodland Street Water System Extension based on the criteria of the City Manager's memo of October 13, 2017 to include the 7 points items; 1) Residents report failing wells, poor water quality and desire for improved fire-fighting resources as demonstrating the need for the proposed improvements; (2)The installation of water mains and hydrants on West Michigan, Bay and Woodland Streets as shown on the provided map and generally quantified in the information provided by consulting engineer C2AE on page 5; (3) The special assessment district limits shall be designated as the properties within the red hashed lines on the map provided on page 4; (4) The lands affected shall be the lots within the special assessment district limits; (5) The project will be paid for 100% by the land especially benefitted; (6) The assessment shall be covered by twenty (20) annual installments at an interest rate of four (4) percent and (7) The City Manager shall prepare plans, profiles and specifications for the work to be done.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**Good of the Order**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Grunch to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, October 30, 2017 at 7:36 p.m.

  
Tom Neidhamer  
Mayor

  
Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer

**NOVEMBER 14, 2017  
REGULAR MEETING**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Neidhamer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Mayor Pro-Tem Gene Towne and Commissioners Laura Sansom, Hugh Conklin and Ron Grunch, Commissioner Elect Dean Solomon and Commissioner Elect Sally Page

Absent: None

Staff: Jeff Gaither, Kevin Spate, Mark Fowler, Kelsie King-Duff, Barb Brooks, Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Craig Remsberg and John Lamont

Others: There were seven citizens in attendance including a representative from the Boyne Gazette.

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**COMMISSIONER  
COMMENTS**

Outgoing Commissioner Sansom congratulated the two new Commissioner elects, along with incumbent Commissioner on winning the election last week. She also thanked the entire commission. It has been an enjoyable and valuable experience. She offered special thanks to City Manager Michael Cain and all other department heads. We've accomplished a great many things these last years and she will miss serving.

Outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Towne thanked the Commissioners and also congratulated the new Commissioner. It has been a learning experience and he agreed with Commissioner Sansom's comments.

Commissioner Elect Sally Page said she is honored to be able to serve. Commissioner Elect Dean Solomon said it is an honor to be here and serve in Boyne City. He is looking forward to working with Mike and City staff.

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**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Commissioner Conklin said that he appreciates the work and commitment of Mayor Tom Neidhamer the past two years. He has done a tremendous job of representing Boyne City. He has approached his duties as Mayor with professionalism and enthusiasm for the community he serves. He has also been outstanding serving as chair of the City Commission meetings, allowing everyone who wants to address the Commission the opportunity to do so and treats everyone with courtesy and respect. Commissioner Conklin added that we could do no better than to have Mayor Neidhamer represent the City of Boyne City two more years and that he enthusiastically moved that Tom Neidhamer be nominated to serve as Mayor of Boyne City.

There were no further nominations.

**MOTION**

2017-11-102  
Moved by Conklin  
Second by Grunch

To approve the nomination of Tom Neidhamer as Mayor of the City of Boyne City.

Ayes: 5  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 0  
 Motion carried

**ELECTION OF MAYOR  
 PRO-TEM**

Mayor Tom Neidhamer nominated Commissioner Grunch to be Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Boyne City in honor of his 18 years of experience and commitment to the City, also to the commitment for four more years.

**MOTION**

2017-11-103  
 Moved by Conklin  
 Second by Neidhamer

To approve the nomination of Ron Grunch as Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Boyne City.

Ayes: 5  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 0  
 Motion carried

**CONSENT AGENDA  
 MOTION**

2017-11-104  
 Moved by Conklin  
 Second by Grunch

Approved of the October 24, 2017 regular City Commission meeting minutes as presented  
 Approved of the October 30, 2017 special City Commission meeting minutes as presented  
 Approved of the recommendation from the Airport Advisory Board to re-appoint Richard Bouters to the Airport Advisory Board for a three year term expiring August 24, 2020.  
 Approved of the recommendation from the Airport Advisory Board to re-appoint Brian Harrington to the Airport Advisory Board for a three year term expiring August 24, 2020

Ayes: 5  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 0  
 Motion carried

**CERTIFICATES OF  
 APPRECIATION**

Mayor Neidhamer presented former Commissioners Laura Sansom and Gene Towne certificates of appreciation for their dedication and service to the City of Boyne City, serving as City Commissioner

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs regarding a request for the completion of an electronic survey was received and filed.

Mayor Neidhamer presented correspondence from Mr. Gerard Meade inviting him to the Boyne Valley in County Meath, Ireland. Mr. Meade recently had a visitor from Michigan who suggested that he contact the mayor of Boyne City. Mr. Meade invited a delegation from Boyne City to visit Ireland during a

festival celebrating the River Boyne and its historical and cultural attributes. The festival is August 26, 2018. This correspondence was received and filed.

## **CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- The Police Department has received their new body cameras
- The pavilion project continues to move along.
- Two indoor Farmer's Markets have been held and are doing well in this building
- The Ice Pole will be installed this week.
- The Ironton Ferry will be parked at the main boat launch this winter for routine maintenance access

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

Draft Minutes of the October 3, 3017 Main Street Board meeting; the October 5, 2017 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting; the October 12, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting; the October 16, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting and the October 26, 2017 Airport Advisory Board Meeting were received and filed.

## **2018 City Commission Meeting Schedule**

Consideration to approve the 2018 City Commission meeting schedule as presented with all meetings to be held at Boyne City Hall, 319 North Lake Street.

Clerk / Treasurer Grice presented the 2018 Schedule to the Commissioners.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in favor.

## **MOTION**

2017-11-105  
Moved by Grunch  
Second by Conklin

To approve the 2018 City Commission meeting schedule as presented with all meetings to be held at Boyne City Hall, 319 North Lake Street.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

## **Special Meeting Schedule Additions**

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Consideration to authorize the City Manager to hire Caroline Kennedy of Elk Rapids to conduct our City Commission orientation at a cost of \$500 at a special work session on Friday, December 15, 2017 with lunch provided at noon and the program starting at 12:30 p.m.

City Manager Cain discussed four possible meeting additions. The first would be a City Commission Training / Orientation session. It is recommended to have Caroline Kennedy, formerly with MML, to conduct the training at a cost of \$500 for an afternoon. Also discussed was a Joint Board & Commission meeting, the Community Goal Setting meeting and the Countywide Leader's Summit.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All Commissioners agree on the Commissioner Orientation / Training session with Ms. Kennedy. Commissioner Conklin inquired if there could be more of a focus in the Joint Board & Commission meeting on something other than the accomplishments and plans. The Community Goal setting was also discussed. Is it possible to look at other types of processes? City Manager Cain will be bringing further information on the Goal Setting and Joint Board & Commission meetings back to the Commissioners at a meeting in the near future for discussion.

**City Commission  
Orientation / Training**

2017-11-106  
Moved by Grunch  
Second by Page

To authorize the City Manager to hire Caroline Kennedy of Elk Rapids to conduct our City Commission orientation at a cost of \$500 at a special work session on Friday, December 15, 2017 with lunch provided at noon and the program starting at 12:30 p.m.

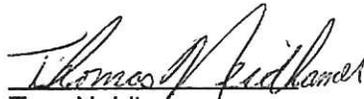
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

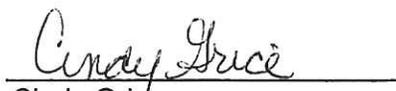
**Good of the Order**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Conklin to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:12 p.m.

  
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Tom Neidhamer  
Mayor

  
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Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer