

**MAY 13, 2014  
REGULAR 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 MAY 13, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ron Grunch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Staff: Michael Cain, Cindy Grice, Scott McPherson, Jeff Gaither, Barb Brooks, Dan Meads, John Lamont, Kyle Smith, Kevin Spate, Annie Doyle, Andy Kovolski and Hugh Conklin

Others: There were 49 citizens in attendance including representatives from the Petoskey News Review, Charlevoix County News and Boyne Gazette

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION**

2014-05 061  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Sansom

2014-05 061A  
Approval of the April 22, 2014 City Regular City Commission meeting minutes as presented

2014-05 061B  
Approved City Manager Michael Cain to sign the necessary documentation to accept the Charlevoix County Community Foundation grant for the SOBO Arts Festival

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Gene Barfield presented to and requested the City Commission approve a resolution in support of the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the National Anthem. City Manager Cain said he has read the proposed resolution and would recommend approval.

2014-05 062  
Moved by Sansom  
Second by Gaylord

To adopt a resolution of support of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Anthem and create and adopt a appropriate version of the resolution for the City of Boyne City

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

John Mccahan said he is happy to hear that the City is now putting together a noise ordinance. He now sees two for-sale signs on the Thirsty Goat and Movie Theater and would like to see the City or Main Street buy the Theater. He would be opposed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor being leased back to bar owners, etc.

Par Kujawski provided the Commission with information regarding groundwater from Division Street on her property on Earl Street.

Ron Crozier discussed the Memorial Day Schedule.

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Chip Hansen from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation presented a check for \$4,900 of which \$1,900 is for the SOBO Arts Festival Big Band, and \$3,000 for the Dog Park from the IMI Community Fund.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Grunch proclaimed May 11 – 17, 2017 as National Emergency Medical Service Week, National Police Week and National Public Works Week.

Police Chief Jeff Gaither presented a Certificate honoring Police Officer Kyle Smith for his assistance to a mother delivering a baby in an emergency situation. Mother and infant are doing very well.

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City Manager Cain reported:

#### CITY MANAGERS REPORT

- Happy New Fiscal Year
- Construction began last week on the One Water project.
- Work has begun on the first phase of Division and Pleasant streets.
- Advertisement for the position of Main Street Director has begun. Applications are due on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- The last day for the Army Corp to accept comments on the marina expansion is today
- The marina is scheduled to open May 15
- The Mushroom festival is this coming weekend.

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Draft Minutes of the April 3, 2014 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting; the April 10, 2014 Main Street Board Meeting; the April 15, 2014 Historic District Meeting; the April 21, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting and the April 23, 2014 Airport Advisory Board Meeting were received and filed.

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

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Consideration to approve Ridge Run as the name of the Dog Park located on Ridge Street, and direct staff to proceed with implementation of the proposed dog park rules after any input from the City Commission and Police Department.

#### Dog Park-Name and Implementation of Rules

DPW Superintendent Andy Kovolski presented the Commission with a request to name the Dog Park to Ridge Run Dog Park and also a list of recommended rules and regulations. The Parks and Recreation Board members unanimously supported the recommendation of the name and proposed rules.

#### Food Truck Discussion

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Scott MacKenzie said we are blessed to have the individuals who have helped.

Board Deliberation: Commissioner Sansom likes the name. Commissioner Gaylord said he does not recommend approval. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said the rules are self explanatory and he supports the recommendation. Commissioner Neidhamer said the names and rules are the natural progression. Lots of hours and people have been involved and a reflection on the community when good things can happen in a goal. He is in full approval. Mayor Grunch also supports the recommendation and thanked everyone involved.

2014-05 063

Moved by Neidhamer

Second by Towne

To approve Ridge Run as the name of the Dog Park located on Ridge Street, and direct staff to proceed with implementation of the proposed dog park rules after any input from the City Commission and Police Department.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1, Commissioner Gaylord

Absent: 0

Motion carried

## Mobile Food Vending

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Consideration that the City Commission review the proposed ordinance language and fee schedule and introduce this ordinance and set a second reading and a public hearing on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Planner Annie Doyle presented the draft ordinance language for mobile food vending in Boyne City. As a result of public comments, staff has amended the recommendations to include a 50 foot buffer zone around operating restaurants. This setback would not allow mobile food truck vendors to operate within 50 feet of the property line of an operating restaurant in the designated private property areas. A proposed fee schedule was also presented as follows: A \$25 application fee (for all applicants), an \$840 permit fee for operating on public and private locations. A \$420 permit fee for operating on private property only and \$0 permit fee if applicant owns an operating restaurant on City tax rolls.

Staff Comments: Planning Director Scott McPherson said a lot of effort, communication and listening went into this. He encourages the Commission to consider this. Hugh Conklin said the Main Street board is fully supportive of this and also appreciate the business community members that have been involved in this.

Citizens Comments: Gayle Harbaugh of Kilwins inquired how the 50' was determined. 50 feet wouldn't protect her business she is hoping that it would be 100 to 150 feet. Also, her sales went down when another like business came in 3 years ago.

Mike from Thick & Juicy said Hugh and Annie were great to work with. 93 feet gives him a safe buffer. 100 feet would still not cover Kilwins. If Mather's Ford chooses to use their lot, the 50 feet wouldn't protect the BRI. Those are 2 private parking spots the 50 feet limit wouldn't protect.

50 feet is just not enough. He added he thinks the fees were more than fair.

Brian Fround, an ice cream truck owner, said he doesn't feel like he is true competition. He can only make 150 scoops of ice cream per day and hopes this allows the ice cream people more leeway. He added he thinks there are enough ice cream sales for all of us.

Shelly Bush, a mobile ice cream vendor said the fees are a lot for a 4 month per year vendor. There's room for everyone. Maybe there can be a concession a day a week. Where would these fees go? Could they be invited by someone during Stroll the Streets. She doesn't want to be downtown, but in a park. It's a safety issue and there should be a designated area so people would know where they want to go. She just recently put \$4,000 in the business and thru depreciation has already lost money on her trailer which will depreciate every year. If you treat your customer right, they're going to go there. Maybe the Farmer's Market could extend hours. Not many people will buy hot dogs and ice cream before noon.

Jim Baumann said the Chamber has not taken a formal stand, but he thinks the proposal is a good one. There are a lot of options and he thinks two public locations are good ones.

Chris Meyer, who owns a brick and mortar business said he thinks this is a well crated proposal.

Board Deliberation: Commissioner Neidhamer inquired how the 50 vs 100 foot setback was looked at and is 100 feet too prohibitive? Annie said they looked at other communities and their setbacks and the 100 feet is definitely more so. Commissioner Neidhamer said he is in support of this; staff has brought forward a justified and fair fee schedule. Let's try 50 feet. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne asked if any consideration was given for truck size and number of them allowed and was informed only four could open on public property, no limit on private. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said he supports.

Commissioner Gaylord said he was the one who asked for the maps. This topic has been an extreme balancing act. He feels no less than a 50 foot setback, but between 50 and 100 feet. If someone wants to, they could petition and we could discuss it. He has struggled with the concept of food trucks in downtown where the restaurants are and strongly encourages 100 feet. He inquired why the Chamber hasn't taken a stand and was informed that no one vehemently objected but the board has not taken a stand. Commissioner Gaylord asked Shelly Bush if she had a back up plan. One of our businesses in town already donates money to the Little League. Where is it described in the ordinance the locations? He sees that the ordinance has gone beyond licensed vehicles allowed. His research shows most community have spots that are first come, first service. It should be clear that we are limiting spots. Language should be for a motor vehicle licensed for roads and we're looking for a self-contained mobile food truck.

Commissioner Sansom said she doesn't care for the "other device" terminology and is in favor, but in a limited way. If it doesn't affect current businesses, she would like to see 100 feet.

What about truck length? Annie said it could be considered. Commissioner Sansom said in general, it's a well stated ordinance. Commissioner Grunch said he is in support of the recommendation if be brought back for a second reading. He added that anything under a 100 foot setback could be a disadvantage to a brick and mortar business.

Commissioner Gaylord said he already knows he's going to hear that we are giving away parking with regards to Park Street and are we moving forward with language including licensed motorized vehicles only? Commissioner Neidhamer said he doesn't want to be too restrictive and doesn't have a problem with a food cart.

2014-05 064  
 Moved by Towne  
 Second by Neidhamer

To review the proposed ordinance language and fee schedule and introduce this ordinance and set a second reading and a public hearing on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ayes: 5  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 0  
 Motion carried

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Consideration that the City Commission maintains the City's current fluoridation levels of 0.7 mg/l.

#### Water Fluoridation

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Dan Meads discussed the recently raised question regarding fluoridation of the Boyne City public water system. Fluoridation is voluntary and not mandated in Michigan. On May 8, 1973 an ordinance rejecting the addition of fluoridation of the City of Boyne City's water system. In November of 1973, a ballot proposal to add fluoride to the City's water system was approved by voters. We are presently still adding fluoride and operating the water system in compliance with all current regulations. The amount of fluoride that is in our water has been consistently reported in our annual Water Quality Reports.

Fluoridation of public water systems was undertaken over a half century ago as a benefit to public health. Most of the major health and dental organizations are still strongly in support of the program. The recent availability of fluoridated toothpaste, mouthwash and other products has raised the question as to whether the public was getting too much fluoride and if this could be a potential health risk. The Center for Disease Control began a review and in 2011 issued a recommendation lowering the recommended dosage in drinking water from the 1 to 1.1 mg/l limit at that time to the present limit of 0.7 mg/l. We have a natural fluoride level of 0.35 mg/l in our north well field and with the new recommended limit, we have no problems maintaining that level. That natural fluoride level at our south well field is generally less than 0.15 mg/l. So we will always have some fluoride in our water, but if we cease supplementing the naturally

occurring fluoride, we will have what many consider a non-effective dosage for improving dental outcomes. Many communities in our area add fluoride to their water, but Petoskey, Gaylord and Kalkaska do not.

There have been strong opinions on both sides of fluoridation of the public water supplies since its beginning. Information has been collected representing both the pro- and anti-fluoride groups and from the state, federal and medical agencies involved. It is being recommended to maintain our current levels of fluoridation at 0.7 mg/l which is no change to our program at this time.

Citizens Comments: Dr. John Meyerson, Medical Director of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan and also a pediatrician said he agrees with maintaining the level of 0.7 that we currently use. We are at the right place. There are a lot of misconceptions about fluoride It's not a medication. It's a natural element or nutrient we need to some extent. It's found in ground water all over the world. Community programs adjust that level to the ideal concentration for public health. You need it at some concentration to be beneficial. Like, other things, too much is not good. There can be toxic levels. Just like a lot of vitamins you can't live without, there are toxic levels. Studies have repeatedly and consistently shown that fluoride efficiently reduces tooth decay. The Center for Disease Control says that community water fluoridation is one of the 10 greatest additional to health care. Looking at school screening data and those children who need to be referred because of tooth decay, Gaylord currently does not fluoridate and has a 28% dental referral rate in children. Mancelona does not fluoridate their water and have a 30 % referral. East Jordan and Boyne City who do fluoridate their community water have an 8% referral rate. The health department is seeing it make a difference; it's a passive public health intervention. Vitamin D is added to milk, folic acid is in flour and cereals. It's the same sort of deal. For every dollar spent on water fluoride, \$38 is saved in dental costs. He urges the commission to look at what the research says, what the benefit is. He respects those who don't want it added to their water. Dr. Meyerson added that he doesn't know of any dentist, physician or scientist organizations that don't agree to support community water fluoridation. He provided a letter of support from two doctors at Boyne Area Medical Center also supporting to continue community water fluoridation.

Dr. Tom Veryser, a public health dentist said this is his back yard and what he does. He operates 22 clinics that serve at-risk kids and their parents. It all started here in Charlevoix County. In doing so, he can appreciate the severity of the problem. We're talking about a disease and he is speaking as a person who sees the suffering children go thru and to deny them the opportunity of wellness when perhaps their parents won't or can't help is a mistake. He added that he prays the people in the decision making power will see the wisdom of the science, that in safe dosages, this is a safe product.

Mitchell Heick, said he doesn't drink fluoride, they have well water. He was taught good dental hygiene and now uses natural, no fluoride toothpaste. A lot of his information came from the internet

and he has seen studies showing the negative effects. Referring to a study done at Harvard, higher concentrations show lower IQ levels in kids. Fluoride is a neurotoxin. There's a huge difference between vitamins. Fluoride sodium leaches calcium from your bones. It is forced medication on the public. It's an industrial waste by-product causing way more detrimental effects than good effects. You shouldn't put what is proven to be a poison in public water.

Josh Grove, said he is a local business owner and said to take fluoride out of the water. If you agree fluoride is good for your teeth, common sense is to use fluoride toothpaste. Taking it out of the water is the main thing. Mr. Grove provided information from the Mosaic Company that sells what Boyne City puts in the water supply. It's a by-product of phosphate fertilizer industry. Its not natural fluoride. Primary use, it's an industrial chemical that is corrosive to the skin, eyes and mucous membranes thru direct contact. We're taking showers in this water. Causes severe irritation and burns. Mr. Grove read further information regarding the product and its adverse effects.

Scott MacKenzie said he lives in Boyne City and drinks the water. Did you know if you drink too much water, you can drown? The things Josh is talking about are in large quantity. The bottom line is its a health benefit for our community in small amounts. Anything in excess is not good. Trust the folks putting it in. Bottom line, it's good for our community and good for our health and children.

Justin Weisler said his major concern is freedom of choice. We have plenty of choices in fluoride availability. He doesn't feel like he should have to have it added in the water. How many students are in the city limits? He doesn't feel 100% of the study either way. Why have it when there are other ways to get it.

Dr. Richard Fish, a dentist, said when he moved to Boyne City, there was no fluoride. Tooth decay is literally non-existent now. He would question the study done in China. Enamel is the hardest substance in the body. The application of topical solution does prevent decay. We see high school kids who have no cavities at all. You can make a case that any amount is too much. If you're going to do away with fluoridated water, you might as well do away with mumps and measles vaccines. Here we have the greatest tool available to the community. Dr. Fish added he feels strongly about this. You pulled me out of retirement to help fight this. Please help us get this thing thru and leave it alone.

Dr. Jennifer Larson, a dentist said she commends everyone that came here on both sides of the issue. Everyone here has good intentions. We all want what's best for our families and our community so to care enough to come here is commendable. She said both sides have passion supporting their thoughts. As far as her professional opinions on the matter, a lot of the negative is flawed science. On the other hand, we have the benefits of properly conducted scientific research. She added that she read an excerpt of the Harvard study that has been referenced and it didn't adhere to research protocol that makes a study valid. She is backing up the

reputable associations like the ADA, American Medical Association, World Health Organization and others. It's not time to stop trusting them now. We have the benefit of looking at real life experience that started in Grand Rapids in 1945. We are also looking at real life study. Proper dosage so it's not a neurotoxin, is important so teeth will come in strong.

Kathy Kipapa said it's well known in the medical field that a proper diet causes us to have good teeth and good bones. Without that, just like in the middle east they have bad health. We live on processed foods. The studies don't include what people are consuming. We are one of the sickest countries in the world. We take 50% of all pharmaceuticals in the whole world. When you talk about fluoride, its common sense that when someone tells us to take a chemical, 25 percent of it remains. You are absorbing it under your tongue. It's in your water and absorbed in your feel. It's not natural at all. The chemical waste companies have decided that we can pay them to get rid of their waste. When we can have a government even in the smallest amount tell us its okay to consume. It's being dumped in the water system ground and becomes toxic. Every time you do your laundry or wash your dishes, it's slowly builds up into the ground and becomes toxic to the earth. Hitler had fluoride in his death camps in the water. It's a well known fact. Syria used sodium fluoride to kill a population. It's a chemical weapon people. She added she doesn't care what the doctors say. They have passed so many drugs, like agent orange. This is really one sided.

Brian Thurston, MDEQ District Engineer said the form at which the City purchases is 25%. The chemical as you put it into your water is very concentrated. Adding it to the water is done with precise equipment. Oversight is provided to the community. He encourages the community to continue to add fluoride.

Jinny Heick, said fluoride is more toxic than lead and slightly less than arsenic. It's an industrial waste product that saves billions of dollars per year. This is a very depressing story it goes back to the Manhattan Project. Its' the science of deceptions. She referred to "The Fluoride Deception" It is agent orange science. Aluminum creates fluorides. They had massive tons of fluoride that poisoned many people. Bringing fluoride in is a con on the American people because the government got with big business. So many people were becoming sick and so many lawsuits were looming. To this day, it benefits big business. They don't pay a penny and dump it in our water. Maybe it does reduce cavities, but let me decide. She doesn't buy it, she did her research. Her pediatrician gave her sons fluoride. Oral hygiene is what we need. It's the long term effects no one talks about. What worries her is the amount of chemicals from the big industries that are in our water, in our food. Lab studies reveal all information that was suppressed. If you want to drink it, get the pill. It's a democracy issue. It's a green tree city because trees clean the air. If you want it, take it yourself, but don't put it on us.

Rose Straebel, the oral health coordinator for the health department said fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral extracted from phosphorous rock. It's not a chemical. When she does oral exams

on these kids at age 5, 6, 7 and 8 year old kids, they aren't using the fluoride toothpaste like we think they are. They forget. They aren't doing the things they need to do. When she was a kid, she didn't brush her teeth like she should have. These kids don't do this. We're doing this for our next generation.

Hugh Conklin said he drinks city water and is a little confused, why are we even talking about this? Looking at the list of goals, he doesn't see fluoride anywhere on it. Is this an appropriate discussion? Are you comfortable as a City Commission making this decision? After listening to the science do you feel that's your role to be doing this? If we spent our time and energy on things, why don't we look at street crossings where kids are trying to get to school? There are other things we should be doing. Why don't we try to improve a swimming beach for the kids? Why are we ripping ourselves apart? We should be spending time and energy on other goals. He questions the ability to do it when there are certain people who wanted to do this before there was an opportunity for the public to get involved. He added he is completely at a loss.

Ben Hanson said they're going thru this in Traverse City. They are going thru this very discussion in Traverse City in about a month. He represents Fluoride Free in TC. He says he just can't sit here and hear doctor after doctor saying fluoride is natural. Talk about a deception. That is unconscionable. There is no excuse.

Dan Meads said regarding the IQ issue brought up, most of Europe fluoridates their water thru their salt, not their water.

City Manager Cain said he didn't know too much about fluoride before we got into this process. The information Dan gathered here has been enlightening. He supports the recommendation from Dan. We are a low and moderate income community. A lot of our residents don't have access to the high level of dental care the dentists are providing thru their facilities. All Doctors take an oath to do no harm. Dentists today are talking against their own self interest. Looking back at magazines with early pictures, he can picture what Dr. Fish is talking about. People who didn't live thru the problems, don't see the benefit. We're talking about something that many American forget about how bad things were. We now have something economical and very efficient and something we should maintain. He thinks it is a direct benefit to our community. It's good that people are having a discussion. When an opinion is taken as fact he thinks there are real problems with that. He agrees with Hugh. He thinks it's a distraction from the goals the Commission has established. The evidence provided by professionals from the surgeon general on down supports the action Boyne City has taken since the 1970s. He added he can only imagine what Thelma Behling is thinking right now, a public health nurse that worked with the children of our community and helped bring fluoride to the City of Boyne City. Give us wisdom Thelma as you're looking down on us today. This is a very important decision and in his mind, the facts speak for themselves, not the passion of the issue. This Commission has an important issue for the future and implications in regards to generations of people ahead. For those who live here year

around and the youngsters. It's an emotional one for him, he has four daughters and wants to give them every opportunity to give them a good and healthy life. Glad that Boyne City has the water system that it does and thinks depending on the decision this commission makes, it may have an implication on how people look at Boyne City.

Board Discussion: Commissioner Neidhamer said he appreciates this topic. They're not experts as Commissioners, but it does fall in their lap to make this decision. He appreciates the staff preparing the 110 pages. He googled every author and also thanked the Boyne City Gazette, citizens and local professionals. 75% of Americans have fluoridated water. 90% of Michigan residents. Listed are the American Dental Assoc, AMA, American Assoc. of Pediatrics, and many other associations including local professionals who are a very impressive support of water fluoridation. In contrast, after hours of research, the opposing organizations are few, very few. There are many articles opposed, but credentials, expertise of local, national and international. I cannot in good conscious disregard the professionalism, knowledge and expertise of local, national and Michigan experts. He read the Harvard report, watched 14 videos, but they do not hold the credentials of medicine he just mentioned. He weighs the opinion of the professionals and he is in support of maintaining the current level of fluoridation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Towne read all of the documentation. He read the pro documentation from the American Dental Association. If you ingest more, you could be at risk. What he does believe is that this should all come down to choice. If there is any chance by adding it could cause any problems, his choice would be to not have it in the water. If he chooses to use fluoride he could get it in toothpaste or mouthwash. It should all come down to choice.

Commissioner Gaylord stated that this is part of their duties of representatives of the City of Boyne City. He wanted to apologize to Commissioner Sansom for dismissing it the first time she brought it up. When it was brought up again, it was worth a look and he started to research. While they're not doctors or dentists, when we look at a topic like this he looks at his core beliefs and that its individual responsibility and freedom of choice. Regards to the topic, we can replace fluoride with everything. It's a personal choice. Yes, as Dr. Meyerson said you can go get a filtration system but it's a thousand or two thousand dollars. Those who have the financial ability can choose to invest in that if they choose to not have fluoride but has heard people say they can't afford those filters. He goes back to a matter of choice of the individuals. As Dr. Veryser can confirm, for individuals who are not financially able, his organization does provide help which is a fantastic thing and it's great that we have that. He encourages individuals who may not have the means to take advantages of those services. But it goes back to a matter of choice. Bottled water gets very expensive if you want to avoid fluoride. Of all the phone calls and correspondence he did receive, he didn't receive any calls from anyone saying to keep fluoride. It has been mentioned on both sides of the aisle of different types of fluoride. It's an element, not a vitamin. If we are adding calcium

fluoride, that may change the discussion a little bit. Nobody has disputed on either side of the aisle that it's a by-product, not naturally occurring. It's a different chemical compound than that which is naturally occurring. If there was just one report, one study on both sides of the aisle on this topic, and both had valid claims what are we left with? We're left with the old saying that if any part of the sentence is false, its all false. So if that one other study had information on potential negative effects, He added that he appreciates the comments and respects the positions and titles. Both have valid claims and are passionate about it. If the one other study presents information about potential negative health affects. Education, studies and data collection change and we see that nationwide. He looks at this as not passionate but looking at all of the information from all sources and is in agreement with Commissioner Towne that he cannot support the artificial fluoridation of our water system.

Commissioner Sansom said there is a lot of information from both sides and has also spent countless hours researching both sides. She thanked Dan for all of the information he provided. She has received some phone calls. She has a background where she has a different issue and different take on all of this. She has a chemical sensitivity, and while not being passionately as personally her, but being in that kind of state, she has done a lot of research, she has taken courses studying toxins and their effects. She has taken a lot of courses at Berkley studying toxins we put in our body. When it comes to the type of fluoride we put into our water system, it is a chemical, toxic waste hazard that we put into our body. The benefit for teeth for preventing cavities is true. Fluoride is attracted to areas of calcium in the body. It is also destructive to the bones. The whole idea of aging is not so much as getting older and deteriorating, but a buildup of toxins of all kinds we accumulate in our system. We absorb them, we breath them, come into our skin. She opposes to ingesting any toxin, even in small amounts. Believes in the freedom of choice. There are many products to get fluoride, black tea, grapes. You can't control the amount you are receiving in total, you really don't know. Dan does a great job in keeping it at the right levels. She added she respectfully disagrees with some of the information presented. We want to have our kids have healthy teeth, but at the same time she doesn't want to see any other detrimental issues on the other end. Fluoride also causes fluorosis. The United States uses 50% of all fluoride. Commissioner Sansom listed several cities who have done away with adding fluoride.

Mayor Grunch said he thinks it is a mistake to take it out of our water and is a step in the wrong directions. Those most vulnerable will suffer the most. He has done a lot of reading on this for last three – four weeks and does not want to remove it from the water system.

**MOTION**

2014-05 64  
 Moved by Sansom  
 Second by Gaylord

To cease adding fluoride the water immediately in the City of Boyne City.

Further Discussion: After the motion was made, Commissioner Neidhamer stated we are taking a step backwards and is amazed we are not listening to our professionals. It's beyond the comprehension that we think we know more than the local dental and doctor opinions. He added that with all due respect to Commissioner Sansom that a lot of the things she stated, he totally found the counter argument to. As far as choice, he thinks that Dr Fish made it perfectly clear that it needs to be chemically ingested as the body grows from infancy on up to chemically bond. You don't ingest toothpaste. He is saddened that we re possibly taking a step in the wrong direction.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 2, Mayor Grunch and Commissioner Neidhamer

Absent: 0

Motion carried

**BRIEF RECESS**

**MOTION**

2014-05 65

Moved by Grunch

Second by Towne

To take a brief recess at 9:58 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

**RECONVENE**

**MOTION**

2014-05 66

Moved by Grunch

Second by Towne

To reconvene the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

Consideration that the City Commission advise staff on which option they would like to proceed with and authorize the City Manager to sign the required documents.

**Lower Lake Street  
Storm Outfall**

Public Works Superintendent Andy Kovolski discussed the solution from C2AE for the erosion problems at the Lower Lake outfall. Two different preliminary plans were provided as solutions. The only real difference between the two proposals is the length of the pipe extension added and the amount of Rip Rap Stone required. City Manager Cain added the public will still have the opportunity to use this space. Larry Fox with C2AE discussed the proposals with the Commissioners. Either proposal will require permit applications.

Citizen Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Gaylord said it is pretty clear that something needs to be done. We have to look at the potential liability issues. He is in support to take the pipe out as far as we can. All other Commissioners support option 2.

2014-05-067

Moved by Neidhamer

Second by Gaylord

**MOTION**

To follow Option Two as presented to resolve the erosion problems at the Lower Lake Outfall.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

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Consideration that the City Commission approves the proposal with the low bidder, Tri-County Excavating for the amount of \$18,900 and authorize the City Manager to sign the required documents.

**Division Street  
Drainage**

Public Works Superintendent Andy Kovolski discussed the standing water issue on Division Street at the entrance to Parkview Apartments. On the east side of the entrance is a depression that is currently holding a large amount of water. City crews have pumped water from this depression many times and it fill back in within a very short period of time. City resident Bill Kuhn owns properties adjacent to this area and has had flooding occur in a crawl space at one of his homes. It should also be noted that other residents in this area have reported water issues that are much worse this year than in past years.

Proposals to install a temporary coffer dam to stop water flow to the low point of the depression; install a perforated drain structure in the bottom of the depression with the structure to also have a beehive lid; and to install an 8 inch CPP pipe to catch basin at the south edge of Division Street were received. Tri County Excavating provided the low bid in the amount of \$18,900.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Pat Kujawski, who lives on the south end of Earl Street said she is concerned that its all the south side of Division. Is it going to eliminate what's on the north side of Division? Andy said he is not sure, there is a possibility that it may. Bill Kuhn said Mrs. Kujawski's drainage problems have gotten worse in the last year and he is hopeful this will help everyone. This is a good starting point.

Board Deliberation: All are in agreement with the recommendation.

2014-05-068

**MOTION**

Moved by Towne  
Second by Gaylord

To approve Tri-County Excavating for the amount not to exceed of \$18,900 to and authorize the City Manager to sign the required documents

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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Consideration that the City Commission to review the draft plans on the Ray-East streets project and authorize City staff to proceed to final design.

**East and Ray Street  
Design**

Public Works Superintendent Andy Kovolski presented the City Commission the preliminary design plans from C2AE for the East and Ray Streets project. The City is receiving a DIG grant from the MEDC for \$583,519 for the project. The total project cost is estimated at \$833,600 and includes Ray Street between South Lake and South East Streets, one block of South East Street between Ray and East Main Streets and one block of alley running parallel between Water and Ray Streets, between South Park and South Lake Streets. The plan as presented maintains the layout of Ray and East Street and consists of water and sewer improvements; storm water installation; street reconstruction including curb and gutter; sidewalk improvements, burial of overhead utility lines; and streetscape elements such as decorative lighting and landscape trees. The design phase is approximately 75% complete and one more public

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: Larry Fox of C2AE discussed the project with Commissioners. Parking issues were discussed, and questions regarding layout were answered. This project schedule is to begin construction in mid-August with a mid-October completion. Discussion was focused on the parking and sidewalk.

2014-05-069  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Sansom

**MOTION**

To review the draft plans on the Ray-East Streets project and authorize City staff to proceed to final design.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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Consideration that the City Commission approve the Resolution of Support for the continued participation in the RRC program.

**Redevelopment Ready  
Communities**

Planning Director Scott McPherson discussed the proposed resolution of support for continued participation. This resolution is required as part of the Redevelopment Ready Communities is required within 30 days of receiving the presentation. Representatives from the MEDC gave their presentation on the Final Report of Findings at the April 22, 2014 City Commission meeting.

## Resolution

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Deliberation: Commissioner Gaylord said he maintains that he doesn't feel it's necessary and we don't need to conform. All other Commissioners are in agreement with the proposed resolution.

2014-05-070

Moved by Neidhamer

Second by Towne

### MOTION

To review the draft plans on the Ray-East Streets project and authorize City staff to proceed to final design.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1, Commissioner Gaylord

Absent: 0

Motion carried

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Consideration that the City Commission approves the purchase a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor from Bob Mathers Ford for the price of \$24,750.

### Police Car Purchase- 2015 Ford Police Interceptor

Police Chief Jeff Gaither presented information regarding the purchase of a new patrol car for the Police Department. At this time, we currently have 3 patrol cars and the proposed new vehicle would replace the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria which has over 99,000 miles and is close to the point of replacing some big ticket items like steering and suspension. The proposed Taurus uses significantly less fuel overall which has provided a substantial savings for the Department and City. It is all wheel drive which provides a much safer platform for patrol and receives rave reviews by our officers for winter mobility, safety and performance.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in support. Commissioner Gaylord said he understands fleet management. This winter was the test.

2014-05-070

Moved by Towne

Second by Gaylord

### MOTION

To approve the purchase a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor from Bob Mathers Ford in the amount of \$24,090

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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Consideration that the City Commission approve the increase of the City Manager's pay to \$92,809 effective May 1, 2014

**City Manager Compensation**

Mayor Pro-Tem Towne and Commissioner Sansom proposed a pay increase to City Manager Michael Cain in the amount of 3% to bring his current salary in line with what has been previously negotiated for other City Employees, to an annual salary of \$92,809 to be effective May 1, 2014.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in support

2014-05-071  
Moved by Sansom  
Second by Towne

**MOTION**

To approve the increase of the City Manager's pay to \$92,809 effective May 1, 2014

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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Commissioner Gaylord inquired about a water drainage situation.

**Good of the Order**

2014-05-071  
Moved by Grunch  
Second by Gaylord

**Closed Session**  
**MOTION**

To approve the request of the City Manager to go into closed session to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as provided in MCL 15.268 (c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) at 11:47 p.m.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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2014-05-072  
Moved by Grunch  
Second by Neidhamer

**Return to Open Session**  
**MOTION**

To return to open session at 12:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2014

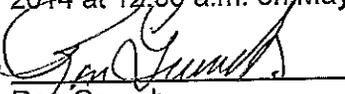
Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0

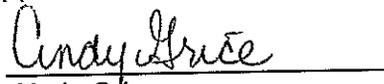
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Towne to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, May 13, 2014 at 12:30 a.m. on May 14, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION**

  
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Ron Grunch  
Mayor

  
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Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer