

**AUGUST 9, 2016  
REGULAR MEETING**

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR BOYNE CITY COMMISSION MEETING DULY CALLED AND HELD AT BOYNE CITY HALL, 364 NORTH LAKE STREET, ON TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2016

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro-Tem Towne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Mayor Tom Neidhamer

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Patrick Kilkenny, Scott McPherson, Kevin Spate and Barb Brooks

Others: There was five citizens in attendance including representatives from the Charlevoix County News and the Petoskey News Review

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**Excuse Mayor  
Neidhamer**

2016-08-090  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Sansom

Approval to excuse Mayor Neidhamer from attending tonight's meeting

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1, Mayor Neidhamer  
Motion carried

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

2016-08-091  
Moved by Grunch  
Second by Sansom

2016-08-091A  
To approve the July 26, 2016 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented

2016-08-091B

To approve the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission to appoint Hugh Conklin to the Parks & Recreation Commission

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1, Mayor Neidhamer  
Motion carried

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**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

John Clements thanked the Commissioners for the new sidewalks that are currently being installed. He is also currently cleaning up the headstones in the Wilson Cemetery on Division street and asked if we could clean up some of the brushy areas on the outskirts of the cemetery.

John Wood thanked the City for the Community garden and providing that asset. His concerns are the needs for a higher sturdy fence all around the garden due to the deer eating the gardens. The deer have decimated his

garden. Maybe we could come up with a fee system to pay for this fence. It is not a nice looking area right now.

Michele Cortright, representing TOMBA provided an update on the Avalanche bike trails project. Their Patronicity goal has been met so over \$100,000 has been raised. Two trails will be able to be built this fall. Signage will be in place during the construction phase to update users of the trail of its progress.

Michele also provided a copy of what the new signs for the entrances of Evangeline Township will look like.

Tim Petroskey, Consumers Energy, presented the Commissioners with a check for \$5,000 for the Veteran's Park Pavilion project. Consumers loves to support these projects. Please continue to bring worthy community projects to their foundation.

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

## CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Cain reported:

- The first phase of the non-motorized trail between Boyne City and Charlevoix is now open and ready for use. There will be a ribbon cutting on Thursday, September 1 at 11:00 a.m.
- Concrete for the first portions of the Safe Routes to School sidewalks was poured today along Brockway. Much more to come with the majority of the project to be complete prior to the first day of school
- Water pumping values are currently averaging slightly higher than last year. The system is performing well.
- We have tried a new product to keep the geese away from the waterfront. It is a food based product that smells like grape and the geese supposedly don't like it. Thanks to Barb Brooks for bringing this product to our attention. The City of East Jordan uses it and reported positive results.
- Consumers Energy is scheduled to begin the conversion of 149 of our Mercury Vapor streetlights to LEDs this week, helping us save energy.

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

The draft Minutes of the July 14, 2016 Main Street Meeting; the July 18, Planning Commission Meeting and the July 18, Historic Commission Meeting were received and filed.

## Fishing Pier Grant

Consideration to approve the grant application to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust "Access to the Great Lakes Fishery" grant and authorize the City Manager or his designee to complete the necessary documents to implement the grant and authorize a letter of support from the City Commission to submit with the grant

Assistant Planner Patrick Kilkenny discussed the proposed grant application that is aimed to improve or create opportunities for shore based access to fishing. Projects such as the construction of fishing piers are encouraged, as are matching funds. The City is collaborating with our local MDNR Fisheries Biologist for a required letter of recommendation as well as approval from local fishing groups. If approved by the City Commission, the City will be submitting the grant to assist Glen Catt with the public access fishing pier called for in the One Water Street Development project. The grant will provide an approximate 50% match of the nearly \$100,000 estimated project cost.

The fishing pier will be constructed as a removable floating dock, approximately 190' in length, located southeast of the mouth of the Boyne River and complimented by existing public restrooms, parks and parking and includes a direct connection to the City's Central Business District. The pier will allow anglers of all experience levels and physical abilities to fish safely and conveniently. The proposed public access pier would tie in directly to existing sidewalks and shoreline in Sunset Park. This pier will have little to no effect on existing shore casting availability but will provide increased opportunity for downtown patrons to fish casually as providing ADA accessibility, public parking and public restrooms.

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: City Manager Cain added that this pier was one of the requirements of Catt Development. The main connecting walkway has already been installed.

Board Discussion: Commissioner Conklin inquired if Army Corps and DNR approval is required and was informed yes. Commissioner Sansom asked who would own it and was informed, the City. Have we heard from other local fishing groups and yes, verbal support was given. Commissioner Grunch and Mayor Pro-Tem Sansom are in support.

**MOTION**

2016-08-092  
 Moved by Conklin  
 Second by Grunch

To approve for City staff to move forward with the grant application to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust Access to the Great Lakes Fishery grant and authorize the City Manager to complete necessary documents to implement the grant

Ayes: 4  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 1, Mayor Neidhamer  
 Motion carried

**MML Delegates**

City Manager Cain discussed the time sensitive correspondence received yesterday from the Michigan Municipal League regarding the upcoming MML Annual Meeting in September at their convention. The letter gives us an August 15, 2016 deadline to possibly address two items for their annual meeting. 1) the designating of voting delegates and 2) the submittal of resolutions regarding Statements of Policy and Resolutions. Since tonight is the Commission's last currently scheduled opportunity for the Commission to address these items before the deadline, all Commissioners present agreed to add this to the agenda.

**MOTION**

2016-08-093  
 Moved by Sansom  
 Second by Conklin

To designate Mayor Neidhamer as our voting delegate with Commissioner Conklin as our first alternate and City Manager Cain as our second alternate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting and authorize City Clerk / Treasurer Grice to inform the Michigan Municipal League

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1, Mayor Neidhamer  
Motion carried

**Good of the Order**

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Commissioner Conklin said he appreciates the art at the DPW facility. Commissioner Grunch said he has also had several of his neighbors endorse it. He also added that the marina looks glorious and complimented Harbormaster Barb Brooks and her staff.

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**CLOSED SESSION  
MOTION**

2016-08-093  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Grunch

To approve the request of the City Manager to go into closed session to (1) consider the purchase of real property as provided in MCL 15.268 (d) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976); and (2) review with our attorney regarding Attorney/Client Privilege document as provided in MCL 15.268 (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) at 7:49 p.m.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1, Mayor Neidhamer  
Motion carried

**RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION  
MOTION**

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2016-08-094  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Grunch

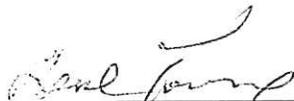
To return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1, Mayor Neidhamer  
Motion carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Towne seconded by Commissioner Sansom to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 8:50 p.m.

  
Gene Towne  
Mayor Pro-Tem

  
Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer