

**DECEMBER 4, 2012
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
DECEMBER 4, 2012 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, Laura Sansom and Tom Neidhamer

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

Others: There were 20 citizens in attendance, including representatives from the Petoskey News Review and the Charlevoix County News

**PETER MOSS, BOYNE
CITY SCHOOLS**

Peter Moss, Superintendent of Boyne City Public Schools discussed new programs in school including the IPAD initiative. The elementary level is working better than expected. Kids are experiencing the amount of content they can cover. The middle school is catching on and a good difference has been seen in how teachers teach. The High Schools is a little slower. It is hard to stay one step ahead of 14 – 18 year olds. Also discussed was the new industrial course. There are approximately 16 students in this new class that is a great example of cooperation and the spirit of the community. There are two local manufacturing firms that said they will be willing to bring these kids on in the future. We are a center for people to come in and see what we're doing.

**Compensation
Commission**

Clerk/Treasurer Cindy Grice discussed the origination and activity of the Compensation Commission. No changes have been made to the Commissioner compensation since 2001.

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

City Manager Cain said it has been a good year for the Business Park. We have three new businesses, Kirtland Products, Precision Edge and Classic Instruments has relocated. Road and signage improvements in the park have eased traffic flows for trucks. We have had a few inquiries from new businesses.

The success of Precision Edge and cooperation with the schools will only help with future development in the City.

Election Commission

Clerk/Treasurer Grice provided a brief summary of the charter statute requirements of this board along with listing the board members. Commissioner Gaylord thanked the election inspectors for the hard work involved in running an election.

**Historical District
Commission**

Michele Hewitt discussed the board and membership. Very little activity this past year. The board meets quarterly.

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Historic Commission

Yvonne Looze introduced Jane MacKenzie as the new Executive Director of the Housing Commission. This is a part time position. It has been a challenging year for the commission. Jane is working closely with HUD on necessary improvements.

Housing Commission

Main Street Program Director discussed the Façade improvements at Radio Shack and Boyne Country Provisions. These projects were both part of a Community Development Block Grant. Other projects this year were the Park Street reconstruction project, Stroll the Streets started earlier this year and Boyne Thunder grew to 68 boats this year and received national coverage. An agreement has been signed for the Boyne Theater. We have nine months to explore uses and feasibility of the theater and evaluate what we are saying yes to. There is a lot of excitement about this project. Theaters have such a positive impact on the community and are a tremendous asset.

Main Street Board

Main Street's 10th anniversary is coming up. A National Register of Historic Places designation has been received.

Jim Baumann, also the Chamber Director, said this board serves as part of the economic restructuring committee of Main Street. The committee meets once a month. It is a good valuable way to get together and exchange ideas and helps business succeed.

Team Boyne

Commissioner Gaylord said he appreciated the efforts of Team Boyne.

Marie Sheets said so much is happening on the Parks and Rec commission. There is new signage for trails at Avalanche. Mayor Pro-Tem inquired about a pet friendly park and was informed the board has discussed a place. Benches and water supply are also needed for a dog park.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Jane MacKenzie said these are interesting times on the Planning Commission. The One Water plan came back with changes that were approved. Bay Winds and The Brooke assisted living facilities opened this year.

Planning Commission

Scott McPherson also stated that Leslie Meyer, the new Assistant Planner will begin working on December 19th.

Pat Kubesh said the ZBA meets as required. It is scheduled monthly. Commissioner Gaylord inquired if there are any recent appeals or hot topics and was informed not at this time. That usually goes with the state of the construction business.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard Bouters stated we now have nine hangars the City controls and are at full occupancy. Jerry Schmidt added that FAA published the GPS approaches to the runway. No equipment is on the ground now. This allows planes to get to Boyne City in marginal weather.

Airport Advisory Board

Richard added that the hangars are inspected annually which creates better compliance. The board recently hosted a Business After Hours event at the terminal. Thanks were given to the City Commission for support of a crew car to be located at the terminal.

Commissioner Neidhamer inquired how many flights per year and was informed 5,000 to 6,000. Commissioner Gaylord inquired how we stand for hosting fly-ins and was informed that is absolutely an opportunity.

Board of Review

Oral Suttiff discussed the upcoming CPI rate for 2013 which is 2.4%. City Manager introduced new City Assessor Debra Chavez.

Boyer District Library Board

Librarian Cliff Carey said the library is very busy. There are currently over 100,000 check outs. The database is being expanded via partnerships. Ancestry.com is now offered. The Library's business resource center was the first in the state. 33 different languages can be self taught and there is a new Michigan Works computer in the library. 25 groups per month use the conference rooms. The library has a very robust friends group and has just finished their strategic planning session.

Jane MacKenzie added that Cliff and staff have created a warm, wonderful environment.

BOYNE CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Ron Grunch offered a special thank you to everyone. Mayor Pro Tem Towne thanked the boards and commissioners for their work. Without them, Boyne would not be the special place it is. Commissioner Gaylord agreed and added that he appreciated the opportunity to serve the citizens. Commissioner Neidhamer stated he is pleased with the positive communications. It is his home town and he has been honored and humbled. Let's not be satisfied, but move forward.

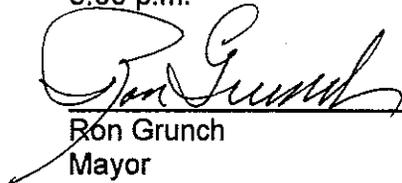
Mayor Grunch discussed the homeless situation in the Community. Peter Moss added that the definition of homeless is very broad in school law and numbers could be misleading. There are certain things the school can do.

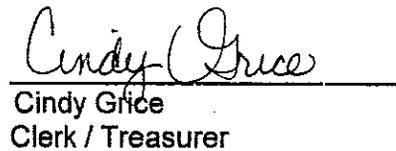
CITY MANAGERS COMMENTS

City Manager Cain said we've been through a lot of changes this past year. There are three new staff members. One nice thing is the continuity. He also encourages the boards and Commissioners to continue to work with their department heads.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Towne to adjourn the Joint Board and City Commission meeting of December 4, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.


Ron Grunch
Mayor


Cindy Grice
Clerk / Treasurer