

**MAY 12, 2015  
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 12, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor 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 Laura Sansom, Tom Neidhamer and Derek Gaylord

Absent: None

Staff: Michael Cain, Cindy Grice, Barb Brooks, Lori Meeder, Scott McPherson, Jeff Gaither, John Lamont, Andy Kovolski, Lisa Schrock, Karen Seeley and Mark Fowler,

Others: There were 23 citizens in attendance including representatives from the Petoskey News Review and Charlevoix County News.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION**

2015-05-055

Moved by Sansom  
Second by Towne

2015-05-055A

Approval of the April 28, 2015 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented

2015-05-055B

Approval of the 2015/2016 Planning and Zoning Service contracts for Evangeline Township in the amount of \$26,609.91 and Wilson Township in the amount of \$38,423.13 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

2015-05-055C

Approval to reject tax foreclosure properties offered by the Charlevoix County Treasurer

2015-05-055D

Approved to proclaim May 17 thru May 23, 2015 as National Public Works Week in the City of Boyne City

2015-05-055E

Consideration to revise the resolution adopted on March 24, 2015 to reflect the \$4,600 in match funds for the Recreation Passport grant application for the Ridge Run Dog Park fitness tracks

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

John Clements inquired about the status of the sidewalk project. City Manager Cain discussed the Safe Routes to School implementation would take place in 2016.

Steve Sawyer, representing the Boyne City Eagles discussed his request for the 24 hour liquor license for the Boyne City Eagles July 4<sup>th</sup> breakfast.

Ron Crozier discussed the upcoming Veteran's Memorial ceremony.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Susan Pulaski discussed the information from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan regarding the establishment of tobacco-free parks and beaches.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- The new fiscal year began on May 1.
- A heartfelt thank you was expressed to the City of Boyne City voters for approving our new facilities
- Our new ambulances are being driven back to Boyne City
- Preparations are taking place for opening our marina for the season.

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

Draft Minutes of the April 2, 2015, Parks and Recreation Board Meeting; the April 9, 2015, Main Street Board Meeting; the April 9, 2015, Airport Board Meeting and the April 20, 2015, Planning Commission Meeting were received and filed.

**Avalanche Preserve – Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association Multi Use Pathways Report**

Steve Schnell of the Top of Michigan Mountain Bike Association presented the ideas for improving the mountain bike trails at Avalanche Preserve and consideration of support of the presented plan for multi-use trail upgrades, looking for support to move forward exploring these concepts. The report was prepared by the International Mountain Biking Association. No funds are being requested for the effort. Honest feedback is looked for. The economic development impact of Avalanche is great and can be accomplished in a manner that preserves the natural resources that make it what it is. The next step is to begin raising the funds to have a professional trail builder create a more detailed plan

Staff Comments: Andy Kovolski said the Parks & Recreation board recommended to encourage the Commission to support moving forward.

Citizens Comments: Tom Smith discussed the importance of bike trails and encouraged the Commission to support moving forward. Mike Sheean said with professional assistance, the plan can be more defined. Michele Cortright said she is in favor of the trails, also from a standpoint of business development. Buzz in other communities are about "natural resource economy". It is a cross generational activity. Hugh Conklin said he is fully supportive of this project.

Board Discussion: Commissioner Sansom inquired about the impact of bikers on the trail and was informed, very minimal. Commissioner Gaylord said this should have been a formal proposal from the Park & Recreation Board. He is willing to take a look at more detailed drawings. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said we should always be looking at new ideas for parks. He would like more information. Commissioner Neidhamer said he whole heartedly supports taking what we already have and enhancing it with professional, free advice. Mayor Grunch said it is win win. Volunteerism keeps this community great. We've got a green light to move forward.

City Manager Cain reported that good progress continues to be made in finalizing the details of this agreement.

City Manager Cain reported that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Police bargaining unit. Terms of the agreement were discussed

**Sommerset Pointe Update**

including a three-year contract, wage increases of 3% for year 1, 2 1/2 % year 2 and 2% year 3.

**Union Negotiation Update**

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Neidhamer said we value our officers very much, give them a fair wage. The increases are faire and he trusts that is an agreement both parties are in approval of. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said he supports the agreement and also appreciates the work the officers do. Commissioner Gaylord said he definitely supports the law enforcement of our community and looks at retention of good personnel. We have a fantastic staff here. Commissioner Sansom said she is in full support of the agreement and also appreciates the officers and all they do. Mayor Grunch is in full agreement. The proposed fitness program was also discussed

2015-05-055

Moved by Towne

Second by Sansom

**MOTION**

To adopt the POL union agreement proposal as drafted, authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to authorize and execute, with the fitness program further agreeable by both parties not to exceed one, annually.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

**Truck 4 Replacement Bids**

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Consideration to purchase 1) a 2016 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis from Bob Mathers Ford in the amount of \$26,086.76 and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents and 2) to award the contract to purchase and install a dump box system with the optional Boss V-Blade Snowplow to this vehicle to Truck and Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$20,043.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents.

Public Works Superintendent Andy Kovolski discussed the replacement of the 2004 Ford F350. It has been in service for 11 years. This vehicle is still needed for plowing in the winter. The vehicle currently has 102,334 miles on it. The floorboards have dump box have required numerous patches. Bids for a vehicle to replace this vehicle were advertised and received. Funds for this purchase are included in this year's Motor Pool Budget.

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation. Commissioner Gaylord added that we get use out of our equipment with maintenance and proper care.

2015-05-056  
Moved by Gaylord  
Second by Towne

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To purchase 1) a 2016 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis from Bob Mathers Ford in the amount of \$26,086.76 and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents and 2) to award the contract to purchase and install a dump box system with the optional Boss V-Blade Snowplow to this vehicle to Truck and Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$20,043.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the required documents.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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Consideration to authorize the purchase of a new blower motor for the Waste/Water Treatment plant from Cummins Bridgeway in Gaylord for the amount of \$3,500 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

**Blower Motor Purchase**

Water / Wastewater Superintendent Mark Fowler stated when aeration blower number three was taken in for repair, it was discovered the bearings had disintegrated and damaged the motor windings. The cost to have the motor rewound would be \$2500 plus the cost of bearing replacement which is approximately \$1,000, which was previously approved. The cost to replace the old motor with a new one is \$3500.

Citizens Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation

2015-05-057  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Sansom

**MOTION**

To authorize the purchase of a new blower motor for the Waste/Water Treatment plant from Cummins Bridgeway in Gaylord for the amount of \$3,500 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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Commissioner Sansom discussed the livability / wellness index website at aarp.org where we can see our strengths the in the community. Commissioner Gaylord discussed the homeowners on Park / Vogel streets with concerns about the water table increasing in that area. Staff said they will look into it. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne inquired about soil being checked at the playground and was informed we are going to have that done. Commissioner Towne said in general, he is so excited where Boyne City is

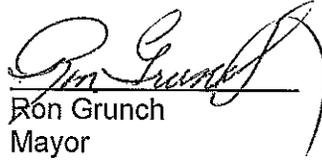
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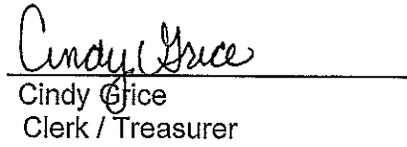
headed. We are showing how things can be done correctly.

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Moved by Mayor Grunch seconded by Commissioner Gaylord to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 8:32 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION**

  
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Ron Grunch  
Mayor

  
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Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer