

**NOVEMBER 24, 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 NOVEMBER 24, 2015

**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, Commissioners Ron Grunch and Laura Sansom

Absent: Commissioner Conklin

Staff: Cindy Grice, Scott McPherson, Lori Meeder, Andy Kovolski, Barb Brooks, Jeff Gaither and Kevin Spate

Others: There were 8 citizens in attendance including representatives from the Boyne Gazette and Petoskey News Review

**EXCUSE  
COMMISSIONER  
CONKLIN**

2015-11-153  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Sansom

To excuse Commissioner Conklin from attending tonight's meeting.

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1, Commissioner Conklin  
Motion carried

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION**

2015-11-154  
Moved by Sansom  
Second by Towne

To approve the November 10, 2015 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1, Commissioner Conklin  
Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence from Joseph Quandt, attorney for Parkview Apartments regarding their PILOT request was received and filed.

**CITY MANAGERS REPORT**

Planning Director Scott McPherson presented City Manager Cain's report:

- The remaining construction and other projects continue to move forward.
- The Sommerset Pointe force main project also continues to make good progress with no significant issues. The final portion will be the installation of the pump station portion just inside the Sommerset Point fence line.

**Presentation of 2015  
Boyne Thunder  
Distributions**

Main Street Program Director Lori Meeder discussed the 2015 Boyne Thunder Event. Bob Alger, of the Boyne Thunder Committee presented check to Camp Quality for \$56,652, Challenge Mountain received \$10,300.42. Bob Alger thanked the volunteers for the hard work in making this event happen. Bob said this event happens with the cooperation of the City of Boyne City as well.

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

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The October, 2015 Financial Statement was received and filed.

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**Alley Vacation Public  
Hearing**

Public Hearing to hear citizen's comments regarding the request from Chris Frasz to vacate an alley that runs between lots 95 and 101 of South Boyne Addition between Lincoln Street and undeveloped Spruce Street and consideration to approve the alley vacation as presented, authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk / Treasurer to execute the documents.

Mayor Neidhamer opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

Planning Director Scott McPherson discussed the application for the vacation of a public way that has been submitted by Chris Frasz. He is requesting the alley located between his two parcels be vacated. The alley is 13.5 feet wide and 120.75 feet in length and runs between lots 95 and 101 of South Boyne Addition. The alley is located between Lincoln and undeveloped Spruce Street. The south portion of the alley connecting to Lincoln Street is developed and maintained by the City and provide access to his and three other properties. The north half of the alley between lots 95 and 101 is not developed and not maintained by the City. The Planning Commission reviewed the request at their regular meeting in September and based on findings that due to topography constraints, it cannot be developed for through access and, this portion of the alley is not currently maintained or plowed by the City; this portion of the alley does not contain sewer or water mains, and this portion of the alley is only used by the applicant for primary access to their home. The applicants own both parcels adjacent to this section of the alley and desire to combine the two lots into one parcel, the Planning Commission determined the application should proceed.

Citizens Comments: Joel Evans discussed what would happen to the vacated alley for tax purposes and was informed it would be placed on the tax roll. There were no other comments.

Mayor Neidhamer closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation and request.

**MOTION**

2015-11-154  
Moved by Grunch  
Second by Towne

To approve the request from Chris Frasz to vacate an alley that runs between lots 95 and 101 of South Boyne Addition between Lincoln Street and undeveloped Spruce Street and consideration to approve the alley vacation as presented, authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk / Treasurer to execute the documents

Ayes: 4  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 1, Commissioner Conklin  
 Motion carried

### City Clock Analysis

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Consideration to authorize staff to make the necessary arrangements to have representatives from the Balzer Family Clock Works of Freeport, Maine travel to Boyne City to inspect, report on and prepare estimates for the possible reuse and restoration of the City Clock as part of the City Facility project at an estimated price of \$4,010.

Scott McPherson discussed City Manager Cain's memo regarding the restoration and reuse of the 1904 City clock as a proposed element of the new City Facility project. The reuse of the City Clock has been the subject of several community efforts since the original clock tower was demolished around 1951. The clock is back in the City's possession after being stored in the garage of the former Police Chief's residence since 1997. After following up several leads, it appears the Balzer Family Clock Works of Freeport Maine would best meet our needs in terms of both price and quality. In-depth discussions have taken place with them and a proposal is being presented for them to come to Boyne City, inspect the clock and prepare the necessary reports at an estimated cost of \$4,010. When they are in town, we will be holding a public information meeting regarding the clock. Per our bond counsel, these costs associated with the clock restoration could be reimbursed to the General Fund which would pay the bill now.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All Commissioner are in agreement with the recommendation.

### **MOTION**

2015-11-155  
 Moved by Towne  
 Second by Sansom

To authorize staff to make the necessary arrangements to have representatives from the Balzer Family Clock Works of Freeport, Maine travel to Boyne City to inspect, report on and prepare estimates for the possible reuse and restoration of the City Clock as part of the City Facility project at an estimated price of \$4,010

Ayes: 4  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 1, Commissioner Conklin  
 Motion carried

### Health Savings Accounts

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Consideration to approve funding HSA's for eligible employees participating in the City's Priority Health HSA plan for 2016 and future years at the \$1,500 and \$3,000 levels as outlined above until changed by the City Commission

Clerk / Treasurer Grice discussed the proposal to provide H.S.A. funding

to those individuals who currently have our Priority Health insurance. As part of the ongoing renewal process, we need to let our Priority Health covered employees know how much, if any, funding the City will provide to their Health Savings Account. The previous three year's funding levels have been \$3,000 per couple or family and \$1,500 funding for singles into their HSA bank accounts. It is recommended that our contributions to our employee's HSA accounts remain at those levels for 2016 and all future years until changed by the City Commission.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Sansom said it doesn't take too much time to revisit this every year and recommends doing so. Other Commissioners are in agreement with the recommended funding amounts as well.

**MOTION**

2015-11-156

Moved by Grunch

Second by Towne

To approve funding HSA's for eligible employees participating in the City's Priority Health HSA plan for 2016 and future years at the \$1,500 and \$3,000 levels.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1, Commissioner Conklin

Motion carried

**PA 152 of 2011 Compliance**

Consideration to opt out of the requirements of PA 152 of 2011 for the coming year and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk / Treasurer to submit any required paperwork

Clerk / Treasurer Cindy Grice discussed the Public Act that deals with employer paid health insurance. The State of Michigan provides three options. We need to take action on this to be compliant and retain EVIP funding of around \$56,000 per year. Option 1 provides hard cap levels provided and revised annually by the State. Option 2, provides an 80%/20% split of the health insurance costs between the City and the Employee, which we currently do. However, we are recommending to take option 3 which opts out of the program because it gives us the most flexibility in dealing with our own employees and does not limit us to the hard cap levels provided by the State.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All Commissioners are in agreement with the recommendation to Opt out.

**MOTION**

2015-11-156

Moved by Towne

Second by Sansom

To opt out of the requirements of PA 152 of 2011 for the coming year and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk / Treasurer to submit any required paperwork.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1, Commissioner Conklin

Motion carried

GOOD OF THE ORDER

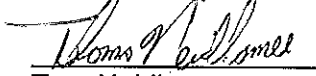
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Commissioner Sansom would like to have further discussion of the Veteran's Pavilion facilities. There was a general consensus to have further discussion on the next City Commission agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Towne to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 7:35 p.m.



Tom Neidhamer  
Mayor



Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer