

**DECEMBER 2, 2014  
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 2, 2014 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, Andy Kovolski, Hugh Conklin, and Scott McPherson

Others: There were 9 citizens in attendance,

**Jim Bauman, Boyne Area Chamber**

Chamber Director Jim Baumann discussed the chamber. We are in a healthy position. Karen Guzniczak will be the new Chamber Board President. The annual meeting will be January 22, 2015 at Boyne Mountain. There are currently 2,000 subscribers to the chamber e-newsletter. It's a great community with lots going on and they'd like to help keep it that way.

**Election Commission**

Clerk / Treasurer Cindy Grice discussed the roll of the 3 members of the election commission. They meet prior to each election to approve that election's inspectors.

**Historical District Commission**

Michele Hewitt discussed the Pearl Street district. The current project is the William White House that will be converted to Senior Housing.

**Historic Commission**

Michele Hewitt stated volunteers have been working on the Past Perfect museum software, the window displays downtown. We had a few visits from students from the Boyne City Schools this past year. We are currently looking for two new board members.

**Main Street Board**

Rob Swartz discussed the search for a new Main Street Program director. We did receive accreditation from the National Main Street again this year. There are four separate committees in our Main Street. City Manager Cain added we are keeping an eye on TIF reform.

**Team Boyne**

Jim Baumann said Team Boyne helps community leaders stay on the same page. They try to invite guest entrepreneurs to each meeting. They try to make entrepreneurs feel welcome and supported. Business visits are conducted, about 50 this year.

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Mike Sheean said this board looks over the parks and develops capital improvement plans such as this year's dog park. Mountain bikers have been approved to develop a plan. Disc golfers are working to improve their own plan. Bill Kuhn made the warming house an inviting place. Friends of the Boyne River just completed their recent project. We are currently working on a recreation master plan.

**Planning Commission**

Chris Frasz said this past year's projects include the Harborage Storage Facility, the Family Fare Market renovations, the drive thru ordinance, signage, the new dog kennel in the Business Park, the Holiness Camp

Development plan, and the Boyne Area Medical Center addition. They are also looking at the new Catt development on South Lake Street. The master plan is being updated, including updating the redevelopment ready sites. We are also looking at the food truck ordinance. The Marvin Loding award was reinstated along with City Facilities plans.

Richard Bouters discussed the boards schedule and membership. The hangars are always full. We continue to maintain the airport fueling honor system. We are maintaining the biannual hangar inspection process. The Drag Race returned, planned by a group of citizens who put it together for this past Labor Day. They would like to make improvements to the terminal building interior – making it a more welcoming space. We are seeing a lot more business traffic. A new roof was installed on the terminal building this fall.

#### **Airport Advisory Board**

Oral Sutliff discussed the role of the Board of Review. At this point, we do not have the current CPI for 2015.

#### **Board of Review**

Clerk / Treasurer Grice said there was not activity on this board this year. It meets only on odd numbered years. A compensation increase was recommended to and accepted by the City Commission in 2013.

#### **Compensation Commission**

Ralph Gillette said their longest standing board member resigned this year. It has been a quiet year for these boards. They are currently undergoing a study of the drainage issues in the business park.

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

Superintendent Peter Moss said he is always impressed with the relationships the school has with local government agencies. They are working closer with the police chief to increase school safety. They work well with the library. Currently still working on the Safe Routes to School project with the City. The Chamber is a great partner. They are continually working to find ways to work with local manufacturers. Over 70% of their graduates are continuing on with college, with over \$750,000 in scholarships earned last year. We are really blessed with our kids. Enrollment was strong this year. School safety is front and center.

#### **Boyne City Public Schools**

Police Chief Jeff Gaither said a lot of what they are doing is with the schools. This past year they held a bike rodeo, planned a ride to school with the police officers with over 100 participants. A 5k Memorial Day race was held supporting DARE. Random visits are made to school now, just to say "hi", be visible and to provide confidence with the staff and students. He and officers have lunch with kids, spending time on the playground. Internally, all three cars have car video systems. Our computer systems have been updated. A new officer was hired. Laptops in all cars were replaced with grant funds this year. The department is continuing to train. We now have an autism liaison officer to be an additional resource. A community crisis support network has been implemented. We now have a county wide victim service group, volunteers that have had special training. This group is up and running.

#### **Police Chief Jeff Gaither**

Commissioner Neidhamer said he thinks all we have done this past year has related to the goal setting. He wants to look ahead to next year and is encouraged that somehow, some way we will find a way to build new city facilities. Upcoming projects are Court Street improvements, a new trail to Young State Park, the Safe Routes to School program, the

#### **Boyne City Commission**

Dilworth, the new Catt development. He is really excited for next year.

Commissioner Gaylord said he agrees with Commissioner Neidhamer's comments. He appreciates all of the volunteers and boards. It's an example of putting something ahead of yourself. Boyne City leads this way. Don't take the foot off the throttle. Congratulations to the Boyne City Ramblers. We have to keep our eye on the prize, set the standard. He added he is humble to be a part.

Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said he agrees and thanked everyone for volunteering.

Commissioner Sansom said she agrees. She thinks we've done a good job. We got new ambulances, a new pumper truck. Everyone in this room works together. She added she is waiting for another spark to fly to pull everything together.

Mayor Grunch said there is hard work on everyone's part to keep the dream alive.

**City Manager Michael Cain**

City Manager Cain added that getting permits to do something with the marina is a huge step. We had a great Mayor's Exchange with Frankenmuth. We are currently dealing with a new antenna issue in town. There is ongoing discussion with Sommerset Point regarding sewer lines into Boyne City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mayor Grunch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Towne to adjourn the Joint Board and City Commission meeting of December 2, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

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Ron Grunch  
Mayor

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Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer

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