

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2018  
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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Neidhamer called the meeting to order at noon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Tom Neidhamer, Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Grunch, Commissioners Hugh Conklin, Sally Page and Dean Solomon

Absent: None

Staff: Cindy Grice, Scott McPherson, Kelsie King-Duff, Patrick Kilkenny, Jeff Gaither and Barb Brooks

Others: There were four citizens in attendance including a representative from the Petoskey News Review.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION**

2018-09-106

Moved by Grunch

Second by Solomon

Approval of the September 11, 2018 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented

Approval to reappoint George Ellwanger to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring May 31, 2021

Approval to reappoint Chris Frasz to the Planning Commission for a three year term expiring May 31, 2021

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**CITY MANAGERS  
REPORT**

Clerk / Treasure Grice reported:

- There is currently a \$500 reward being offered for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the individual (s) responsible for the graffiti on the Holiness Camp building and city sidewalks.

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

The August 2018 Financial Statement has been received and filed.

**Poverty Exemption  
Policy & Guideline**

Consideration to approve Poverty Exemption Guidelines, including the asset test in compliance with State Tax Commission guidelines as presented

Clerk / Treasurer Grice said time to time, the Board of Review receives Poverty Exemption Requests to exempt property taxes in whole, or part, by reasons of poverty. Michigan's General Property

Tax Act requires local units of government to adopt guidelines that set income levels, along with an asset level test. The asset level test sets a maximum dollar amount for the assets to be considered, while state requires that income levels not be set lower than the federal poverty guidelines that are updated annually. The Board of Review should follow these guidelines for granting or denying poverty exemptions. These guidelines will be updated annually meet the statutory requirements of MCL 211.7u.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation

## **MOTION**

2018-09-107

Moved by Conklin

Second by Grunch

To approve Poverty Exemption Guidelines, including the asset test in compliance with State Tax Commission guidelines as presented

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

## **Property Transfer Affidavit Penalties and Fees Waiver**

Consideration to approve a resolution waiving penalty fees and interest for failure to file a property transfer affidavit and authorize the City Manager and / or City Clerk / Treasurer to execute the document

Clerk / Treasurer Grice said the General Property Tax Act, Section 211.27a requires a buyer, grantee or other transferee to file a property transfer affidavit with the appropriate assessor of the local unit of government of which the property is located. Section 211.27b of the Act imposes penalties for the failure to file a property transfer affidavit after 45 days. That penalty is \$5.00 per day, with a maximum fee of \$200. That same section also provides that the local unit of government may waive, by Resolution, the penalties levied for the failure to file a property Transfer Affidavit. Since 99% of the affidavits are received timely, the occasional late one is difficult for the assessors to track. These fees have also never been a revenue stream for the City

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation

## **MOTION**

2018-09-108

Moved by Solomon

Second by Page

To approve a resolution waiving penalty fees and interest for failure to file a property transfer affidavit and authorize the City Manager and / or City Clerk / Treasurer to execute the document

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

### **Grant Opportunity**

Consideration to apply for a \$5,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for one of three proposed project; 1) purchase of the Draco View Art Sculpture currently displayed in Sunset Park; 2) purchase a heating unit for the Veterans Park Pavilion or 3) construct internal walls for the proposed kitchen area within Veterans Park Pavilion and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents.

Executive Assistant Barb Brooks discussed the grant application for community projects that is due on October 1, 2018. Three items are being presented as potential projects. We are proposing to choose one project to focus on for a \$5,000 grant from the foundation. At this time, we are focusing on the purchase of a heating unit for the pavilion that would allow the facility to be used year around.

Staff Comments: Kelsie King-Duff said the Main Street Board members were hoping for consideration of a project for the pavilion.

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation.

2018-09-108  
Moved by Solomon  
Second by Page

To apply for a \$5,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for the purchase of a heating unit for the Veterans Park Pavilion and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

### **800 Mhz Radio System Ballot Proposal Information**

Pam Woodbury from CCE – 911 Dispatch presented the City Commission with information regarding the ballot proposal for the upcoming November election. The proposal is to permit the County to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of providing funds to pay its share of the costs of the radio equipment upgrade for use by the CCE 911 Dispatch Authority and the emergency services. The current system has many gaps in coverage. Ms. Woodbury supplied several recent examples of non-coverage during extremely critical times.

Staff Comments: Police Chief Gaither said the system we currently have is poor at best. The system being proposed is a very robust system that works in most place. It is a need, not a want.

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioners discussed a possible resolution in support of the ballot proposal for future meeting discussion.

**Good of the Order**

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Three members of the 2018/2019 Leadership Charlevoix County class were in attendance and introduced themselves.

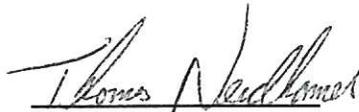
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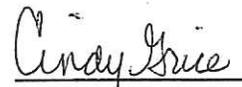
**ADJOURNMENT**

City Commissioner Conklin inquired about an upcoming item regarding individuals jumping off the boardwalk.

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Motion by Mayor Neidhamer to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 1:09 p.m.

  
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Tom Neidhamer  
Mayor

  
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Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer