

**OCTOBER 10, 2017  
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 OCTOBER 10, 2017

**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 and Commissioners Laura Sansom, Hugh Conklin and Ron Grunch

Absent: None

Staff: John Lamont, Kevin Spate, Mark Fowler, Scott McPherson, Barb Brooks, Cindy Grice, Michael Cain

Others: There were 11 citizens in attendance including a representative from the Petoskey News Review.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION**

2017-10-088  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Sansom

Approval of the September 26, 2017 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented

Approval of the recommendation of the Airport Advisory Board to appoint Richard Wright as an Ex-Officio member with a term expiring August 24, 2020.

Approval to re-appoint Cindy Banner to the Compensation Commission for a five-year term expiring 10/1/2022

Approval to appoint Rob Swartz to the Compensation Commission for a four-year term expiring 10/1/2021

Approval of the recommendation to appoint Gow Litzenburger to the Parks and Recreation Board effective November 1, 2017 to serve the remainder of Mike Doumanian's term, which expires 12/31/2018

Approval of the recommendation to appoint Diane Sterling to the Parks and Recreation Board to serve the remainder of Patrick Patoka's term which expires 12/31/2020

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**CITY MANAGERS  
REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- The pavilion project is progressing. We are now checking on the carrying capacities of soils around the building.
- The museum consultant gave his presentation of the first phase of the museum plan
- 17 applications for the DPW Maintenance position have been received
- Absentee ballots are now available.

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

Draft Minutes of the September 5, 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting; the September 7, 2017 Main Street Board Meeting; the September 18, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting; the September 18, 2017 Historical Commission Meeting and the September 28, 2017 Airport Board Meeting were received and filed.

**West Michigan Water  
Extension Special  
Assessment Public  
Hearing Change  
Request**

Consideration to schedule a special meeting for the purpose of conducting the public hearing and taking other necessary steps to consider and possibly act on the proposed West Michigan / Woodland special assessment district

City Manager Cain discussed the request to change the public hearing date for the West Michigan Water Extension Special Assessment request. The notice was not able to be published in time to meet the required 10 day notice for the October 10<sup>th</sup> originally scheduled meeting.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in support.

**MOTION**

2017-10-089  
Moved by Grunch  
Second by Towne

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**Avalanche Trail  
Grooming Proposal**

Consideration to accept the grooming machine and the proposal from Michael Cortright for trail grooming at Avalanche Park including allowing the winter storage of the equipment at the garage at Avalanche Park and assisting with the cost of fuel for grooming operations

Barb Brooks said at the recent Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, a presentation was made by Michael Cortright to provide winter trail grooming at Avalanche Park. His proposal included grooming of the new biking trails installed at the park and also the hiking trails to provide a packed surface for walkers. The machine he plans to use will be purchased with funds granted to by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. He is not asking the City to provide funds to purchase the machine. Mr. Cortright did ask for permission from the City to store the machine in garage at Avalanche and for help with the cost of fuel.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Mike Sheean said he is very grateful for the volunteers that obtained the funds and for the grooming of the trails.

Board Discussion: Commissioner Conklin asked if the grooming machine is hard to maintain and Michael Cortright said there are no parts unique to this machine. Commissioner Grunch asked if there are any modifications or out of

pocket expenses to the City for the machine and was informed no. All other Commissioners are in support of the recommendation.

**MOTION**

2017-10-090  
 Moved by Conklin  
 Second by Sansom

To accept the grooming machine and the proposal from Michael Cortright for trail grooming at Avalanche Park including allowing the winter storage of the equipment at the garage at Avalanche Park and assisting with the cost of fuel for grooming operations

Ayes: 5  
 Nays: 0  
 Absent: 0  
 Motion carried

**Grant Request to Great Lakes Energy People Fund**

Consideration to approve to allow City staff to apply for a grant through Great Lakes Energy People Fund for an amount of approximately \$3,000 to purchase exercise equipment for the City Hall fitness room and allow staff to carry out implementation of the grant if successful.

Assistant Police Chief Kevin Spate discussed the request to apply for a grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund to purchase exercise equipment for the new fitness room. The Fire and Police Departments already have purchased four pieces of used commercial exercise equipment and that is a good start to what is needed, but in order to have enough of a variety available, additional equipment will need to be purchased. The Committee working on this will also pursue other grant opportunities as well as employee donations to help reach our goal.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Conklin said he is not familiar with the fitness room history. Is that already a done deal? City Manager Cain said it was the long standing plan. No immediate need for that space. If something changes, we have the option to use the room for something else. Commissioner Conklin also asked if we would be competing against other non-profits for grant fund needs? Kevin also provided costs for memberships in other local gyms, costs would run from \$36,000 to \$98,000 annually to provide memberships to staff. Commissioner Grunch said he is okay with the proposal. It is great to have a team together that is passionate to see this happen. All other Commissioners are in agreement with the recommendation.

**MOTION**

2017-10-091  
 Moved by Towne  
 Second by Sansom

To approve to allow City staff to apply for a grant through Great Lakes Energy People Fund for an amount of approximately \$3,000 to purchase exercise equipment for the City Hall fitness room and allow staff to carry out implementation of the grant if successful

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**Consumers Energy  
Streetlight Removal  
Proposal**

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Consideration to accept the proposal from Consumers Energy for the removal of 18 unneeded street lights throughout the City at a cost of \$9,733 and authorize City Staff to complete the necessary paperwork.

City Manager Cain discussed the proposal from Consumers Energy to remove 18 street lights at various locations around the City. Many of these streetlights are now duplicated by the installation of the City's own streetlights. In total, their proposal provides for the removal of 18 streetlights at a total cost of \$9,733. Those lights cost approximately \$171.60 per light annually to operate.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation.

**MOTION**

2017-10-092  
Moved by Sansom  
Second by Towne

To accept the proposal from Consumers Energy for the removal of 18 unneeded street lights throughout the City at a cost of \$9,733 and authorize City Staff to complete the necessary paperwork

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**Boyne Mountain  
Sanitary Sewer Force  
Main Extension**

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Consideration of the additional information to be received and consider accepting the recommendation regarding hiring a contractor to complete the installation of a new 10" force main between Moll Drive and Topolinski Road.

Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Fowler discussed the bids received for the completion of the installation of a new 10" force main between Moll Drive and Topolinski Road for the Boyne Mountain sewer line. There are basically no expenses for the City. Boyne Mountain is covering all local expenses. Working in conjunction with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Boyne Valley Township, a grant was secured from the MEDC in the amount of \$323,000 to help Boyne Mountain pay for this project. A bid opening was held this afternoon for the project. Three bids were received. The lowest was from R. Roese Contracting Co, Inc. in the amount of \$559,976.96. Jim Tiffany, Boyne Mountain's engineer on the project reviewed the bids, is familiar with all firms that bid and has no reservation working with any of them. He recommended awarding the project to R. Roese Contracting Co. This is the same contractor that constructed the sewer line from Sommerset Point to Boyne City so we are also familiar and comfortable with the contractor and their work.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the recommendation

**MOTION**

2017-10-093  
Moved by Conklin  
Second by Towne

To approve the bid from R. Roese Contracting Co. Inc in the amount of \$559,976.96 to construct the new 10" force main between Moll Drive and Topolinski Road

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

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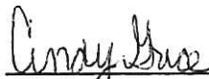
Mayor Neidhamer said there will be close to 50 people here tomorrow attending the Harbormaster Annual Conference. It is another example of a great use of our new facility.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Sansom to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:53 p.m.

  
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Tom Neidhamer  
Mayor

  
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Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer