

**FEBRUARY 23, 2016
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 FEBRUARY 23, 2016

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 Gene Towne, Commissioners Ron Grunch, Laura Sansom and Hugh Conklin

Absent: None

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Barb Brooks, Lori Meeder, Scott McPherson, Andy Kovolski, Mark Fowler and Kevin Spate

Others: There was 6 citizens in attendance including a representative from the Petoskey News Review

**CONSENT AGENDA
MOTION**

2016-02-023

Moved by Conklin

Second by Grunch

2016-02-023A

Approval of the February 9, 2016 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented

2016-02-023B

Approval to appoint Jerry Kragenbrink to the Boyne City Historical District Commission for a three year term expiring November 30, 2019

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Motion carried

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Adam Kennedy, representing the Friends of the Boyne River discussed the mission of their organization to improve and conserve the Boyne River and its watershed. Line 5, a pair of oil lines owned by Enbridge is a 63 year old pipeline that runs under the straits of Mackinaw. The line was not designed to carry what it is currently carrying. Mr. Kennedy discussed Enbridges track record and is extremely concerned about the pipeline and the possibility of a leak. If there was an oil leak, a 2014 University of Michigan study shows the straits area would be the worst place to have a leak. The risk of line 5 failure would be too great. Tourism and jobs would also be affected along with the environment. According to many experts, it's not a matter of if, rather it's a matter of when. He is asking for a resolution to be passed for local government to support shutting down line 5.

Sheri Rhoads presented information to the Commissioners regarding Line 5.

There was a consensus among the Commissioners to bring this matter to the next agenda or as soon as possible, to a future commission meeting.

ORRESPONDENCE

None

CITY MANAGERS REPORT

City Manager Cain reported:

- Six bids for the new City Facilities project were received and opened on February 12. City Staff will be working with our architect and reviewing the bid of the low bidder, Hallmark Construction, the same firm that built our new DPW facility and are working to finalize an overall project budget to insure it will meet the scope approved by the voters while remaining within the financial ability of the City.
- We are currently preparing for information with our bond rating agency for the upcoming \$7 million dollar bond sale that will finance the major portion of the new City Facilities project
- The Police and DPW personnel have made great progress towards preparing a portion of the old DPW building to serve as temporary Police Department offices. All involved deserve a lot of credit.
- The lease agreement with Honeywell for our temporary City Hall space has been finalized.
- The MDEQ stopped by and performed an unannounced inspection of our Wastewater Treatment plant this morning and all indications are that the plant passed with flying colors.
- Water / Wastewater personnel have been cleaning and painting key parts of the water system, including well houses 2, 3, 4 and the Hawkridge booster station
- Absentee ballots are available for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary. City Hall will be open to distribute and received absentee ballots on Saturday March 5, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The new website for Boyne Thunder is now up and running using a new and improved event program called EventBrite which has been added to the site. This should make registration, reporting and information gathering much more streamlined. Sponsorships appear to be even stronger this year than last with many new sponsors signed up.

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

**Water System Consumer
Confidence Update / Lead
Information**

The January, 2016 Financial Statement was received and filed.

Update from Water / Wastewater Superintendent Mark Fowler regarding Water System Consumer Confidence Report and lead testing

Water / Wastewater Superintendent Mark Fowler provided 2014 and 2015 Water Quality Reports for the City Commissioners. Mark also discussed the sampling the City takes for lead and copper. We are required by the State of Michigan to take 20 samples based on our size. The sample sites were identified years ago and we are required to sample the same location every time unless we are unable to do so for some reason. A map of the sample sites was provided.

The results of the samples for lead and copper are as follows: 12 samples were non-detect, four samples were two parts per billion (ppb), three samples were 3 ppb and one was at 8 ppb. The samples are collected by the homeowner who is notified of their individual results. The results are sent to the MDEQ and they calculate the 90th percentile and send it back to us. That is the number that is put on the Annual Consumer Confidence Report. This year's number is 3 ppb. The action level is 15 ppb.

The limit of detection for the equipment used to measure lead is 2 ppb. So when a result is listed as non-detect, it means it is less than 2 ppb not necessarily 0.

Well # 2 was tested for lead in 2014 and it was non-detect. Wells 4 and 5 were tested in 2012 and they were non-detect. The source water is not showing any evidence of lead. The City also has what is considered hard to very hard water coming from the wells. The hard water also helps to coat the inside of the pipes so we don't have metals leaching into the water. The softer the water, the more leaching occurs.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: April Reycraft said she appreciates this information presented. It is good to know 80% of our pipes are in good shape. She is hoping the Commission can look at some sort of plan to replace the existing goosenecks. She added that the City's putting out a good product to the taps.

Board Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tem Towne suggested more frequent samples and was informed we may add a few more locations next time. Commissioner Grunch asked if we have any of the goosenecks and was informed, yes, some older parts of town may have them. Commissioner Sansom said it seems the 20 samples were unbalanced on the south side of town. She also asked what nearby communities are testing at and was provided with available numbers. Commissioner Conklin said he appreciated this information. He added there are local stores that sell lead testing kits. He has learned a lot about our water system and it is in good hands. Mayor Neidhamer said he appreciates the professionalism in the department.

Asbestos Abatement Bid Schedule

Consideration to schedule a Special Meeting for Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at noon to consider the awarding of the Asbestos Abatement Bids and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk / Treasurer to publish and sign the required notice

Public Works Superintendent Andy Kovolski has requested that since asbestos abatement bids are due and will be opened on February 29, 2016 that a special City Commission be scheduled in order to award the bid for asbestos abatement and removal

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: All are in agreement with the request

MOTION

2016-02-024

Moved by Sansom

Second by Towne

To schedule a Special Meeting for Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at noon to consider the awarding of the Asbestos Abatement Bids and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk / Treasurer to publish and sign the required notice

Ayes: 5
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 0
 Motion carried

**Goal Setting Update /
 Summary of Participation /
 Discussion of Next Steps**

Executive Assistant Barb Brooks presented an overview of the Goal Setting community input session. The results of the online survey was also provided. 465 people participated in the online survey and 41 people attended and provided input at the community meeting held in January. The January meeting recognized the top 18 issues after the group broke into focus groups to identify community issues. Those issues were narrowed down to the top seven. The online survey rated and commented on the top 7 issues identified at the meeting and rated the remaining 11 issues while providing feedback on issues not listed from the meeting feedback. The Commissioners were provided with the summary of the issues presented along with the ratings of those issues.

Citizens Comments: Dean Solomon, a facilitator of the community input session said Barb did a wonderful job putting the information together.

Staff Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioners thanked Barb for her hard work on this project. Discussion of where to go with this information was had and it was determined that the Commissioners need to take the time to look at this information and will move forward with plans after that.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Sansom inquired when the Christmas garland and lights would be coming down. The garland is being removed now and the lights will be turned off and removed in March.

**ADJOURNMENT
 MOTION**

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Conklin to adjourn the regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 1:04 p.m.

Tom Neidhamer
 Mayor

Cindy Grice
 Clerk / Treasurer