

**AUGUST 8, 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 AUGUST 8, 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, Commissioners Hugh Conklin, Ron Grunch and Laura Sansom

Absent: None

Staff: Cindy Grice, Michael Cain, Scott McPherson, Barb Brooks, Andy Kovolski, Mark Fowler, John Lamont, Michele Hewitt, John McLeod, Craig Remsberg and several EMS and Fire Fighters

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

**WELCOME**

Mayor Neidhamer welcomed everyone to the first official meeting in the new City Hall Commission Chambers. There will be a formal open house tentatively scheduled for September 1, 2017.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MOTION**

2017-08-069  
Moved by Towne  
Second by Sansom

To approve the July 25, 2017 City Commission regular meeting minutes as presented

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Roger Smith said he has contacted the DNR office in Gaylord regarding culling the deer herd in the City limits and stated the state would issue a blanket permit in the City to hunt deer.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Jim Bauman said he wanted to be here. Congratulations on this magnificent building. It seems functional and beautiful. He was a part of the committee to make this happen. He also thanked the City for their money management skills to not have to go out for a millage to fund the purchase of the Open Space.

**CITY MANAGERS  
REPORT**

City Manager Cain reported:

- Today marks another milestone for Boyne City with the holding of the first public meeting in our soon to be new home. It is fitting and proper that the City Commission have the honor of holding that meeting. We hope to be able to open our City Hall operations here on Monday August 21.
- The new Mobi Mat at Peninsula Beach was installed last week giving great access to the beach and Lake Charlevoix for those who cannot navigate the sand easily.

**HENRY ERBER  
RETIREMENT  
RECOGNITION**

- New trail benches, picnic tables and trash barrels were installed in Waterworks Park and our new trail to Avalanche Park. We received a grant last year to help with these improvements.
- We have been advised that our grant application to our insurance company was not successful at this time.
- The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for our LaFrance fire truck will be held this weekend. The Fire Department has worked hard to get the truck in great shape for this event. The pump has been refurbished.

EMS Director John Lamont honored Henry Erber who has recently retired from our EMS department. Henry has been instrumental in the development of the Department since the early 1970's, he has volunteered tirelessly for our community and he is greatly appreciated. Henry was also honored by the Fire Department for his many years of dedicated service and received a standing ovation by the audience.

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

**Boyne City Housing  
Commission Annual  
Report**

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Draft minutes of the July 17, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting and the July 29, 2017 Airport Board Meeting were received and filed.

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Boyne City Housing Commission Director Jane MacKenzie provided the 2015-2016 Annual Report. The two housing programs were discussed along with the accomplishments and activities. The report provided will be available at City Hall.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: Pat Kujawski inquired about the status of the 7.4 acres off Division Street and was informed that options are still being reviewed for the site. The Housing Commission hopes to hold a public meeting within the next 60 days and the original plan was withdrawn. Chris Christensen inquired about the use of the vouchers and where they could be used. He was informed that those are for Charlevoix County only. Dean Solomon asked if trends for housing are going up or down. Jane said the waitlists are shorter, possibly due to those people finding alternative housing. The demand has increased. Their office receives calls every day regarding housing.

Board Discussion: Mayor Pro-Tem Towne thanked Jane and the staff for a job well done. Commissioner Sansom agreed. Commissioner Conklin said they are doing a great job and it has been built up from issues of years past. He also inquired if housing vouchers are portable and was informed yes, they can be absorbed by another Housing Commission. Commissioner Grunch said Jane deserves a lot of credit for a job well done.

**Fire Truck Purchase**

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Consideration to purchase a 2017 demo Fire Tanker Truck from Toyne in the amount of \$194,550 and authorize the City Commission to execute the documents.

Fire Chief Dennis Amesbury discussed the proposal from Toyne to purchase a 2017 Demo Tanker truck in the amount of \$194,550. Funds are available and are budgeted in the current fiscal year. This truck would be an addition to our fleet. Research with other companies showed no equipment available or prices much higher. It is also being recommended to add \$2,500 for black paint on the vehicle to match our current fleet.

Staff Comments: None

Citizens Comments: None

Board Discussion: Commissioner Conklin inquired about the budget and impact on the fund balance with this purchase. He was informed that we have set aside funds for this purchase. Commissioner Grunch asked about budgeting for air packs and was informed that we are waiting to hear about a grant to purchase 19 air packs. If we do not receive the grant, we will start to purchase a few at a time. Our current packs are 18 years old and we would like to update to new standards.

2017-08-070  
Moved by Grunch  
Second by Towne

**MOTION**

To approve to purchase a 2017 demo Fire Tanker Truck from Toyne in the amount of \$197,050 and authorize the City Commission to execute the documents.

Ayes: 5  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0  
Motion carried

**Good of the Order**

Commissioner Conklin commented on the excessive geese in Sunset Park and Peninsula Beach. Mayor Pro-Tem Towne said he has been receiving good compliments on the LaFrance display at the new City Hall. Commissioner Sansom said she has been getting compliments as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mayor Neidhamer seconded by Commissioner Grunch to adjourn the Regular City Commission meeting of Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Tom Neidhamer  
Mayor

  
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Cindy Grice  
Clerk / Treasurer