

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2016
2:00 P.M.
APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 2:00 P.M. on July 12, 2016 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Pahl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Wolfgang, DeVaun, Clous, Zeits, Pahl and Rademaker. DeKuiper was excused. Also in attendance were Medical Director Ed Draper, Fire Chief Jim Carroll, and eleven (11) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

Gail Parsons with Traverse Area District Library gave an update on the library and the millage renewal that will be on the ballot in August.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Meeting time should be 2:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm.

Moved by DeVaun second by Wolfgang to approve the agenda with change. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

Board member Rademaker stated a conflict with agenda item a. Lot split for Terry Berden.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: There was no county commissioner present.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Matt Karczewski gave his report stating that there were 524 calls for service in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read a letter from Dave Taylor, 4199 Christina Lynn Lane, regarding campaign flyers being distributed from the Treasurer's office. The Supervisor stated that reading the letters is a violation of the Employee Handbook, *because the employee is not present to be able to ask to go into closed session.*

The Supervisor stated that he filed a complaint with the board back in January and nothing has been done about it, so he will be suing the Township and four of the board members.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
General Fund	#32250-#32318	\$ 72,101.73	Assessing Report
Ambulance Fund	#17481-#17530	\$ 57,587.22	EMS Report
Fire and Police Fund	#10839 -#10871	\$ 32,111.94	Fire Dept. Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1872-#1882	\$ 323.00	Supervisor's Report
Sewer Bill Fund	#1758-#1767	\$ 25,149.27	Treasurer's Report
Sewer Assmt. Fund	#-0-	\$ 31.69	Water Dept. Report
Water Assmt. Fund	#1257	\$ 196.73	Zoning Report
Water Bill Fund	#4784-#4813	\$ 49,496.13	Minutes June 14, 2016
RD RRI Account	# -0-	\$ -0-	Regular Meeting
RD Debt Retirement	# -0-	\$ -0-	Minutes June 29, 2016
Milfoil Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Joint Meeting

Board member Wolfgang asked that the General Fund Register and the June 29, 2016 Joint Meeting minutes be removed. Nicole Blonshine asked that the Supervisor's report be removed.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Rademaker to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of the General Fund Register, the Minutes of July 29, 2016 and the Supervisor's Report. **Yes:** Pahl, Rademaker Wolfgang, DeVau, Clous and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Board member Wolfgang asked that check #32321 for \$1,875.00 paid to Choices, Inc. be added to the General Fund Register. She also asked that Bob Boeve be added to the members present at the June 29, 2016 Joint meeting.

Nicole Blonshine questioned what is in the Supervisor's report and why it isn't put out for the public.

Moved by Clous second by Zeits to approve the Supervisor's Report, the General Fund Register and the minutes of the June 29, 2016 Joint Meeting. **Yes:** Rademaker (except for the June 29, 2016 minutes because I did not attend that meeting), Wolfgang, DeVau, Clous, Zeits, and Pahl. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tiles for Playground

Moved by DeVau second by Clous to approve replacing the artificial surface with Surface America, not to exceed \$64,000.00, with the additional funds to be taken out of fund balance. **Yes:** Clous, Zeits, Pahl, Rademaker, Wolfgang and DeVau. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Board member Rademaker left the meeting room.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Lot Split**

Moved by DeVauN second by Wolfgang to approve the lot split in Stepke Plat for Terry Burden. **Yes:** Clous, Zeits, DeKuiper, Pahl, Rademaker, Wolfgang and DeVauN. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Board member Rademaker rejoined the board.

b. **Attorney Fees**

Supervisor Pahl stated that since we began to allow the Zoning Administrator, Assessor, and Trustees to call the Township Attorney as needed, we have ~~been spending more on these fees.~~ *spent approximately \$7,000.00 per month.*

c. **Contract with Northwest Michigan Fair**

Supervisor Pahl questioned why the contract states that spouses will be admitted free of charge, and also had questions regarding the first aid station.

Moved by Clous second by Rademaker to approve the contract with Northwest Michigan Fair for \$2,380.00 with the deletion of #7. **Yes:** Pahl, Rademaker, Wolfgang, DeVauN, Clous and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. **Purchase of Thermal Imager**

Fire Chief Carroll stated his request.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous to approve the purchase of a Thermal Imager in the amount of \$5,175.00. **Yes:** DeVauN, Clous, Zeits, Pahl, Rademaker, and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

e. **Contract with Fieldwork Services**

Aaron Plowman updated the board on their progress.

Moved by DeVauN second by Clous to approve the contract with Fieldwork Services in the amount of \$22,500.00. **Yes:** Wolfgang, DeVauN, Clous, Zeits, Pahl and Rademaker. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

f. **Recording Secretary**

The board discussed the applications received.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to appoint Pahl, Wolfgang and Clous to the interview committee and to interview Tara Smith and Karen McIntyre. **Motion carried.**

g. **Rich Powell Media Update**

Rich updated the board on the public service announcements and explained what is involved to complete phase II of the media system.

Moved by DeVauN second by Clous to authorize the Supervisor to spend up to \$5,000.00 from the PEG Fund for a television monitor for the meeting room. **Yes:** Zeits, Pahl, Rademaker, Wolfgang, DeVauN, and Clous. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

h. **Library Committee Update**

Gloria VanHoose reported that they would like to purchase the Farm Bureau building and asked the Township to donate \$100,000.00. No action taken on this item.

i. **EMS Contracts**

Medical Director Draper presented the contracts.

Moved by DeVauN second by Rademaker to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contracts with Fife Lake, Mesick, and Green Lake. **Yes:** Rademaker, Wolfgang, DeVauN, Clous, Zeits, and Pahl. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

Nicole Blonshine 3257 County Road 633, spoke regarding the violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, stating that she wants the public to know that the flyer being handed out is not endorsed by the Township.

Mary Coyne, 4815 Luanne Lane, spoke regarding fireworks and how the Ordinance is not being enforced.

Sue Pahl, 3048 Blair Townhall Rd., spoke regarding unethical behavior *by the Clerk and Trustees Rademaker, Clous and Zeits.*

Don Smith, 5700 Blair Townhall Rd., also spoke regarding the violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

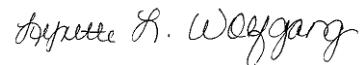
Duane Boroughf, 2208 Grouse Drive, spoke regarding renters.

Penni Shafer, 2829 Conetree Road, also spoke regarding the violation of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

Dave Taylor, 4199 Christina Lynn Lane, stated that had Larry Fleis not gotten cancer, and he not had heart surgery, Pat Pahl would have been recalled.

Gloria VanHoose, 4501 Norton Rd., spoke regarding signing nominating petitions on Township property.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:10 pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynette L. Wolfgang".

Lynette L. Wolfgang
Township Clerk