

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 13, 2016**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**APPROVED**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on December 13, 2016 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Campbell, Blonshine, Clous and Kucera. Also in attendance were Zoning Administrator Lindsey Wolf, Fire Chief Jim Carroll and 16 (sixteen) guests.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:**

Marilyn Fleis, 5237 Norton Rd, spoke regarding the Master Plan and would like the board to table it until new members can review the plan further. She also welcomed the new board.

Dave Rowe, Alward, Fisher, Rice, Rowe & Graf, spoke on behalf of numerous developers as they were not aware of Master Plan and want to look it over to give their input. He requested board the table it so developers can have time to review plan.

Cheryl Gore Follette the County Board Commissioner elect introduced herself to the new members and she has left her contact info with the Clerk for any questions or concerns that she may take to the county level.

Clyde Johnson, Gosling Czubak he welcomed the new board and stated he is looking forward to working with them. Merry Christmas to all.

Travis Clous, 5473 Hannah, has not received any information regarding the new Master Plan and is requesting that board table it until he can review the proposed plan.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Moved by Wolfgang and second by Clous to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None stated.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**County Commissioner’s Report:** Alisa Kroupa Grand Traverse County Commissioner spoke regarding the budget hearings, restructuring of COA and Jason Gillman appointed new Road Commissioner.

**Sheriff’s Report:** Deputy Matt Karczewski stated that Township stats were not available, but gave the remainder of his report. He had a busy month investigating ID Theft, Embezzlement and break-ins.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Lynette Wolfgang welcomed new board members and stated she looks forward to working with them.

Roger Zeits attended a meeting at the County Road Commission and they did an aerial presentation with drones showing all the projects in place.

Nicole Blonshine thanked Lynette Wolfgang, Tracie Campbell, Lindsey Wolf, Lisa Guerrieri, Aaron Plowman and Wendy Witkop for all their help gathering information for the County, Village and Township Revenue Sharing report that needed to be submitted December 1, 2016. She also reported on the new furnace that was installed with help from Bill Heck, Blair Township firefighters and Scott Blonshine of Pioneer Diesel Services who donated his time and a fork lift.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
General Fund	#32614-#32666	\$ 61,349.08	Assessing Report
Ambulance Fund	#17758-#17795	\$ 47,426.62	EMS Report
Fire and Police Fund	#11003-#11029	\$ 47,749.22	Fire Dept. Report
Trust & Agency Fund	# 1909	\$ 73.00	Treasurer’s Report
Sewer Bill Fund	#1818-#1826	\$ 2,427.08	Water Dept. Report
Sewer Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Zoning Report
Water Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$	Minutes October 11, 2016
Water Bill Fund	#4954-#4972	\$ 25,050.39	Regular Meeting
RD RRI Account	# -0-	\$ -0-	
RD Debt Retirement	# -0-	\$ -0-	
Milfoil Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	

**Moved by Clous second by Wolfgang** to approve the Consent Calendar with the addition of the Fire Department Report. **Yes:** Clous, Zeits, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Campbell and Kucera.  
**Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. Intercept Payments**

The Supervisor reported on the progress of payments for intercept agreements.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Regular meeting closed @ 6:28pm.**

**Open Public hearing @ 6:28pm.**

**a. Public Hearing of Master Plan**

1. Jim Schmuckal, 762 Windmill Lane has numerous questions regarding the new Master Plan and would like the board to table it at this time.
2. Dan DeVaun, 2727 Thompson Drive stated that the Master Plan has been available for review for over a year; updates have been presented for review and he would like the Master Plan to be adopted. He also welcomed the new board members.
3. Chuck Benson, 3838 Rustic Manor Ct., resident and Blair Township business owner, would like the board to table the Master Plan.
4. Received email from David Prevo, he would like the board to table the Master Plan to have more time to review and provide comments.
5. Lindsey Wolf, Zoning Administrator, asked the board and residents if they had any questions or concerns regarding the Master Plan.

**Closed Public Hearing @ 6:41pm.**

**Open regular meeting @ 6:41 pm.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to table the Master Plan and have study sessions to help members gain knowledge and have a better understanding of the Master Plan. Bring back to board for the February 14, 2017 meeting. **Yes:** Zeits, Blonshine, Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**b. Interview Committee Recommendation**

The Clerk discussed the committee's recommendation. There was discussion regarding starting salary.

**Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits** to recommend Dan O'Brien for the Medical Director position with a starting salary of \$56,000, to be reviewed in 6 months. **Yes:** Blonshine, Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Zeits. **No:** Campbell. **Motion carried.**

**c. Resolution #2016-20**

Clerk Wolfgang discussed Public Act 152 and explained the Townships responsibilities regarding the Townships contribution to employees' health care.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous** to adopt Resolution #2016-20 annual exemption option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

**Yes:** Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Wolfgang, Zeits, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**d. Update from Gosling Czubak**

Clyde Johnson, Township engineer, discussed the application with Rural Development for funding for a water treatment plant. He stated that the General Fund should be paying the Water Fund for usage in the Township Park and Township Hall.

**e. Surplus Items Disposal**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to declare old tile, shredded rubber and glue as surplus and sell to Green Lake Township for \$1.00 and they haul it away. **Yes:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Wolfgang, Zeits, Blonshine, Clous. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**f. ZBA, PC Board of Review members**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous** to appoint Karin Cascadden to Board of Review and Alternate to the ZBA. **Motion carried.**

**g. Wade Trim Contract Renewal**

Patrick Gallagher discussed the increase in annual fees, maintenance, overtime, call outs and increase in responsibilities. They will have a revised contract for the next meeting.

**h. Mutual Aid Agreement**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Mutual Aid Agreement with Green Lake Township for Fire Protection Services. **Motion carried.**

**i. Quote from Day Signs**

The bulbs in the Township sign have been replaced with last bulbs available, The bulbs need to be switched over to LED lights and the Township would have a 72% savings on electric bill. Cherryland Electric will also give the Township a \$349.00 a year rebate for switching to LED lights.

**Moved by Blonshine second by Clous** to get two more quotes and revisit next month. **Motion carried.**

**j. Possible Land Acquisition.**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Clous** to go into closed session to discuss price on 6 acre parcel that is on the corner of Vance Rd. and County Road 633 and adjacent to entrance of Township park. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Clous and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Went into to closed session at 8:05pm.  
Came out of closed session at 8:10pm.

**Moved by Clous second by Wolfgang** to come out of close session. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Zeits, Clous, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**Moved by Clous and second by Wolfgang** to approve the minutes of the closed session. **Motion carried.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to authorize the Supervisor to make an offer on the 6 acre parcel on the corner of Vance Rd. and County Road 633 and adjacent to entrance of Township park, to include 66 foot easement into the park, starting at \$60,000. **Yes:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Clous, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Jim Carroll, Fire Chief, spoke regarding paying for water, because of training exercises and it is hard to track how many gallons are used. He also reminded the Board that there still is a Fire Board and the bylaws indicate that a Township Board member can be on the Fire Board. He also stated he would like the board to advertise the position vacated by Dan O'Brien.

Rich Powell would like to take a group photo prior to the next meeting.

Dan O'Brien, wanted to give 2 weeks notice and set a start date for Medical Director position.

George Champlin, 1276 W. River Rd., discussed the naming of the VA Clinic after Colonel Demas T. Craw. He also welcomed the new board and is looking forward to working with them.

Marvin Radke, 9394 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Interlochen, introduced himself as the new Green Lake Township Supervisor. He appreciates the board adopting the Mutual Aid Agreement and he looks forward to working with the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:35pm

Jane Beuthin  
Deputy Clerk