

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

August 8, 2017

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 August 8, 2017 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Kucera, Blonshine and Zeits. Clous was excused. Also in attendance were EMS Director Dan O'Brien, and 8 (eight) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no public input.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Clerk Wolfgang asked that Cash Refund of Pavilion Rental Deposit be added as new business item "m".

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the agenda with the addition of item "m" Cash Refund of Pavilion Rental Deposit. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: Cheryl Gore Follette, Grand Traverse County Commissioner announced that they have selected a new County Administrator. She also spoke about the pension debt, animal control and Commission on Aging.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Karczewski not present.

EMS Report: EMS Director Dan O'Brien spoke about EMS Billing Service Provider change to AccuMed. He also spoke that the process for being designated a training center is ongoing. Part-time Paramedic/FF Greg Johnson has assumed the responsibility of Coordinator for this program.

Fire Department: Supervisor Blonshine informed the Board that Fire Chief Jim Carroll received a \$1,400.00 grant from Michigan Par Plan to complete fire investigation training. There were 15 calls for service. The training for the month was apparatus driving which consists of working the truck, its equipment and driving a course.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek discussed the night work on South Airport Rd from Barlow to Garfield. He spoke about Cass Rd closure from August 14, 2017 to approximately mid September.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Kucera attended the MTA Professional Development training and spoke regarding a few of the topics discussed.

Clerk Wolfgang shared that she has signed the grant agreement for the new election equipment.

Supervisor Blonshine shared with the Board a letter received from a family that had reserved the pavilion, which was also booked by another family. She accommodated both families by putting one family in the township meeting room and the other at the pavilion, both families were very happy.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
General Fund	#33059-#33118	\$ 67,205.20	Assessing Report
Ambulance Fund	#18127-#18172	\$ 57,388.89	EMS Report
Fire and Police Fund	#11252-#11280	\$ 44,672.23	Fire Dept. Report
Trust & Agency Fund	# 1931-1939	\$ 6,048.00	Treasurer's Report
Sewer Bill Fund	#1911-#1921	\$ 22,417.99	Water Dept. Report
Sewer Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Zoning Report
Water Assmt. Fund	#1275 #1281	\$ 638.41	Minutes July 11, 2017
Water Bill Fund	#5187-#5222	\$ 51,778.02	Regular Meeting
RD RRI Account	# -0-	\$ -0-	Minutes July 18, 2017
RD Debt Retirement	# -0-	\$ -0-	Quarterly Joint Meeting
Milfoil Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	
Tax Account	#6042-6053	\$ 282,204.52	

Clerk Wolfgang asked that the General Fund Check register be pulled for discussion. Check # 33065 should be from Liquor Law Fund for \$10,000 to Fire Department Fund. Also check # 33066 shows void, but is to Cherryland Electric for \$7.35.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the Consent Calendar with correction of General Fund check register. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Resolution #2017-17 to Address the Collection of Payments or Refunds on Taxes Under/Over \$5.00

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Kucera to adopt Resolution #2017-17 to Address the Collection of Payments or Refunds on Taxes Under/Over \$5.00. **Yes:** Zeits, Kucera, Wolfgang, Campbell, Fitzpatrick and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Director of Emergency Services Interview Committee Recommendation

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to appoint Eric Somsel as the Director of Emergency Services with a starting salary of \$65,000 per year, as proposed in the Emergency Services Restructuring Plan with a seniority date of 6/9/1998 for vacation time purposes with current full-time employee benefits (non-union). **Yes:** Campbell, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

b. Ordinance Amendment #120-05-17-01 Emergency Services Charges Ordinance

Moved by Kucera second by Wolfgang to adopt Ordinance Amendment #120-05-17-01 Emergency Services Charges Ordinance with the removal of the second sentence in Section 2, Letter A. **Yes:** Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Wolfgang, Blonshine and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

c. Rate Increase for Emergency Service Charges

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Blonshine to adopt Resolution #2017-22 Resolution to Set Fees. **Yes:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Blonshine, Wolfgang and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. Full Time Paramedic/Firefighter Interview Committee

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to establish an interview committee consisting of the Director of Emergency Services, 2 EMS/Fire staff members and Supervisor Blonshine. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Zeits, and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

e. Treasurer's Financial Report

Treasurer's report was presented.

f. Maintenance Coordinator Resignation

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to accept Bill Heck's resignation with his last day of employment being August 11, 2017. **Motion carried.**

g. Maintenance Coordinator Job Description

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to accept the Maintenance Coordinator Job Description as presented. **Motion carried.**

h. Maintenance Coordinator Interview Committee

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to appoint Maintenance Coordinator Interview Committee consisting of Supervisor Blonshine, Fire Chief Carroll and Clerk Wolfgang. **Motion carried.**

i. Pavilion Rentals/Authority to Grant Refunds

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to give the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer the authority to grant refunds on Pavilion rentals when they feel it is justified. **Yes:** Kucera, Wolfgang, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to not charge Pavilion rental fees effective January 1, 2018. **Yes:** Blonshine, Campbell, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

j. Splash pad Turn Off on Rainy Days

No action taken.

k. Waive Penalties on Estimated Water Bills

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to waive penalties on estimated water bills for June & July 2017. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits, Campbell, Fitzpatrick and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

l. Planning Commission Appointment Term Expiring 11/30/2017

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to postpone until next month. **Motion carried.**

m. Cash Refund of Pavilion Rental Deposit

Moved by Kucera and second by Fitzpatrick to authorize the Clerk to issue a check from the Trust & Agency account for \$25.00 to reimburse the Treasurer's change drawer for a cash refund of the Pavilion rental deposit. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Campbell, Kucera and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick that all future refunds will be done by check according to state law. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Campbell, Kucera and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawn Koon-Nolff, 577 Strohm Rd., spoke about medical marihuana and inquired whether Blair Township considering amending/changing their Ordinance to allow certain facilities.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:28pm


Jane Beuthin
Deputy Clerk