

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 10, 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 October 10, 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: Campbell, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. Also in attendance were Director of Emergency Services, Eric Somsel, Water/Sewer Coordinator Lisa Guerrieri and fifteen (15) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

Joe Kremer, 895 Marge-Anne, spoke about the lights, trees and wall behind McDonalds.

13th Circuit Court Judge Jason Elsenheimer reported that crime had dropped but is slowly increasing. Drug Court cases have increased.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board Member Wolfgang requested that "Budget Amendments" be added to the agenda as New Business item "m".

Moved by Clous second by Zeits to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business item "m". **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: Cheryl Gore Follette reported on the Brownfield plan for Traverse Place, requesting bids for backup services for the COA, 86th District Court reorganization, appointment of a compensation committee and revisions to the purchasing policy.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Karczewski stated there were 415 calls for service in September.

EMS Report: Director of Emergency Services, Eric Somsel stated that EMS Chief Dan O'Brien has been working on intercept agreements. He also reported on the EMS training center and the department's participation in St. Patrick's Health Day.

Fire Department: Director of Emergency Services Eric Somsel spoke regarding the Fire Truck Committee and the Career Survival Class. He also reported on the employment opportunities for Fire Section Chief and Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek spoke regarding the Asset Management Plan for the County Road Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Board Member Wolfgang reported that the new election equipment has arrived and training for BS&A software has started.

Supervisor Blonshine reported on the success of the first clean up day in ten to twelve years. She thanked all the residents, volunteers, A-1 Tree Service, Grandpa’s Garage and American Waste. She also spoke regarding street lights on East & West Mobile Trail and the Drug Drop Off at the township on October 28.

Board Member Campbell reported she has submitted the article and pictures to MTA for the December issue of Township Focus Magazine.

Board Members Campbell and Kucera spoke regarding the Get Engaged Classes they are attending.

The Township Engineer will be included on the Agenda under Presentations/Special Reports, in the future. Brian Sousa with Wade Trim reported that the Vance Road water main expansion is moving forward with Eastwood Custom Homes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
General Fund	#33182-#33222	\$ 62,229.81	Assessing Report
Ambulance Fund	#18225-#18260	\$ 72,090.14	EMS Report
Fire and Police Fund	#11320-#11348	\$ 28,274.45	Fire Dept. Report
Trust & Agency Fund	# 1945-1948	\$ 813.00	Treasurer’s Report
Sewer Bill Fund	# 1928-1934	\$ 7,583.76	Water Dept. Report
Sewer Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Zoning Report
Water Assmt. Fund	# 1282	\$ 64.11	Minutes September 12,
Water Bill Fund	#5251-#5274	\$ 48,241.34	2017 Regular Meeting
RD RRI Account	# -0-	\$ -0-	
RD Debt Retirement	# -0-	\$ -0-	
Milfoil Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	
Tax Account	#6084-#6089	\$ 3,837,378,.08	

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
 Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Township Welcome Packet

The Board will form a committee to work on the Township Welcome Packet and Logo.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Request for Interpretation of Water Ordinance-Carl & Laura Christianson

Township Attorney Worden gave his interpretation of the Water and Sewer Ordinance, Section 401, Mandatory Connection. The Township Attorney stated that the intent of the Water and Sewer Ordinance is clear and the resident cannot obtain a land use permit until a water permit is applied for.

No action taken.

b. Request for Variance from the Water Ordinance-Kent Stiner

Bill Crain with Crain Engineering presented the request for a variance from the Water and Sewer Ordinance on behalf of his client Kent Stiner. The Township Attorney will review and make a recommendation to Township Board.

No action taken.

c. Rollover of Delinquent Water/Sewer Bills and Assessments to Winter Tax Bill

Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous to approve rollover of delinquent Water/Sewer bills and Assessments to Winter Tax Bill. **Yes:** Campbell, Clous, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits, Fitzpatrick and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. AT&T Water Tower Rental

Township Attorney Worden will review the proposal for the tower rental, negotiate an agreement and forward it to Supervisor Blonshine.

No action taken.

e. Shift Captain Job Description

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve Shift Captains Job Description as presented. **Motion carried.**

f. Appointment of Shift Captains

Director of EMS Services Eric Somsel recommended appointing Scott Allman, Eric Darling and Matt Tallman as Shift Captains.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to appoint Eric Darling, Scott Allman and Matt Tallman as Shift Captains effective immediately. **Motion carried.**

g. Adjustment of Officer/Shift Captains Pay

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to increase Officer/Shift Captain stipend to \$3,100.00 annually per person. **Yes:** Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Zeits, Wolfgang and Clous. **No:** Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

h. Re-appoint one (1) Planning Commissioner

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to re-appoint Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Heim to a three year term to expire 11/30/2020. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Clous, Blonshine, Kucera and Zeits. **No:** Campbell. **Motion carried.**

i. Re-appoint two (2) ZBA Members

Moved by Kucera second by Wolfgang to re-appoint Gary Welch to the ZBA for a three year term to expire 11/30/2020. **Yes:** Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Clous, Kucera and Wolfgang. **No:** Campbell. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick to appoint Mike Mapes to the ZBA for a three year term to expire 11/30/2020. **Yes:** Blonshine, Wolfgang, Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

j. Dangerous Buildings update

Supervisor Blonshine reported that the the home at Sawyer and East Mobile Trail has been removed. Another dangerous building on W. Mobile Trail will be demolished on 11/15/17.

k. Winter 2017 Newsletter

Board Member Campbell will bring the Newsletter to the November 14, 2017 Board Meeting for final approval.

l. Treasurer's Report

Board Member Campbell read her Treasurer's report.

m. Budget Amendments

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to amend the budget to allocate FICA and Insurance to each individual department from the Township Board line item. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Clous and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Member Wolfgang read a Thank You card from Chief Carroll's family (Sara and Heather) for the funds donated by the employees and officials.

Board Member Campbell is currently attending the MMTA Conference and reported on short term rental legislation. She also reminded the board that the milfoil special assessment will not be on the winter tax bill this year.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20pm



Jane Beuthin
Deputy Clerk