

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting

July 24, 2018

5:00 P.M.

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The special meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 5:00 P.M. on July 24, 2018 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera and Campbell. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Bill Parker, Captain Scott Allman, Water/Sewer Coordinator/Interim Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri, and three (3) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

Bob Cooney, Grand Traverse County Prosecutor introduced himself and announced that he is running for 86th District Court Judge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None stated.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Award Bid for Well #4 Iron Removal Plant

Brian Sousa, Township Engineer presented the bid tabulation sheet and stated that RCI Construction was the low bidder on the project. He stated that Wade Trim has worked with them on other projects and recommends awarding the bid to them.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to award the bid to RCI Construction for a cost of \$379,990.00 based on the Township Engineer's recommendation. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Campbell and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Wade-Trim for construction engineering and construction administration in the amount of \$45,000. **Yes:** Zeits, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

b. Finance Options for New Fire Truck

The Supervisor reported that Emergency Services Director Somsel was planning to be here, but there is a special meeting at Green Lake Township regarding a request for a millage to go ALS that they both felt was important for him to be at. Chief Parker presented the options for financing that were put together by Board Member Campbell, himself, Captain Allman and Director Somsel and made the recommendation of the ten (10) year loan from the General Fund, with the first payment due July 1, 2019.

Board Member Wolfgang questioned whether July 1 was the best time for the payment to be due since the Fire Fund does not start receiving it's special assessment monies until the winter tax bill is due. Board member Campbell stated that the Fire Fund receives settlement on delinquent taxes from the county in April, so they will have the funds for the payment in July.

Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits to approve a loan from the General Fund to the Fire Fund for \$511,000.00 to be paid back in ten (10) years, or sooner, at an interest rate of 2% for the duration of the loan, with the first payment due July 1, 2019. The Board will adopt a Resolution at the August meeting outlining all the details. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Campbell, Zeits, and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:38 pm.


Lynette Wolfgang
Township Clerk