

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

August 14, 2018

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 14, 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: Blonshine, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang and Kucera. Also in attendance were Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Captain Matt Tallman and six (6) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

Russell Wothe, 3288 Nimrod Rd., spoke regarding the gun range in Hoosier Valley. He is concerned about the possibility of lead pollution from gun shells and casings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Blonshine noted the incorrect date on the proposed agenda.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the agenda with the date change of August 10, 2018 to August 14, 2018 and the addition of the Treasurer's report as New Business item h. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report: No Commissioner present.

Sheriff's Report: Officer Karczewski is currently on vacation. There were 454 calls for service in July.

EMS Report: Emergency Services Director Somsel reported on the grant that was received from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for mass casualty supplies, Fire Chief Parker and Captain Allman's fire truck preconstruction meeting, Mayfield Township's millage request that will be on the November ballot, the upcoming Career Survival Class, and the status of the new Echo unit.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: No representative present. Supervisor Blonshine gave an update on the East/West Corridor study group meetings that she has been attending.

Wade Trim Report: Ken Schwerdt, engineer with Wade Trim reported that things are moving forward with the Well #4 Iron Removal Plant and that there is a preconstruction meeting tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Blonshine reminded everyone that fall clean up day is scheduled for September 15.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#1837-1939	\$ 95,779.98	Assessing Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1004-1006	\$ 2,773.00	Emergency Services Report
Tax Account	# 6226-6244	\$ 755,163.86	Water Dept. Report
Payroll	#1122-1174	\$ 30,946.54	Zoning Report
Direct Deposits/EFT		\$ 135,755.53	Minutes Regular Meeting July 10, 2018 Minutes Special Meeting July 24, 2018

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to approve the consent calendar as presented.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Videotaping of Meetings

Board member Kucera reported that he is still working on this and that board member Campbell has agreed to tape the next meeting. No action taken.

Website Committee

There was discussion regarding the current website and soliciting bids from professionals to create and maintain the Township website. Board member Campbell agreed to take on this task. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution #2018-20 to Loan the Fire Fund \$511,000.00

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to adopt Resolution #2018-20 Blair Township General Fund loans the Fire Fund the sum of \$511,000.00 to be repaid in ten (10) yearly payments of \$56,887.86, minimum, at an interest rate of 2% per annum for the duration of the loan, with the first payment due July 1, 2019. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Kucera, Fitzpatrick and Blonshine.
No: None. **Motion carried.**

b. Trustee Appointment

Board member Wolfgang stated that she received resumes from three applicants, one of which missed the deadline, so was not considered by the committee of herself and board members Fitzpatrick and Kucera. The committee's recommendation was to appoint Marilyn Fleis.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to appoint Marilyn Fleis to fulfill the term vacated by Stacey Clous with a term ending in November 2020. **Yes:** Kucera, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Blonshine and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

c. ZBA Appointment

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to appoint George Lombard as the Planning Commission Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending 11/30/19. **Yes:** Campbell, Kucera, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. Employee Assistance Program

There was one question about the proposal that was received and there was discussion regarding who all to include in this program. Board members Blonshine and Wolfgang will do further work on this matter and bring the information to the next meeting. No action taken.

e. Uniform Chart of Accounts

Board member Wolfgang reported that adoption of the new Chart of Accounts is required by the state of Michigan and that she has worked with Rehmann to insure that the Township's Chart of Accounts meets the state requirements.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Kucera to adopt the new Uniform Chart of Accounts as presented. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

f. 5 Year Recreation Plan Quote from Wade Trim

Supervisor Blonshine explained that the last plan expired in 2011 and that to apply for, or receive any grants for parks and recreation, the Township has to have a current plan.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to accept the proposal from Wade Trim for work on the Parks and Recreation Plan not to exceed \$5,000.00. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

g. EMS Coordinator Job Description

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the EMS Coordinator Job Description with the condition that the word "preferred" be stricken from item number 4 under "Minimum Entry and Education Requirements. **Motion carried.**

h. Treasurer's Report

Board member Campbell gave her report.

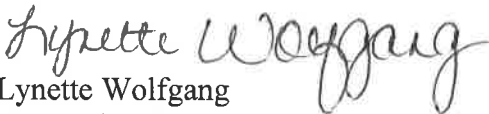
EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT:

Board member Campbell and Supervisor Blonshine praised the Wade Trim water operators and Alpers Excavating on the work they did together on the service line break in Ramblewood Subdivision on the night of August 7.

Board member Kucera congratulated Marilyn Fleis.

Brad Jewett, candidate for 3rd District County Commissioner introduced himself.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:14 pm.


Lynette Wolfgang
Township Clerk