

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 9, 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 October 9, 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: Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Kucera, Blonshine, and Campbell. Board member Fleis will be late. Also in attendance were Interim Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and eight (8) guests.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:**

Mac McClelland with Otwell Mawby spoke regarding a proposed amendment to the Rennie School Road Brownfield Redevelopment Plan. He stated that additional eligible activity costs have been identified, therefore the plan needs to be amended to increase the eligible activity budget and extend the capture period. The amendment will come to the board at the November meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to approve the agenda as presented. **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 reported that there were 432 calls for service in September.

**EMS Report:** Emergency Services Director Somsel reported that the new echo unit is now in service, and thanked Captain Allman for all the work he has done researching and organizing this purchase. He reported on the St. Patrick's Health Fair, the upcoming Ace Hardware Fire Prevention Day, arrangements for the Halloween Party, hose and ladder testing, evaluations for the fire officers and the October 16 Career Survival Class.

**Grand Traverse County Road Commission:** Commissioner Andy Marek reported on Jim Cook's retirement announcement, updating of traffic light technology, construction of a wash bay and the R-cut on S. Airport Road.

**Wade Trim Report:** Engineer Ken Schwerdt reported that the iron removal plant building is up, however, the filters are delayed. All site work and water main work is done, all that is left is the inside work.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Board member Campbell read correspondence received via the Township Facebook page regarding the thank you letter that was sent out to a resident after they removed junk and debris from their yard.

Supervisor Blonshine referenced the article from Mika Meyers regarding the possible legalization of recreational marihuana.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#2029-2133	\$ 1,020,081.87	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1008-1009	\$ 618.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	# 6265-6286	\$ 3,147,753.20	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1118-1224	\$ 42,578.09	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits		\$ 70,188.27	September 11, 2018

Board member Wolfgang asked that the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting be removed for the following corrections:

After Pledge of Allegiance add: *Moment of silence observed in remembrance of those who lost their lives as a result of the events of September 11, 2001.*

Item j. add to motion: *give computer to*

Extended Public Input after November add: *I<sup>st</sup>.*

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve the consent calendar with the corrections to the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Board member Fleis arrived at 6:40pm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Videotaping of Meetings**

Board member Kucera reported he was able to obtain a quote for two different options from Memories by Andy.

**Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick** to accept proposal #1 from Memories by Andy for videotaping of Township meetings, starting with the November meeting. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis, Blonshine, Campbell, Wolfgang and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

### **Website Committee**

There was discussion regarding the quotes from Revize and Civic Plus.

**Moved by Campbell second by Fitzpatrick** to approve Revize as the Township's website host and designer. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Kucera, Fleis, Blonshine, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

### **Library Shed**

Supervisor Blonshine stated that the Library Committee must not have liked the offer the Township made. She stated that the Zoning Administrator will send a letter to the committee with a deadline of November 30, 2018 to move the shed off Township property. No action was taken.

### **Green Burials**

There was discussion regarding what kind of trees would be planted, how much room they would need and who would take care of them. The Supervisor also presented pictures of the area of Maple Grove Cemetery that would suit this use. Further discussion will be had at the next meeting. No action taken.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **a. Payment Certificate #1 to RCI**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Campbell** to approve payment certificate #1 to RCI for the Iron Removal Plant. **Yes:** Blonshine, Wolfgang, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

#### **b. Payment Certificate #2 to RCI**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** to approve payment certificate #2 to RCI for the Iron Removal Plant. **Yes:** Fleis, Kucera, Wolfgang, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

#### **c. Rollover of Delinquent Water & Sewer Bills and Assessments**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to approve rollover of delinquent water and sewer bills and special assessments left outstanding as of 10/31/18 to the winter tax bill. **Yes:** Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Campbell, Wolfgang, Zeits and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**d. Backing the Badge**

Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel explained that this is an Employee Assistance Program intended for firefighters, paramedics, EMT's, police officers, etc. He explained that if Paradise Township decides to offer this to their Emergency Services personnel, it will bring our cost down.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve the Backing the Badge Employee Assistance Program for the EMS and Fire employees and management not to exceed \$3,000.00 per year.

**Yes:** Campbell, Fleis, Kucera, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None.

**Motion carried.**

**e. Intercept Rate Adjustment**

Emergency Services Director Somsel stated his reasons for the rate adjustment. There was discussion regarding the amounts outstanding from other agencies. Supervisor Blonshine and Director Somsel will draft a letter to other agencies regarding the collection of outstanding bills. No action taken.

**f. Treasurer's Report**

Board member Campbell gave her report.

**EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT:**

County Commissioner candidate Linda Pepper spoke regarding the upcoming election.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:47 pm.

Lynette Wolfgang  
Township Clerk