

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 13, 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 November 13, 2018 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Clerk Wolfgang.

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis and Campbell. Board members Zeits and Blonshine were absent. Also in attendance were Interim Zoning Administrator /Water & Sewer Coordinator Lisa Guerrieri, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and seven (7) guests.

**Moved by Wolfgang and second by Fleis** to appoint board member Fitzpatrick as chairperson in Supervisor Blonshine's absence.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:**

Nathan Vedler spoke regarding passing of Proposal #1 Recreational Use of Marijuana. He stated that there was over 63% approval of proposal 1 between the 4 precincts in Blair Township for recreational use. He would like to encourage Blair Township to opt into medical marijuana.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to add Lot and Land LLC Variance request as item A under new business. Add Resolution #2018-22 as item L under new business. **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 605 calls for service in October.

**EMS Report:** Emergency Services Director Somsel thanked everyone that helped with the Halloween party. Stated that the Career Survival class held Oct 16<sup>th</sup> was very successful. He's happy and excited to have the resource of Backing the Badge and thanked the board for passing the request. He reported that he and Chief Parker continues to work with Dr. Smith on a Regional Hazmat Education Grant. They are also working on a grant request for air packs and masks.

**Grand Traverse County Road Commission:** Commissioner Andy Marek reported they are in the process of hiring a new manager and accepting applications. Winter is here, and the plows are out on the roads.

**Wade Trim Report:** Engineer Ken Schwerdt reported that the iron removal plant is shut down *construction of the iron removal plant is completed* until equipment arrives. However the arrival date has been pushed back again, equipment is now scheduled to arrive on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Board member Wolfgang stated the recent November 6<sup>th</sup> election went well. There were 3,596 voters in the November 6<sup>th</sup> election, 300 short of the 2016 Presidential Election. Board member Kucera announced that this is the first night Memories by Andy will be recording the board meeting. With deer hunting season here he would like to wish everyone good luck, have fun and stay safe.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#2134-2244	\$ 207,302.93	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1010-1012	\$ 2138.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	# 6293	\$ 527.54	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1236-1246	\$ 40,927.74	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits		\$ 61,459.97	October 9, 2018

Assessing report includes road name approvals for private roads Canfield Cove Circle and Blueberry Ridge.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve consent calendar.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Green Burials**

Board member Wolfgang will work on amendment and bring to a future meeting.

**ALS Intercept Fees**

Green Lake Township has brought their bill current after receiving a letter from Supervisor Blonshine.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Campbell** to approve new intercept rate \$350.00 per intercept with a 60-day, 5% net, with 5% interest after 90 days, once BLS agency has become current with the reimbursement to Blair Township. **Yes:** Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Lot & Land LLC Variance**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis** to approve variance for Lot and Land LLC from section 801 of Blair Township ordinance #100-17 Water and Sewer ordinance. **Yes:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**b. Planning Commission Reappoint**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang** to re appoint Adam Wagner to Planning Commission term ending 11/30/2021. **Yes:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**c. Parks and Recreation Committee**

The board was unsure what action Supervisor Blonshine wanted to take on this item. It was suggested that the board recess and the Clerk will try to contact her.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to Recess at 6:40 **Motion carried.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to reconvene at 6:45 **Motion carried.**

Board member Wolfgang stated that Supervisor Blonshine did not need action taken on this item but is looking for a few people willing to join the ad hoc committee. The results of the parks and rec survey were very successful.

**d. Negotiation Committee**

Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel stated the union would like to start negotiations the beginning of December. He would recommend Chief Parker, himself, and 2-3 board members be on the committee.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis** to establish Union Negotiation Committee made up of Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Chief Parker, Board Member Fitzpatrick, Blonshine and Wolfgang. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**e. Township Newsletter**

Board member Campbell stated that we need to change the date of the Easter Egg hunt to April 20<sup>th</sup> 2018. Spring clean up day moved from May 11<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Moved by Fleis second by Wolfgang** to approve newsletter with changes. **Motion carried.**

**f. Emergency Service New Hires**

Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel reported the full time recommendation was declined. He would like to recommend Rudy Rakan as part time Paramedic.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to hire Rudy Rakan as a part time Paramedic for Blair Township. **Yes:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**g. Write off Outstanding Ambulance Bills**

Emergency Services Director Somsel reported that Kingsley Area Ambulance is no longer in business. They have no assets and an outstanding bill of approximately \$14,000.00 due to Blair Township.

**Moved by Kucera second by Wolfgang** to write off remaining Kingsley Area Ambulance debt of \$14,652.56. **Yes:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang. **No:** None **Motion carried.**

**h. Emergency Services Grant Submission**

Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel reported on the two grants that Blair Emergency Services is applying for. He is currently working with Michigan Par Planning for the grant of the Mobile Eyes and a 2% grant from the band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for I-pads and cad software. Those items would be needed for the Mobile Eyes program. The maximum amount the Fire Department would have to spend is \$2500.00.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to apply for grants with Michigan Par Plan and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for the Mobile Eyes program and the software and I-pads to support the program, with township match not to exceed \$2,500.00. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**i. Emergency Services Surplus Equipment**

Emergency Services Director Somsel stated that the custom cabinetry in the old Echo unit did not work to use it for the new Mass Casualty Incident unit.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis** to approve declaring surplus of echo unit cabinetry and selling for approximately \$100-200. **Yes:** Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, and Fitzpatrick **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**j. Certificate for Payment #3 to RCI for Iron Removal Plant**

**Moved by Campbell second by Wolfgang** to approve payment #3 to RCI for Iron Removal Plant for the amount of \$36,668.90. **Yes:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis. **No:** None **Motion carried.**

**k. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer reported that she distributed a new cash summary as it was pointed out to her by the clerk that the one in the packet was incorrect.

**l. Resolution 2018-22 Opposing SB396**

Andy Marek from the Grand Traverse County Road Commission gave the board and the public a brief description of this resolution.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to adopt Resolution 2018-22 in opposition of Senate Bill 396. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**Extended Public Input**

Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel reported that Mayfield Township Emergency services millage was passed. Blair Township should see an additional \$30,000.00 in revenues in 2019  
Board member Kucera thanked Dennis Fitzpatrick for serving as chairperson.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:18 pm.



Amanda Inman  
Deputy Clerk