

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
December 11, 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 December 11, 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, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell and Zeits. Board member Fleis arrived at 6:05pm. Board member Wolfgang was absent. Also in attendance were Interim Zoning Administrator /Water & Sewer Coordinator Lisa Guerrieri, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and eight (8) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

Gloria VanHoose from the Library Committee spoke in regards to the offer of \$5,000 that Blair Township made for the Library shed. She expressed that the offer was to low and would like our board to consider a counter offer of \$6,000 or more.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis to approve agenda with the following changes: add Resolution #2018-24 as item G under NEW BUSINESS, add Amended Brownfield Plan as item H under NEW BUSINESS, move Treasure's Report to PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS, and delete "Wage Scale" from item "f" under New Business. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report: No commissioners present. Supervisor Blonshine stated that Cheryl Gore-Follette stopped in earlier in the day to say her goodbyes and informed her there will be 5 new commissioners starting as of January 1st 2019.

Sheriff's Report: Officer Karczewski reported that there were 366 calls for service in November.

EMS Report: Emergency Services Director Somsel stated they are continuing to move forward with fire inspections. Captain Matt Tallman is becoming more available to do the inspections on a regular basis. He reported that Chief Parker is working with a local school on sponsoring a family in need, for the holidays. Any donations can be made through Chief Parker.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Commissioner Andy Marek reported they are still in the process of finding a replacement for manager Jim Cook, they are hoping to start the interview process January 3rd 2019. The East/ West corridor study has been postponed until January.

Wade Trim Report: Engineer Brian Sousa reported that the iron removal plant is waiting for the tanks to be shipped. They were set to arrive on December 14th however he stated they are now not shipping until December 14th. They continue to stay busy with site plan reviews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Update from Supervisor Blonshine on Parks & Recreational Ad Hoc Committee Meeting held December 6, 2018. She is very pleased with over 200 responses to the Parks & Recreational survey. There is a draft Parks and Recreational plan available for review and on our website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#2245-2325	\$ 84,806.87	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1013-1014	\$ 483.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	# 6294-6300	\$ 35,646.20	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1247-1292	\$ 46,689.12	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits		\$ 64,010.32	November 13, 2018

Payroll checks 1225-1235 were approved at the October 9, 2018 meeting but the minutes of the meeting do not reflect this.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve payroll checks 1225-1235. **Yes:** Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine, Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve consent calendar. **Motion carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Green Burials

No discussion, no action taken
Supervisor Blonshine gave Treasures report

NEW BUSINESS

a. Rehmann Group- Audit

Steve from Rehmann stated that after many months of attempts by himself and Supervisor Blonshine to contact Blair Township's previous auditors they have finally received some of the information that was requested. Steve reported that the information that was given will not be enough to file the 2017-2018 audit by the December 31, 2018 deadline. He also stated that he spoke with the State and they have agreed to give Blair Township a 30 day extension until January 31, 2019.

Moved by Campbell second by Fitzpatrick to hire Rehmann to audit the 2016-2017 ending balances to ensure the 2017-2018 opening balances are correct. **Yes:** Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

b. Certificate for Payment #4 to RCI for Iron Removal Plant

Moved by Blonshine second by Kucera to approve payment #4 to RCI for Iron Removal Plant for the amount of \$14,058.57. **Yes:** Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

c. Hire Full Time Paramedic/ Firefighter

EMS Director Eric Somsel reported that the one applicant for the full time Paramedic/ Firefighter has position accepted an offer with Green Lake Township, therefore has declined the position with Blair Township.

d. ZBA Re-appointments

Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick to re-appoint Dave McGee to the ZBA, term ending November 30, 2021. **Motion carried**

Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick to re-appoint Karin Cascadden to the ZBA, term ending November 30, 2021. **Motion carried**

e. Resolution # 2018-23 Annual Exemption Option PA 152

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution #2018-23 the annual exemption option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. **Yes:** Kucera, Campbell, Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

f. Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Deputy Administrator of Zoning and Public Works

Supervisor Blonshine stated that she is not prepared to discuss the wage scale at this meeting.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Blonshine to approve the position and job description of Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Deputy Administrator of Zoning and Public Works. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

g. Resolution # 2018-24 Apply for Grant from Michigan Par Plan

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to adopt Resolution # 2018-24 to apply for grant from Michigan Par Plan. **Yes:** Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

h. Amended Brownfield Plan

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis to approve the December 2018 amended Brownfield Plan Rennie School Road Property Redevelopment, Blair Township, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, as prepared by Mac McClelland, Manager - Brownfield Redevelopment. **Yes:** Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Extended Public Input

Board member Kucera thanked Memories by Andy for taping the meetings. He is very impressed with how well the last meeting was taped. Supervisor Blonshine informed everyone that she suffered a heart attack November 24, 2018. She thanked everyone for all of their love and support during this time. She reported at this time she is working part time and will slowly be working up to coming back full time. Board Member Fitzpatrick stated he is very thankful for Supervisor Blonshine and all the hard work she puts in at the township.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:06 pm.

Amanda Inman
Deputy Clerk