

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 12, 2019**  
**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 February 12, 2019 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, Zeits, Kucera, Blonshine, Fleis and Campbell. Board member Fitzpatrick absent. Also in attendance were Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and fifteen (15) guests.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Add Brownfield Redevelopment plan as item B under New Business

Moved by **Wolfgang** second by **Campbell** to approve the agenda with change. **Motion carried.**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None stated.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report:** Brad Jewett stated there have been recent inquires for the purchase of the Grand Traverse Pavilions; he reports the Pavilions is not for sale.

**Sheriff's Report:** Officer Karczewski gave his report. No stats available due to system upgrade.

**EMS Report:** No *verbal* report given Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel was out on a call.

**Grand Traverse County Road Commission:** Commissioner Andy Marek reported that new manager, Brad Kluczynski is starting February 18, 2019. He also reported on the East/West Corridor Study and an access management plan.

**Wade Trim Report:** Engineer Ken Schwerdt reported that iron removal tanks and piping arrived and have been installed, however they are still waiting on the control panel, the ship date is scheduled for March 4, 2019 at this time.

**Treasurer Report:** Board member Campbell gave her report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** There were none.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#2403-2501	\$ 210,280.62	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1022-1025	\$ 1,698.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	# 6325-6364	\$ 584,099.95	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1320-1328	\$ 57,351.76	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits		\$ 88,031.35	January 8, 2019

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Green Burials/ Possible Amendment to the Cemetery Ordinance**

Supervisor Blonshine explained what a green burial is. Board member Wolfgang stated that what the inquiry from a resident was actually about was planting cremains in a tree.

**Moved by Blonshine second by Kucera** to remove Green Burials from the agenda for now. **Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Rehmann- Audit Presentation**

Steve Peacock stated they have reviewed the opening balances and the F65 has been accepted by the state as of February 2, 2019. Mr. Peacock briefly reviewed the audit with board members, and suggested that any township employee or board member consider attending a governmental accounting class at no charge, that is offered by their company.

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fleis** to accept the audit for fiscal year ending 6/30/18 as presented by Rehmann. **Yes:** Zeits, Blonshine, Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

**b. Brownfield Redevelopment Plan**

Mac McLellan with Otwell-Mawby explained that the Brownfield Redevelopment plan has been amended therefore, the motion made in December needs to be rescinded and the amended plan needs to be adopted.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Campbell** to rescind the motion made at the December 11, 2018 meeting adopting the amended Brownfield Plan Rennie School Road Property Redevelopment. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to adopt Resolution # 2019-03 Concurrence Rennie School Road Redevelopment Amended Brownfield Plan. **Yes:** Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None.

c. **Public Hearing:** Opened at 7:02pm.

Applicant Kelly Lemcool presented her request for a special use for a Veterinary Clinic, Boarding Facility and Pet Center at an existing building located at 4470 Norton Rd.

Public comment:

Betsy Cybert, 790 Yarrow Trl. spoke in favor,

Rich Durkin, 4450 Norton Rd. spoke in favor,

Josh Niewiadomski, 4535 Norton Rd. is concerned about the noise levels but spoke in favor.

Jason Lemcool, 4470 Norton Rd spoke in favor.

Closed at 7:15pm

**Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits** to approve special use case # SU/SPR 19-01-01 to establish Veterinary Clinic, Boarding Facility and Pet Center at an existing building located at 4470 Norton Road as recommended by the Blair Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits, Blonshine and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. **Board of Review Re- Appointments**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to re-appoint JoAnne Tuck, Karin Cascadden, Deborah Christensen and Felicia Randall (alternate) to the Board of Review, all terms ending in December of 2020. **Motion carried.**

e. **RCI Change Order**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to approve change order #2 from RCI for work on the Iron Removal facility. **Motion carried.**

f. **Payment Certificate #6 to RCI**

**Moved by Campbell second by Zeits** to approve payment certificate #6 in the amount of \$108,384.02 to RCI for the Iron Removal Plant. **Yes:** Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**g. EMS/Fire Budget Amendments**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to amend EMS/ Fire budget, by increasing the EMS Donations revenue by \$5,288.95, increase the EMS Special Purchases expenditure by \$5,288.95, increase the Fire Donations revenue by \$4,311.05, and increase the Fire Special Purchases expenditure by \$4,311.05. **Yes:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits, Blonshine and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

**h. Union Employees Cable TV**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Wolfgang** to approve the EMS and Fire budget share the cost of up to 6 HD cable boxes with expanded basic cable at such time there is a zero balance left in the Fire/ EMS Union Cable Account. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits, Blonshine, Fleis and Campbell. **No:** None **Motion carried**

**i. Shawn Bottomley Resignation/ Part- time Request**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fleis** to accept the resignation of Shawn Bottomley and deny the request to stay on as a part time Paramedic only. **Yes:** Kucera, Zeits, Blonshine, Fleis, Campbell and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**j. Discussion/Decision on Recreational Marihuana**

**Moved by Fleis second by Kucera** to opt out of Recreational Marihuana. **Yes:** Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None **Motion carried**

Next month we will bring back the ordinance Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana Establishments Ordinance.

**k. Discussion/Decision on Medicinal Marihuana**

**Moved by Zeits second by Campbell** to opt out of Medicinal Marihuana establishments at this time. **Yes:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits, Blonshine and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

**l. Job Description for Administrator Of Zoning and Public Works**

Supervisor Blonshine explained that the Zoning Administrator job description is contained within the Zoning Ordinance and that we currently have a Water/Sewer Coordinator job description. She recommends keeping the two separate.

No action taken.

**m. Interview Committee for Ordinance Enforcement Officer/ Assistant Zoning Administrator**

The board decided the interview committee should be made up of Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri, Supervisor Blonshine and board member Fitzpatrick.

**EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT:**

Nathan Veddler stated he is disappointed in the board's decision on Medicinal Marihuana.

Andy Marek stated commended the board on the tough decisions they made regarding marihuana.

Dan Duell, 908 Roush Rd spoke in favor regarding the decisions made about Recreational and Medicinal Marihuana.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:51 pm.



Amanda Inman  
Deputy Clerk