

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
April 9, 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 April 9, 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, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis and Zeits. Trustee Kucera was absent. Also in attendance were Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Water Operator Patrick Gallagher and nineteen (19) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Ron Clous spoke in regards to the trees that are being cut down at the airport. Trees are coming down due to the FAA requirements.

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

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Brad Kluczynski new manager gave report on the East West Corridor Study as well as list of upcoming MDOT projects over the next 5 years.

Wade Trim Report: No engineer present, Supervisor Blonshine reported Iron Removal Plant is in the final phases of inspections.

Treasurer Report: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Blonshine announced Matt Jerome has accepted the position with Blair Township as Ordinance Enforcement Officer/ Deputy Zoning Administrator. Trustee Zeits states there will be a Disposal of Flags held on June 14, 2019 at the DAV. Supervisor Blonshine reminded everyone of April 20, 2019 Easter Egg Hunt as well as April 27, 2019 Drug Take Back Day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#2599-2681	\$ 116,994.42	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1030-1031	\$ 750.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account		\$ 0.00	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1337-1345	\$ 43,319.19	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits		\$ 66,693.22	March 12, 2019 Minutes Budget Meetings 3/13, 3/16, 3/20, 3/27

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to approve the consent calendar with removal of the March 12th meeting minutes which will come to the May meeting for approval. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Operations Services Contract Renewal

Pat Gallagher answered questions regarding the length of the contract.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Operations Services Maintenance and Management agreement with changes as discussed. **Yes:** Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

b. RCI Payment #8

Moved by Campbell second by Fitzpatrick to approve RCI payment # 8 in the amount of \$8000.00. **Yes:** Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

c. Public Hearings:

1. Zoning Amendment # 104-05-19-01

Opened Public Hearing 6:38pm. No Public Comment. Closed at 6:40pm

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Campbell to approve amendment # 104-05-19-01 to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the use and standards for veterinary clinics, kennels and related outdoor animal runs based on the Planning Commission recommendation. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

2. Proposed draft Blair Township 2019 Master Plan

Opened Public Hearing 6:41pm. No public comment. Closed at 6:44pm

Supervisor Blonshine explained that the Master Plan has been in the works for 2 ½ years now.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to adopt the proposed 2019 Master Plan with changes as discussed. **Yes:** Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

3. Fireworks Ordinance Amendment # 139-12-19-01

Opened Public Hearing 6:46pm. No Public comment. Closed at 6:48pm

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to approve Fireworks Ordinance Amendment # 139-12-19-01 to reflect the provisions of the Michigan Firework Safety Act. **Yes:** Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. Blair Township Fire/ EMS Union- Local 4355

Supervisor Blonshine and board member Wolfgang both commented on how well negotiations went.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Blair Township Fire and EMS Union Local 4355 effective July 1, 2019. **Yes:** Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

e. Traverse City Pit Spitters Firework Dates

Moved by Wolfgang second by ~~Kueera~~ Fitzpatrick to approve Traverse City Pit Spitters Firework dates as presented. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

f. FOIA Procedures and Guideline Amendment

Board member Wolfgang explained that the FOIA laws changed in December due to the “Emily” FOIA last year.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis to approve FOIA Procedures and Guidelines Amendment as presented. **Yes:** Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

g. Fire Fund Budget Amendment

Moved by Campbell second by Fitzpatrick to increase the Fire Revenues Federal Grants (205-000-501-000) by \$10,800.00 and increase Fire Expenditures Special Item- Grant Expenditures by \$10,800.00. **Yes:** Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

h. Fire Budget Amendment

Moved by Campbell second by Wolfgang to transfer \$15,000.00 from Contingency line item to equipment line item. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

i. EMS Budget Amendment

Board member Wolfgang explained that she created a new GL number so that the Emergency Services Director could track User Fees and Contracts and intercept agreements separately.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to decrease User Fees and Contracts (210-651-638.000) by \$181,000.00 and increasing Intercept Agreements (210-651-638-002) by \$ 181,000.00. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

j. Quotes for New Logo

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve the expenditure of \$760.00 to Flight Path Creative for new logo design. **Yes:** Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

k. Resolution # 2019-07

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution 2019-07 stating that the Township Board is on record in support of legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot. **Yes:** Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis **No:** Zeits and Wolfgang. **Motion carried.**

l. Purchase of 2 Ultra Sounds for Emergency Services

Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel presented his request.

Moved by Campbell second by Wolfgang to approve the purchase of 2 ultra sounds in the amount of \$5,600.00 from Capital Outlay. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 pm.

Amanda Inman
Deputy Clerk