

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2019
6:00 P.M.
APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00pm on May 14, 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: Blonshine, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick and Kucera. Trustee Fleis was absent. Also in attendance were Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and five (5) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add Township Logo as item “B” under unfinished business, add DTE Energy Tree Planting Grant as item “K” under new business.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve the agenda with changes. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Brad Jewitt spoke in regards to the upcoming census. He also reported Grand Traverse County Police dog Zeke has been retired and there has been approval for a replacement dog for the K9 unit.

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

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek gave his report on East/West Corridor Study.

Wade Trim Report: No engineer present, Supervisor Blonshine reported and updated on all projects.

Treasurer Report: Board member Campbell gave her report.

Operation Services: Water Operator Patrick Gallagher submitted written report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Blonshine reported on a very successful Township Clean up day. She thanked Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel for his help in cleaning up the township hall. Board member Wolfgang discussed the changes and importance of the upcoming census.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#2682-2793	\$ 307,748.13	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1030-1036	\$ 10,341.25	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account		\$ 0.00	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1346-1352	\$ 41,240.38	Minutes March 12, 2019
Direct Deposits		\$ 61,376.25	Minutes April 9, 2019

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to remove the March 12, 2019 minutes until pending attorney opinion. **Motion Carried**

Board Member Kucera asked to remove April 9, 2019 minutes. The following corrections item d, correct spelling of negotiations. Item e, was second by Fitzpatrick and not Kucera.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the consent calendar with 2 corrections to the April 9, 2019 minutes. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Hoosier Valley Clean Up Date

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to approve a Hoosier Valley Clean up Day and set a date for June 22, 2019. **Yes:** Blonshine, Wolfgang, Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried**

b. Township Logo

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to adopt exhibit “G” as the new Township logo. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Public Hearings

All notices were posted on Township Hall Bulletins, Township web page and in the Traverse City Record Eagle as required by law.

2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget Fire & Police Fund – 2.5 Mills Levied
Opened Public Hearing at 6:55pm. No Public Comment. Closed at 6:57pm.

2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget Ambulance Fund – 1.4793 Mills Levied
Opened Public Hearing at 6:58pm. No Public Comment. Closed at 6:59pm

2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget General Fund- .8135 Mills Levied
Opened Public Hearing at 6:59pm. No Public Comment. Closed at 7:00pm

2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget Liquor Law Fund
Opened Public Hearing at 7:00pm. No Public Comment. Closed at 7:01pm

2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget Metro Act Fund
Opened Public Hearing at 7:01pm. No Public Comment. Closed at 7:02pm

2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget Silver Lake Milfoil
Opened Public Hearing at 7:02pm. No Public Comment. Closed at 7:03 pm

b. RCI Payment #9

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve RCI payment # 9 in the amount of \$24,588.32
Yes: Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

c. Liability Insurance Quotes

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to continue working with Municipal Underwriters as our liability insurance carrier. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. Lot Combinations

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve lot combination #2019-02, parcel numbers 28-02-520-025-00 & 28-02-520-026-00. The property owners are aware that if they should ever desire to split these lots into two separate lots again, they would need to remove any structures that would not conform to our zoning requirements. **Yes:** Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Blonshine second by Wolfgang to approve lot combination # 2019-03, parcel numbers 28-02-501-103-01 & 28-02-501-104-01. The property owners are aware that if they should ever desire to split these lots into two separate lots again, they would need to remove any structures that would not conform to our zoning requirements. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

e. TCAPS-Agreement for Collection of Summer Property Taxes

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the agreement with TCAPS for the collection of Summer Taxes at \$2.50 per parcel for 2019/2020. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

f. Hiring Part -time Emergency Services Employees

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to hire Dan Besson, Jill Simon and Josh Salyer as Part-time Emergency Services employees. **Yes:** Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

g. Lawn Care Bids

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to contract with Parker's Outdoor Maintenance for mowing, trimming, pruning, trimming of trees and disposal for both cemeteries and Town Hall and Grounds for the 2019/2020 season. **Yes:** Blonshine, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

h. Contract with Fieldwork Services

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve the contract with Fieldwork Services in the amount of \$27,000.00. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

i. Curtis Road Cul De Sac

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to support adopting a resolution as requested by Grand Traverse County Road Commission to put in a Cul De Sac at Curtis Road and US 31. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

j. Final decision on Moving American Waste Recycle Bins to Township Property

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to support bringing American Waste Recycle Bins to the Township Property and invest money for a concrete pad, fencing and proper installation. **Motion carried.**

k. DTE Tree Planting Grant

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to authorize the Supervisor to apply for the DTE Energy Tree Planting Grant and spend up to \$3,000.00 from Town Hall & Grounds and Parks and Recreation. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT: Gloria Vanhose thanked the board for the purchase of the Library Shed.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:01 pm.

Amanda Inman

Deputy Clerk