

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting in Person and via ZOOM

April 13, 2021 6:00PM

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held in person at the Township Hall and via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine at 6:00 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Zeits, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick. Board member Fleis was absent. Also present at the township were 5 guests, one on ZOOM.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Wolfgang requests that item 5 Resolution 2021-03 To Spend Remainder of 2018 Bond Money be removed from agenda at this time.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve the agenda with the removal of item 5 Resolution 2021-03 to Spend Remainder of 2018 Bond Money. **Yes:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Board member Kucera asked if being a relative to item 4, Request for reimbursement from resident at 4282 Vance Road would constitute any conflict and it was decided that since he has no monetary gain from said item on agenda, it was not a conflict of interest.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Brad Jewett; the Board of Commissioners are conducting their meetings in person and that they have eliminated public comment online, moving forward it can be in person or in writing. The Cass Road culverts are being worked on to eliminate any future flooding. Animal Control Millage will be up for renewal this November, county is weighing the cost of a special election vs the county funding animal control until the 2022-election season, then going to a 4-year millage. Vaccination clinics are open to anyone 16 years and older. There will be a few satellite clinics around Grand Traverse County to make it more accessible to residents. The Board of Commissioner's approved a 5-year contract for equipment and body cameras to be used by our law enforcement officers, should be in operation 3-4 months' time.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Karczewski gave his report.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: No representative present.

WADE TRIM: No engineer present.

OPERATION SERVICES REPORT: Report submitted.

TREASURER REPORT: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Stacy Allman has offered with the help of her co-workers a “Red Day” of volunteering, with about 30 volunteers they will clean up Vance Road. It will take place the week after the annual Grand Traverse County Road Cleanup, so any trash collected will be placed in township dumpster.

Blair Township Cleanup day is scheduled for May 8, 2021 from 8:00AM to Noon. This is for Blair Township residents and taxpayers held here at the township hall.

Batting Cage construction has begun April 11th, Mike Richards from the Traverse City Little League is also coordinating improvements to the baseball diamonds. Thank you, Mike for all your hard work out in the township park. Also, a thank you to Scott Blonshine for the use of a tractor with bucket and rake, used to spread diamond dust to ball diamonds.

April 24, 2021 is Drug Take-back Day held here at the township hall from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Board member Campbell requests that the Minutes from March 31, 2021 Budget Meeting be pulled for discussion.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#4767-4850	\$ 126,958.35	EMS Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1072-1073	\$ 1,770.24	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6742-6749	\$ 290,907.49	Minutes Regular Meeting
Payroll Check	#1751-1759	\$ 23,369.76	March 10, 2021
Direct Deposit/EFT		\$ 68,617.84	Minutes of March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2021 Budget Meetings

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera and Blonshine **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING/S

At 06:34PM the ZOOM meeting was interrupted by inappropriate ZOOM audience; the ZOOM meeting was closed out and restarted at 06:35PM without further disruption.

- A. Special Use Case # SU/SPR 21-03-01 Nature and Me RV to establish a showroom and sales lot for Airstream campers in existing building, property located at 3943 Rennie School Rd, Traverse City, MI 49685 Parcel #28-02-630-002-00.

Public Hearing opened at 6:36PM

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:38PM

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera, to approve special use case #SP/SPR 21-03-01 as it meets the standards for approval Section 22.04 items A-G in the Blair Township Zoning ordinance and has the recommendation from Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

- B. Special Use Case # SU/SPR 21-03-02 Boat Craft to establish showroom/sales lot in existing building at 2816 M-37 South, Traverse City, MI 49685 Parcel #28-02-017-023-30.

Public Hearing opened at 6:42PM No

public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:43PM

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve special use case #SU/SPR 21-03-02 Boat Craft as recommended by the Planning Commission as it meets the standard 22.04 A-G of the Blair Township Zoning ordinance. **Yes:** Blonshine, Zeits, Kucera, Wolfgang and Campbell. **Abstain:** Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

2. EMS & Fire Budget Amendments

Grant awarded of \$27,530.06 (Twenty-seven thousand five hundred thirty dollars and six cents) from Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Act.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve increasing the Fire Revenues other Federal Grants by \$13,765.08 (Thirteen thousand seven hundred sixty-five dollars and eight cents). **Yes:** Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Wolfgang and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve increasing the EMS Revenues other Federal Grants by \$13,765.08 (Thirteen thousand seven hundred sixty-five dollars and eight cents). **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Zeits, Blonshine, Campbell and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Fire Department Budget Amendments

Grant received from Grand Traverse Band in the amount of \$5,995.00 (Five thousand nine hundred ninety-five dollars and no cents) for purchase of Thermal Imaging Camera, request to amend the fire budget as follows:

205-000-539.000 State Grants increase by \$5,995.00.

205-345-977.000 Equipment increase by \$5,995.00.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve amending Fire Budget State Grant revenues in the amount of \$5,995.00 and increase the Equipment Expenditures in the Fire budget by \$5,995.00. **Yes:** Campbell, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Zeits, Kucera and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

3. Quotes for Cleaning/Inspecting both Water Tower/Tanks

Board Discussion: Blonshine would like to thank Lynette and Patrick for the research that went into getting these quotes prepared for tonight's meeting.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the agreements with Dixon Engineering for interior cleaning, inspection of elevated and underground tanks. And to approve Seven Brothers for the exterior washing of the elevated tank, total amount \$14,875.00 (Fourteen thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars and no cents). **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

4. Request for reimbursement from resident at 4284 Vance Road

Board Discussion: Blonshine stated that she needs better assessment/cost from the homeowner, these repairs to their residence are due to an old water main break that should have been removed years ago and was not documented.

5. Removed 6. Cemetery Mapping

Cost of \$2,400.00 (Two thousand four hundred dollars and no cents) to resize both cemetery maps and integrate them into our current PONTEM cemetery software program.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve moving \$2,400.00 from contingency to contracted services line-item Cemetery Budget for Pontem software to re-illustrate both cemetery maps and integrate them into our current PONTEM software. **Yes:** Blonshine, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Zeits and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

7. Possible Amendment to section 218 Agreement

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick amend the Section 218 agreement **NOT** to exclude any part time positions. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

8. West Shore Fire Agreement for Scott Air Pack Maintenance

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to approve the agreement with West Shore Fire for Scott 3M Air Pack Safety Maintenance at a fee of \$55.00 (fifty-five dollars) per pack, per year for 3 years.

Yes: Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

9. 2021 Traverse City Pit Spitter Firework Display

Motion by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve the Traverse City Pit Spitters Schedule for fireworks display covering the 2021 baseball season. **Yes:** Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Wolfgang, Blonshine and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

10. EMT school for Tylus Francisco

Motion by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve paying for Tylus Francisco's EMT class in the amount of \$1,500.00 (One thousand five hundred dollars and no cents) to be paid out of the 2021/2022 EMS Budget with the conditions as spelled out in the EMS Educational Policy of the employee handbook.

11. Spring 2021 Blair Township Newsletter

Board Discussion: Due to the cost and time involved with publishing/ mailing out a spring newsletter, we will forgo publishing one this spring and see if there is any interest to maybe publish one in the fall. We do have a Township Facebook page and Township Web page to post any news or ongoing business.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick not to publish a Spring 2021 Township Newsletter. **Yes:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Blonshine, Campbell and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

12. Approval to publish Maintenance Position

Motion by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve posting the vacant maintenance position with a wage of 40-42 thousand per year, this is a full-time benefitted position. **Yes:** Kucera, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Blonshine and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

13. Surplus Items

Motion by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to declare one IBM Lenovo Desktop Think Center tag #2185 and one IBM Lenovo ThinkPad T500 Laptop tag #2190 as surplus sending to IT RIGHT to dispose of properly. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Zeits Wolfgang and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Extended Public Input: There was none.

Adjournment: 07:42PM.

Cindy Wicksall, Deputy Clerk