

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting in person and via ZOOM

March 9, 2021

6:00PM

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at the Township Hall and via Zoom March 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine at 6:02 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Zeits, Fleis, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Campbell and Wolfgang. Four (4) guests were present.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to approve agenda with the addition of item 9 Fire Department Budget Amendment. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Campbell and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Ron Clous reports that the County received the National Community Survey results. Grand Traverse County is a great place to live and work. We experience the same issues as other tourist destinations as it relates to housing and affordable daycare. Less than 200 participants from our area answered the survey. The results can be viewed on the County website. Ron also states that the county is still in negotiations with CMH (Community Mental Health) on a new contract for Mental Health Services at the jail, CMH has continued working without a contract since the end of 2020.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Karczewski gave his report.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: No commissioner present, Blonshine will contact the road commission to see if we can get a representative to come to the board meetings.

WADE TRIM: No engineer present.

OPERATION SERVICES REPORT: Report submitted.

TREASURER REPORT: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Blonshine reminds everyone that the Traverse City Little League has an equipment drive going on, donations can be dropped off at our Township offices. She is in contact with Mike Richards, and he will pick up any items. The Little League has big plans for the ball diamonds this year, they are organizing a work-bee, their goal is to have the 4th ball field at the back of the park up to Major League Status and they continue to work on monetary donations for the batting cage project they plan to construct this spring.

Treasurer Campbell wanted to point out that MTA is holding their conference/expo virtually with 20 sessions, the dates are April 19-21st. Please register by March 19th in the amount of \$127.00 per participant, this is a discounted rate as the Township holds a membership.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#4688-4766	\$ 80,419.65	EMS Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1069-1071	\$ 6,832.88	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6709-6741	\$ 673,563.21	Minutes Regular Meeting
Payroll Check	#1750-1742	\$ 20,276.46	February 9, 2021.
Direct Deposit/EFT		\$ 68,386.91	Budget Workshop minutes March 3, 2021

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis to approve the consent calendar with the addition of the Budget Workshop Minutes, March 3, 2021. **Yes:** Kucera, Campbell, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING/S

- A. **Special Use Case # SU/SPR 21-02-01 EDS Properties LLC to establish a potato chip manufacturing/processing facility on vacant property located at W Commerce Dr, Traverse City MI 49685 Parcel #28-02-225-051-00.**

Public Hearing opened at 6:15PM

No public comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:16PM

Board Discussion: Plans presented were complete and the owner of Great Lakes Potato Chip Company are great people to work with and a welcome addition to our community, employing 38 people at this time.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve SU/SPR 21-02-01 EDS Properties as it meets the standards for approval of Blair Township Zoning Ordinance in section 22.04 items A-G and has the recommendation from Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Blonshine, Zeits, Campbell, Fleis, Kucera and Wolfgang. **Abstain:** Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

B. Special Use Case # SU/SPR 21-02-02 Peninsula Construction to establish a warehouse and distribution facility for janitorial supplies on vacant property located at US 31 S, Traverse City MI 49685, Parcel #28-02-005-029-12.

Public Hearing opened at 6:18PM

No Public Comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:19PM

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve SU/SPR 21-02-02, Peninsula Construction to establish a warehouse and distribution facility for Janitorial Supplies as recommended by the Planning Commission, it meets the standard 22.04 A-G of the Blair Township Zoning ordinance, with the condition that the turnaround radius in the driveway meets the Fire and Emergency Services code. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fleis, Campbell, Kucera, Blonshine and Zeits. **Abstain:** Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Supervisor Blonshine states: Just for clarity, Dennis Fitzpatrick is abstaining from these two votes as Trustee of the Township Board because due to a recent MSU training we attended we learned that he sits on the Planning Commission as a board representative and he votes at the Planning Commission level, therefore he can not vote twice on the same topic and he shouldn't be voting on topics that are coming as Special uses to the Township Board.

2. Board Approval of Performance Guarantee for infrastructure for Woodbury Phase II and Phase III

David Rowe: I'm here on behalf of Woodbury Estates/Vance Road, who is the developer of Woodbury Phase II and Phase III. We are looking to start the next phases and would like to get land use permits before the roads are paved and start construction. The board has the right to approve a "Performance Guarantee" in lieu of being completed, that is why I am here today.

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to approve a performance guarantee for the road infrastructure for Woodbury Phase II and Phase III

3. Road Name Approval-Godsway

Moved by Blonshine second by Fleis to approve this roadway name of Godsway. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Blonshine, Kucera, Campbell and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

4. EMS Budget Amendment/s

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve moving \$16,000.00 (sixteen thousand) from EMS Contingency into Medical Services and moving \$5,000.00 (five thousand) from Capital Outlay into Electronic Agreement. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

5. Board of Review Budget Amendment

Motion by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to amend the Board of Review budget, taking \$6,000.00 (six thousand) from Contingency and put into Board of Review Salaries. **Yes:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Fleis, Blonshine, Zeits and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

6. Purchase of two new computers for Treasurers office

Moved by Blonshine second by Kucera to approve the purchase of two new computers for the Treasurer's office in the amount of \$1,759.20 (one thousand seven hundred fifty-nine dollars and twenty cents). **Yes:** Fleis, Campbell, Kucera, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

7. Annual contribution to Traverse City Boom Boom Club for 4th of July Fireworks

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve the annual contribution to the Traverse City Boom Boom Club for 4th of July Fireworks in the amount of \$250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars). **Yes:** Wolfgang, Kucera, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

8. Renewal of Grant Township Emergency Services contract

Motion by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the renewal of the agreement with Grant Township for fire protection services through March 31, 2022. **Yes:** Zeits, Kucera, Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Campbell and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

9. Fire Department Budget Amendment

Blair Township received a credit from the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department for the CPO wages during the COVID shutdown and Emergency Services Director Somsel would like to purchase a new gas meter. He would like to move \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) from Fire/Police Wages to Equipment.

Motion by Wolfgang second by Kucera to move \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred) from Fire/Police Wages to Fire Department Equipment for the purchase of new Gas Meter. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Blonshine, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Extended Public Input: There was none.

Adjournment: 6:44 PM.

Cindy Wicksall, Deputy Clerk