

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2018
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 January 9, 2018 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, Campbell, Clous, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Wolfgang and Zeits. Also in attendance were Emergency Services Director, Eric Somsel, Fire Chief Bill Parker, EMS Chief Dan O'Brien, Water & Sewer Coordinator Lisa Guerrieri and twenty-three (23) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Blonshine requested that item "a" under new business be moved to the last item under Presentations/Special Reports.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Tobin & Company: Board members received a copy of the 2016/2017 audit for review. Board member Wolfgang stated that a representative was not available to attend the meeting.

Grand Traverse County Commissioners Report: Cheryl Gore Follette reported on Animal Control, the elimination of Planning Department, reinstating the Commission on Aging advisory board and the possibility of becoming a regional forensic pathology site.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Karczewski stated there were 385 calls for service in December.

EMS Report: Director of Emergency Services, Eric Somsel thanked the Blair Township crew for the great job on the tanker spill that occurred on Christmas Eve and the quick response from Grand Traverse County Road Commission. Paradise Township has contracted with Blair Township Emergency Services to provide management for their EMS and Fire services.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek stated that they have signed a contract with a consulting firm for an East/West mobility study and the Nature Education Reserve has three committee seats available

Wade-Trim Report: Brian Sousa reported that the water main extensions have been completed and a filter for the iron removal facility has been selected.

Swearing In of Fire Captains: Township Clerk Wolfgang gave the Oath of Office to Captains Matthew Tallman, Eric Darling and Scott Allman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Board member Campbell stated that the Master Plan, Future Land Use Map and Medical Marihuana will be on the agenda for the joint meeting scheduled for January 16, 2018.

Supervisor Blonshine informed the board members and guests that she has received numerous compliments in regards to the Township Newsletter.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#1216-1292	\$ 101,121.50	Assessing Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1955	\$ 78.00	EMS Report
Tax Account	#6129-6157	\$1,250,146.59	Fire Dept. Report
Payroll	# -0-	\$	Water Dept. Report
Direct Deposits		\$ 59,937.61	Zoning Report
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Moved by Clous second by Wolfgang to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Medical Marihuana

Attorney Craig Aronoff with Cannabis Legal Group gave a presentation on the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act.

Water Tower Rental Agreement

Township Attorney is still negotiating the agreement.

Land Division Ordinance Amendment

Motion by Wolfgang second by Clous to approve the amendment to the Land Division Ordinance regarding the land division committee and text amendment to clarify.

Welcome Packet Committee

Committee has not met yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. McGee's 31 Water Benefits

Moved by Campbell second by Blonshine to have Township Attorney review information and bring to the February 13, 2018 board meeting. **Motion carried.**

b. Mutual Aid Box Alarm System

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement. **Motion carried.**

c. Target Solutions Business Proposal for Emergency Services Education

Moved by Clous second by Fitzpatrick to approve the Target Solutions web based training program for Emergency Services not to exceed \$3,065.00. **Yes:** Blonshine, Wolfgang, Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. Union Contract Wages Re-negotiation

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to accept the proposed wage scale adjustments for paramedic/firefighter positions effective 2/3/2018. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Clous, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve the following increases for employees who have topped out of the wage scale: 2% effective 2/3/2018 and 3% effective 7/1/2018. **Yes:** Kucera, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick and Clous. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

e. Date for 2018 Easter Egg Hunt

The Township board has designated Saturday March 31, 2018 for the 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt.

f. Planning Commission Appointment Term Expiring 11/30/18

At this time the Supervisor did not have a recommendation for appointment to the commission.
This item will be on the February agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board member Kucera stated that he really enjoys working with all of the board members

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55pm



Jane Beuthin
Deputy Clerk