

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

August 10, 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. 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, Campbell, Kucera, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick and Wolfgang, Emergency Services Director Somsel and five (5) guests.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: Linda Pepper reported that we will go from seven to nine districts for County Commissioner seats.

Marty Hisem spoke regarding his experience being a previous employee of Wade Trim, now called Operation Services Inc. and that if they are in breach of their water/sewer contract, he would like to see Blair Township give them an opportunity to correct any problems before the Township takes any further action regarding termination of their contract.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Wolfgang asks to add item #6 to the agenda under New Business: Help wanted ad for Water and Sewer Operator position.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Campbell to approve the agenda with the addition of item #6 in New Business, Help wanted ad for Water and Sewer Operator position. **Yea: All Nay: None Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Grand Traverse Commissioners are still working on bonding the pension fund for county employees. Cherry Capital Airport has previously paid off their bond, making them debt free and are now looking to expand services at the airport. The Redistricting Committee has decided on going from seven to nine Commissioner seats. The county is just finishing up their wage study, report should be released by mid-September.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Karczewski submitted 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:

Supervisor Blonshine’s update regarding the Fitness Court: The installers will be on site Wednesday (8/11/2021) and should be finished by Saturday (8/14/2021). Thank you to Eric Somsel, Scott Blonshine, Ryan Beaudry, Blair Township Fire Personnel and Andy Nickerson for help getting delivery of equipment unloaded and put away. We are still actively seeking donations for the Fitness Court. Update from Supervisor Blonshine on the TCAPS property and on-going conversations. The committee is waiting on the land survey report, TCAPS would like to retain 80 acres for future growth, which would leave the remaining 133 acres hopefully gifted to Blair Township for future site of Fire Department and Parks/Recreation. Supervisor Blonshine and maintenance coordinator Ryan painted the back and side of the pavilion in park, there are plans to paint the inside of pavilion and little league buildings later this summer. The sweet corn out in the community garden should be ready to pick in another week.

Reminder that the date for Blair Township clean-up day is September 18, 2021.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Board member Wolfgang requests that July 13, 2021, minutes be pulled for corrections, also board member Kucera requests that the Operation Services Report and Water Report be pulled for discussion.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#5149-5233	\$ 116,891.88	EMS Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1087-1091	\$ 3,245.44	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6757-6765	\$ 299,210.70	Minutes Regular Meeting
Payroll Check	#1794-1791	\$ 22,872.62	July 13, 2021.
Direct Deposit/EFT		\$ 80,182.91	

Corrections/typos to Minutes corrected. Board member Kucera’s discussion of Operation Services Report and Water Report centered around concerns of amount of past due bills, water being pumped to billable water usage and loss of gallons unaccounted for could be due to old meters, billing errors and or inherit loss of water. Discussion regarding forming a committee to investigate this will be added to next months agenda.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Operation Services Report and Water/Sewer Report and July 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Yea:** All **Nay:** None. **Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Dangerous building at 4646 East Mobile Trail.** Homeowner came to the township and met with Supervisor Blonshine and OEO Jerome, he signed the Stipulation form that was prepared by Township attorney, and signature was notarized in the clerk's office. DTE has pulled the meter and capped the gas line, allowing Alpers Excavating to start clearing property.
2. **Correct Resolution number on ARPA Fund Resolution.** It should be Resolution #2021-23 not #2021-08. **Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve changing the number on ARPA Resolution to #2021-23 and correct the amount, third paragraph to two installments of \$475,823.00. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Fleis, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Quote for Streetlight at M37 and Grouse**

Placement of a 70-watt LED with installation of a new light pole on the corner of M37 and Grouse. **Moved by Blonshine second by Wolfgang** to approve installation of 70-watt light and pole at intersection M37 and Grouse. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Road Name Approval Request of Soaring Ridge Drive and Golden Eagle Circle**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to approve road names of Soaring Ridge Drive and Golden Eagle Circle, respectively as we have all the required information. **Yes:** Campbell, Kucera, Fleis, Zeits, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Approve job description for Emergency Services Chaplin**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Blonshine to approve a job description for Emergency Services Chaplin with the exclusion of item C-1 wording of: "or upon discretion" regarding responding criteria to emergency situations. **Yea:** All. **Nay:** None. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Enter into a billing services agreement with Long Lake Fire/Rescue**

Discussion that Long Lake Fire/Rescue will soon start EMS transportation. They expect 300 or less calls per year, and our current biller Kim feels she can easily manage taking over their billing. **Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to approve the billing service agreement between Blair Emergency Services and Long Lake Fire/Rescue with corrections made to typos to current proposed agreement. **Yes:** Zeits, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Campbell, Kucera and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

5. Enter into agreement with Buckley Old Engine Show for Paramedic Standby

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to approve entering in an agreement with Buckley Old Engine Show for Paramedic Standby 2021. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Zeits, Fleis and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

6. Approval of posting for job applicants, Full-time Water/Sewer Operator/s.

This will be posted in the Record Eagle and Indeed. **Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** to approve job posting for Water/Sewer Operator/s for Blair Township in the Record Eagle and Indeed. **Yea:** All. **Nay:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Extended Public Input: None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM

Cindy Wicksall, Deputy Clerk