

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

August 11, 2020

6:00PM

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held on August 11, 2020, called to order by Supervisor Blonshine at 6:00 pm.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members present, Kucera, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits and Fleis. Also, in attendance were Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Officer Karczewski, Lisa Guerrieri, Andy Marek, Greg Hall, Amy Wiggins, Darren Mansfield, Curtis Walters, Jacob Della Pia and two (2) guests.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Blonshine asked that Land Acquisition of Foreclosed Property in Blair Township be added as New Business item F.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to approve agenda with one addition.

Yes: All in favor. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: No Commissioner present.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Karczewski gave his report.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Andy Marek reported the county is looking at next years budget, unsure of the revenue loss due to COVID. Grand Traverse County has taken over the management of "M137" in Interlochen from the State and it will be renamed possibly, "Old M137". ***When questioned by Supervisor Blonshine what the benefit is to take over this road from the state, Commissioner Marek stated that the commission will receive a substantial increase in revenue from the state on a road that they are already maintaining.***

Wade Trim: No engineer present.

Operation Services Report: Report submitted.

Treasurer Report: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Lynette Wolfgang thanked everyone for their help during the August Primary Election; Cindy Wicksall, Rebecca Eitzen, Kara Clary, Emily Weller, Michelle Nolan, Diana Elliott, Steven Weller, Gresham Eitzen, Michele Conway, Karin Cascaddeen, Melissa Smith, Dawn

Conway, Renee Stevens, Brian Stevens, JoAnne Tuck, Rosie Yetter, Steve Guidebeck, Deb Christensen, Tammy Rickerd, Dana Cowell, Lynn Ebinger, Danielle Bieganowski, Alexa Patton, Theresa Voice, Theresa Kulanda, Diane Stockfisch, Elaine Flees, Sally Gore, Linda Maginity, Aaron Plowman, John Stockfisch, John Hamstra, Jake Campbell, Matt Tallman, Dan Kreft, Amy Wiggins and Mike Luther. She also thanked Nicole Blonshine and Tracie Campbell for the great job working in the kitchen.

Supervisor Blonshine reports that she has submitted invoices to EGLE for \$42,600.00 for six (6) residences that have been hooked up to municipal water and their private wells plugged. The Supervisor also reports they are waiting to hear on the grant application for Hazard Pay for first responders during COVID.

CONSENT CALENDAR: With corrections to July 15, 2020 Minutes Regular Meeting.

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>CHECK NUMBERS</u> | <u>TOTALS</u> | <u>REPORTS</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Pooled Operating | #4083-4170 | \$ 97,721.12 | Emergency Services Report |
| Trust & Agency Fund | none | \$ 0.00 | Water Dept. Report |
| Tax Account | #6573-6585 | \$ 656,234.02 | Supervisor/Zoning Report |
| Payroll Check | #1522-1574 | \$ 30,566.21 | Minutes Regular Meeting |
| Direct Deposits/EFT | | \$ 74,298.42 | July 14, 2020 |

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Kucera to approve the consent calendar with corrections to July 14, 2020 Minutes. **Yes:** Zeits, Kucera, Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Campbell and Blonshine. **No:** None.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Supervisor Blonshine requested input from Board Members regarding moving forward with Blair Township Fall Clean Up Day which is scheduled for Sept 19, 2020. Board member Fitzpatrick stated that most residents stay in their vehicle, while the volunteers unload items into the garbage trucks, social distancing should not be a problem. This is important to keep up with the progress we have made and reduce any dumping into Hoosier Valley. With COVID restrictions in place we will need more volunteers to assist.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing SU/SPR#20-07-01 Edward Rose & Sons

Supervisor Blonshine opened the public hearing at 6:26 pm.

Kristen Rimes representing Edward Rose & Sons presented the request.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Blonshine closed the public hearing at 6:35 pm.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to grant the Special Use Permit to Edward Rose & Sons because it meets the standards for approval in Section 22.04 of the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance and it was recommended for approval by the Blair Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Fleis, Kucera, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

B. Authorized Credit Card Users

Board member, Wolfgang would like to add Deputy Clerk, Cindy Wicksall to the Township credit card as an authorized user and to remove former employee Eric Darling as an authorized user.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to add Cindy Wicksall and remove Eric Darling as authorized users on the Township credit card account. **Yes:** Zeits, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Campbell and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Wolfgang excused from meeting at 06:39PM.

C. Hire Full Time Paramedic/Firefighter Jacob Della Pia, start date August 12, 2020

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to hire Jacob Della Pia as a Full time Paramedic/Firefighter starting August 12, 2020. **Yes:** Blonshine, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Fleis and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

D. Hire Part Time Paramedic/Firefighter Erika Alworden, start date August 12, 2020.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Blonshine to hire Part time Paramedic/Firefighter Erika Alworden starting August 12, 2020. **Yes:** Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

E. Declare Suction Unit Tag # 1369 for Parts Machine/Surplus

Moved by Blonshine second by Kucera to declare suction unit tag # 1369 as parts/surplus. **Yes:** Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Kucera and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Wolfgang returned to meeting at 06:45PM.

F. Acquisition of Tax Foreclosed Property # 28-02-520-010-00

Board member Campbell stated that there is one property in the township that is in tax foreclosure that the township has the opportunity to purchase. The cost to purchase is \$3,375.00. There was discussion regarding the cost to remove the mobile home on the property, who would mow the property and liability insurance on the property. Supervisor Blonshine stated that her vision for this property would be open space for the residents of the neighborhood to utilize for birthday parties, gatherings etc., while also removing a dangerous building and cleaning up the property.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Kucera to approve the purchase of tax foreclosure parcel # 28-02-520-010-00 for \$3,375.00. **Yes:** Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Extended Public Input: Greg Hall introduced himself as a candidate for GTCS.

Adjournment at 07:02PM

Cindy Wicksall

Deputy Clerk