

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2019
6:00 P.M.
APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00pm on August 13, 2019 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis, Wolfgang, Campbell and Blonshine. Also in attendance were Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Wolfgang asked that the following items be added to the agenda:

- D. Hire one (1) Paid on Call Emergency Services member
- E. Union Grievance

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Campbell to approve the agenda with the additions. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report: Brad Jewett reported that the commission approved NMC's purchase of the DARE car. He also reported on the annual MERS report, the financial audit and the Cass Road drain project.

Sheriff's Report: Officer Karczewski gave his report. Still no Township stats available.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek stated that there are traffic cones everywhere! He also reported on the Reith Riley strike and the E. Duck Lake bridge project.

Wade Trim Report: Supervisor Blonshine reported that the Township engineer is on vacation and submitted no report.

Operation Services: Patrick Gallagher reported that the iron removal plant is offline again due to the elevation of the filters and the tank.

Treasurer Report: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Blonshine read a letter from Glen Harrington thanking the township for their cooperation on his project on the old Stafford Ranch property. She also read a letter from a Vicki Bush thanking the Supervisor for her review and decision regarding the 408 Brakel Pt. property.

Board members Kucera and (Angel) Campbell gave an update on Family Movie Night.

CONSENT CALENDAR

| FUND | CHECK NUMBERS | TOTALS | REPORT |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Pooled Operating | #2971-3102 | \$ 139,365.49 | Emergency Services Report |
| Trust & Agency Fund | #1045-1047 | \$ 13,038.54 | Water Dept. Report |
| Tax Account | #6406 | \$ 30.46 | Supervisor/Zoning Report |
| Payroll Check/EFT | #1376-1385 | \$ 44,225.47 | Minutes July 9, 2019 |
| Direct Deposits | | \$ 64,426.16 | Regular Meeting |

Emergency Services Director Somsel asked that the Emergency Services report be removed from the Consent Calendar. He stated that so much has happened since he wrote the report that he would like to share with the board.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to approve the consent calendar with the exception of the Emergency Services report. **Motion carried.**

Director Somsel reported on the service's recent stand by at NW Michigan Fair, the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for residents by the staff, a recent structure fire and the upcoming Old Engine Show.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve the Emergency Services report. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Public Hearings:

SU/SPR#19-07-02 Grand Bay Marine to establish an indoor boat storage facility consisting of four (4) 10,800 SF buildings and a retail/warehouse in an existing building located at 211 US 31 S, Traverse City, MI 49685 on the former Parker Motor Freight building, parcel #28-02-004-008-01.

Opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm.

Dave Lewis with Gourdie Fraser presented the request.

There was no public input.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 pm

Moved by Blonshine second by Fleis to approve SU/SPR#19-07-02 as it meets the requirements set forth by the Blair Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Fleis, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

b. Eastwood/Wistrand Woods LLC Request for a Utility Extension Agreement

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to approve the Eastwood/Wistrand Woods LLC Utility Extension Agreement. **Yes:** Kucera, Fleis, Wolfgang, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

c. Emergency Services Surplus Equipment

Emergency Services Director Somsel stated he would like the following items declared surplus.

5 Phillips Cardiac Monitors (Tag #'s 2226,2227,2228,2229,2260)

3 Roscu CPR Devices (Tag #'s 2263,2264,2265)

He stated that this equipment will be traded in on the purchase of new monitors and CPR devices.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to declare the above mentioned items as surplus, and trade them in on new equipment. **Motion carried.**

d. Hire a Paid on Call Emergency Services Member

Director Somsel stated that Lane Rinehart has been interviewed by himself and Captain Allman and they would like to bring him on now to get some time in before fire school starts in November.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve hiring Lane Rinehart as a Paid on Call Emergency Services member. **Motion carried.**

e. Union Grievance

Supervisor Blonshine explained that this grievance has previously been denied by the Emergency Services Director and herself, so the Township Board is the third step in the process. Board member Wolfgang stated that Captain Allman's full-time start date is 6/1/2013.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to deny the grievance as the new wage scale clearly states "existing employees outside the wage scale will receive a 6% hourly increase as of July 1, 2019. **Yes:** Zeits, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Campbell and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT: Supervisor Blonshine stated that 95 monarch butterflies have been released so far.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 pm.

Lynette Wolfgang
Township Clerk