

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2020
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 February 11, 2020 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Fleis, Campbell, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, and Wolfgang. Zeits was absent. Also in attendance were Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and four (4) guests.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Ron Clous reported on the Cass Road Drain Project, the Cherry Capital Airport governance and the DHHS Board and management of the Pavilions

Sheriff's Report: Officer Karczewski gave his report.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek reported on the county taking over M137 in Green Lake Township and Center Road in Peninsula Township. He ~~always~~ *also* discussed the governor's proposal to bond for 3.5 billion dollars to fix the roads.

Wade Trim/ Operation Services Report: No representative present.

Treasurer Report: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Blonshine updated the board on the Asset Management Plan for the water system. She stated she and the Water Coordinator will be meeting with John Holland from Rural Water to update the Plan and get it sent back in to EGLE.

Blonshine also reported that FEMA will be updating the Floodplain Maps and that she and the assessor reviewed and completed the Initial Boundary Validation Program form for the 2020 Census. She also reported on the Easter Egg Hunt at the ball park, Mayfield Township’s dedication of a chair in Jim Carroll’s memory, the Safety Networking Meeting that Matt Jerome will be attending and the Board Member Basics Class being held at the Governmental Center. Lastly, Blonshine reported on the benefit basketball game that will be held March 21, between Blair Township Emergency Services and Leland Township Fire and Rescue. All funds raised will go to the Kreft family to help with expenses for Garbiella’s heart transplant.

Marti Alvarez, recruiter with the 2020 Census reported on the need for workers in Grand Traverse County. She explained how to apply, pay rates, hours, etc.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#3562-3637	\$ 79,915.16	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1055	\$ 270.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6491-6523	\$ 1,479,150.21	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1436-1443	\$ 43,947.03	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits		\$ 64,517.65	January 14, 2020

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. EMS Millage Ballot Language for August 2020 Election

Board member Wolfgang presented the language from the 2016 ballot and stated that the dates would need to be changed. Supervisor Blonshine stated that the amount raised will need to be changed also. The language for the August 2020 election would read:

“Shall Blair Township levy 1.5 mils (\$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) against all taxable and real property and tangible personal property in the township, beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 inclusive, to continue to provide funds for advanced life support, including the equipment and general operating expenses. This levy will raise in the first calendar year approximately \$467,399.76.”

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approve the language for the EMS Millage to be place on the August 2020 ballot. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis, Blonshine, Wolfgang and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

b. General Fund – Move \$300,000.00 from Fund Balance to New Building Fund

Board member Wolfgang stated that there was a surplus of \$389,344.00 from the 2018/2019 budget and in past years the board has put surplus monies into the new building fund.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to direct the Treasurer to move \$300,000.00 from the General Fund cash account to the General Fund MBIA New Building Fund account. **Yes:** Campbell, Fleis, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

c. EMS Fund Balance Money – Move to New Building Fund and Vehicle Replacement Fund

Board member Wolfgang stated that there was a surplus of \$172,874.00 in the 2018/2019 EMS budget and the Emergency Services Director would like the money to be put in the New Building and Vehicle Replacement Funds.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Blonshine to move \$100,000.00 from EMS cash account to EMS MBIA New Building Fund account and \$72,874.00 from EMS cash to EMS Vehicle Replacement Fund account. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Blonshine and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. Fire Department Budget Amendment

Board member Wolfgang stated that this budget amendment was to account for the grant received from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to amend the Fire budget by increasing the State Grant Revenues line item (205-000-539.000) by \$5,000.00 and increasing the Equipment Expenditure line item (205-345-977.000) by \$5,000.00. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Fleis, Blonshine and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

e. TC Boom Boom Club – Requesting \$250.00 Continued Financial Participation

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve continued financial participation with TC Boom Boom Club in the amount of \$250.00. **Yes:** Fleis, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Wolfgang and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

f. Intergovernmental Agreement Between Paradise Township and Blair Township

Emergency Services Director Somsel stated that this is a three (3) year agreement with a recommended evaluation for renewal in winter of 2022.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Blair Township and Paradise Township for to share fire and emergency medical service department management and administrative services. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Blonshine, Fleis, Kucera and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

g. Fire Protection Contract Between Blair Township Fire Department and Mayfield Township

Emergency Services Director Somsel stated that this is a renewal of the previous contract with an increase.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Blonshine to approve the contract between Blair Township Fire Department and Mayfield Township for fire protection. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Fleis, Campbell and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT:

Board member Fleis stated that she will be on vacation and will miss the March 4 and 13 budget meetings. Board member Fitzpatrick stated he will miss the February 26 and the March 4 budget meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:07 pm.

Lynette Wolfgang
Clerk