

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 13, 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 February 13, 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, Zeits, Wolfgang and Kucera. Also in attendance were Emergency Services Director, Eric Somsel and thirteen (13) guests.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:**

Marv Radtke, Green Lake Township Supervisor, thanked Blair Township Emergency Services for assisting them with numerous fires in the last month.

Nathan Veddler, spoke in favor of Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None stated.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**Grand Traverse County Commissioners Report:** : Cheryl Gore Follette reported that the county made a \$5.9M payment to MERS for 2018, established a partnership with the city to renovate space in the building for daycare and the search for a new county administrator has begun.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Karczewski stated there were 386 calls for service in January. Deputy Karczewski has been Blair Township's CPO for 5 years.

**EMS Report:** Director of Emergency Services, Eric Somsel stated that they are getting Paradise Emergency Services up and running, Accumed has agreed to do billing for the Fire Dept. at a rate of 7%, and he has been talking to the Buckley Fire Chief about the possibility of managing their service. Director Somsel also reported that Mesick has terminated their intercept agreement with Blair, effective April 25, 2018. Fire Inspector classes started on February 7, 2018, and Justin Runyon assisted with a FEMA grant submitted for the purchase of a new fire truck.

**Grand Traverse County Road Commission:** Andy Marek stated that there is a meeting Wednesday February 14, 2018 with the consultant for the East/West corridor and the county bid on repair of E. Duck Lake Rd. and Fall Rd.

**Wade-Trim Report:** Brian Sousa reported that they are moving forward with the design on the iron removal facility.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Blonshine informed the board members and guests that Bob’s Furnace Service inspected the furnace system and they removed insulation that was in places that it shouldn’t be, installed insulation, adjusted the flow of heat and replaced the filters, which has decreased the DTE bill for the Fire Station by \$266.00.

She also spoke about a grant thru ITC for a holding tank at the splash pad to recycle water to be used for irrigation purposes.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#1293-1387	\$ 113,495.36	Assessing Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1956	\$ 78.00	EMS Report
Tax Account	#6158-6184	\$ 642,044.23	Fire Dept. Report
Payroll	#1031-1057	\$ 40,688.49	Water Dept. Report
Direct Deposits		\$ 97,714.22	Zoning Report
			Minutes Regular Meeting January 9, 2018 Quarterly Meeting, January 16, 2018

**Moved by Clous second by Wolfgang** to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.  
**Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**McGee’s 31 Water Benefits**

The Township Attorney has not provided John McGee with a written proposal as promised. This will be an agenda item next month.

**Water Tower Rental Agreement**

Township Attorney is still negotiating the agreement.

**Welcome Packet Committee**

Committee has not met yet.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Public Hearing SU/SPR #18-01-01 Kevliz LLC**

Public Hearing opened @ 7:04pm

There was no public comment.

Public Hearing closed @ 7:07 pm

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to approve SU/SPR #18-01-01 based on the recommendation of Blair Township Planning Commission as it meets the standards for approval in Section 22.04 items a-g of Blair Township Zoning Ordinance and it will improve the appearance of an existing vacant building. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Clous, Kucera, Wolfgang, Campbell, Blonshine and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**b. Acceptance of 2016/2017 Audit**

*Treasurer Campbell stated that she refuses to sign off on the audit.*

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to have Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor sign off on 2016/2017 audit by Tobin and Co. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** Campbell. **Motion carried.**

**c. Woodbury Estates-Road Paving**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to issue land use permits to build single family homes to Woodbury Estates Developer prior to final paving of the private roads pursuant to Article 16.17.1h of the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance with the developer providing a performance guarantee to cover the cost of road construction as determined by the Township Engineer. **Yes:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Clous, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Recessed @ 7:28 pm

Reconvened @ 7:34 pm

**d. Audit Services Recommendation**

Wolfgang expressed gratitude to Tobin & Co. for all they have taught her, however the committee felt it was best practice to engage a different auditing firm at this time.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits** to accept the auditing services committee's recommendation for Rehmann proposal for three (3) years subject to annual review. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Clous. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**e. Ladder Truck for Fire Department**

No action taken.

**f. BioMedical Equipment Agreement**

**Moved by Clous second by Fitzpatrick** to enter into a Preventive Maintenance Agreement for three (3) years with an annual rate of \$3,500.00. **Yes:** Clous, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Zeits, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**g. Surplus Items-Old Sound System**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to declare old sound system as surplus and allow Supervisor Blonshine to dispose of it as she sees fit. **Motion carried.**

**h. Planning Commission Appointment Term Expiring 11/30/18**

**Moved by Clous second by Wolfgang** to appoint Adam Wagner to Planning Commission, term ending 11/30/18. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**i. Social Host Responsibility Month**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to proclaim April 2018 as Social Host Responsibility Month. **Motion carried.**

**j. Township Flag/Logo**

**Moved by Kucera second by Wolfgang** to purchase a township flag with new logo, pole and stand, not to exceed \$300.00. **Yes:** Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:07pm

Jane Beuthin  
Deputy Clerk