

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**February 8, 2022**

**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 Clerk Wolfgang at 6:01 PM.

**OPENING CEREMONIES:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Zeits, Fleis, Kucera, Wolfgang, Campbell and Fitzpatrick. Member absent Blonshine. Also in attendance Patrick Gallagher, Blair Township DPW, Emergency Services Grant Johnson, and two guests.

**SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON:** **Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to appoint Trustee Dennis Fitzpatrick as chairperson in Supervisor Blonshine's absence. **Yea: All Nay: None Motion Carried.**

**BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT:** Trustee Kucera would like to thank Blair Township Fire and EMS for the wonderful care he received recently.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Moved by Campbell second by Zeits** to approve the agenda with changes and additions. **Yes:** Campbell, Fleis, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Wolfgang. **No:** None **Motion Carried.**

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None stated.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Brad Jewett reports that the county has approved the purchase of six new vehicles for the sheriff's department, in December the board approved to budget for a Bearcat armored vehicle and the actual purchase was approved in January, which will be used as a defensive vehicle only, it will take up to 13 months to receive once ordered.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** Officer Karczewski submitted his report.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Board member Campbell reports that there is an additional one thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars and seventy-six cents (\$1,915.76) received from the ARPA fund, this is money that some townships elected not to participate so it was distributed to participating townships. Her monthly report was then given to the board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** The water loss committee reports that they met with BS&A regarding the software used in water billing and after review they believe that the water loss discrepancies may be with commercial meters in use at this time, they are old and need replacement. There has been wonderful positive feedback from residents regarding the recent township newsletter that was mailed out.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** **Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve the consent calendar as presented. **Yea:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Wolfgang, Fleis, Campbell and Kucera. **Nay:** None **Motion Carried.**

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS	TOTALS	REPORTS
Pooled Operating	#5706-5776	\$ 104,087.24	EMS Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1110-1113	\$ 9,490.77	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6863-6885	\$ 1,263,519.76	Minutes Regular Meeting
Payroll Check	#1837-1845	\$ 24,268.41	January 11,2022.
Direct Deposit/EFT		\$ 142,163.22	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 2022 Township Water Supply and Treatment Summary-Wade Trim**

Ken Schwerdt reports that there is tremendous growth in Blair Township, after reviewing new development and upcoming projects the water system is coming close to the capacity limit. There are short term and long-term improvements outlined in my report for you to review.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Campbell** to contract with Wade Trim for Water Supply and Treatment review in the estimated amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). **Yea:** Zeits, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Fleis. **Nay:** Kucera. **Motion carried.**

**B. Recommendation to replace commercial water meters with new metron meters**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve spending up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) of ARPA funds to replace commercial water meters and have cross connection inspection performed. **Yea:** Zeits, Campbell, Fleis, Wolfgang, Kucera and Fitzpatrick. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

**C. Quote from Peerless Midwest Inc.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to approve spending up to twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) to have Peerless Midwest Inc. perform repairs on the water system, as quoted. **Yea:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis, Campbell and Zeits. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

**D. Policy #2022-23 Defense and Indemnification Policy.**

**Moved by Campbell second by Kucera** to adopt Policy #2022-23 Defense and Indemnification Policy as presented. **Yea:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Fleis, Kucera, Campbell and Wolfgang. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**

- E. Notice of Right to referendum on becoming a Charter Township**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Campbell** to adopt the resolution of intent of opposing incorporation as a Charter Township. **Yea:** Fleis, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits, Campbell and Fitzpatrick. **Nay:** None **Motion Carried.**
- F. Quotes for topper for DPW truck.**  
Two quotes are provided.  
**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis** to approve quote purchase from Auto Outfitters for four thousand eight hundred eighty dollars and no cents (\$4,880.00). **Yea:** Zeits, Kucera, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Fleis and Campbell. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**
- G. Transfer of funds from Fund Balance to General Fund, New Building Fund**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve moving three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) from General Fund, fund balance and placing it into the General Fund, New Building Fund. **Yea:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Fleis. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**
- H. Budget amendment for Grant received from Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to approve amending the Revenue budget for State Grants by seven thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars and no cents (\$7,194.00) **Yea:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang and Fleis. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**
- I. Budget amendment for Electronic Poll Books**  
**Moved by Kucera second by Zeits** to move four thousand dollars and no cents (\$4,000.00) from the Clerks office budget into Elections budget for purchase of six (6) new laptops for electronic poll books. **Yea:** Fleis, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell and Zeits. **Nay:** None **Motion Carried.**
- J. Declare 1627 East Brentwood a dangerous building**  
**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis** to declare 1627 East Brentwood a dangerous building. **Yea:** Kucera, Campbell, Wolfgang, Fleis, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**
- K. Contribution to Boom Boom Club**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to contribute two hundred fifty dollars and no cents (\$250.00) to the Boom Boom Club. **Yea:** Wolfgang, Zeits, Fleis, Campbell, Kucera and Fitzpatrick. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**
- L. Purchase of Braun Chief XL Type III Ambulance**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve purchase of Braun Chief XL Type III Ambulance on Chevrolet G4500 gas 4x2 chassis in the amount of two hundred thousand twenty-seven, six

hundred and one dollars and no cents (\$227,601.00). **Yea:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Zeits, Campbell and Fleis. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**

**M. Declare laptop tag #2268 and docking station tag #2269 as surplus**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang** to declare laptop #2268 and docking station #2269 as surplus. **Yea:** Zeits, Fleis, Wolfgang, Kucera, Campbell and Fitzpatrick. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**

**N. Water/Sewer Operator Job Description**

**Moved by Fleis second by Fitzpatrick** to approve the job description for Water/Sewer Operator. **Yea:** Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell and Wolfgang. **Nay:** Kucera **Motion carried.**

**O. Place an Ad for another Water/Sewer Operator**

**Moved by Fleis second by Wolfgang** to approve placing an ad for a Water/Sewer Operator to include the wage range of 40-48 thousand per year. **Yea:** Campbell, Zeits, Fleis, Wolfgang and Fitzpatrick. **Nay:** Kucera **Motion carried.**

**Extended Public Input:** Trustee Fitzpatrick wants to point out Jake Della Pia is the cover story on Gather magazine, a publication for area veterans, Dennis also states that Amy Wiggins is back to work so EMS/Fire are fully staffed.

**Adjournment:** 8:12 PM

Cynthia Wicksall  
Deputy Clerk