

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 11, 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 Supervisor Blonshine at 6:00 PM.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine, and Wolfgang. Members absent were Fleis and Kucera. Also in attendance were Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Officer Karczewski and two guests.

**BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT:** There was none.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to approve the agenda as presented.

**Yea:** All **Nay:** None **Motion Carried.**

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

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Brad Jewett stated that the county is and always has provided mental health services at the jail. New rates for the health department/soil erosion for 2022 have been approved. There have been approvals with bargaining agreements with the 6<sup>th</sup> District Court, Commission on Aging, Central Dispatch Supervisors and the Corrections group, their contracts are set for now.

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

**TREASURER REPORT:** Board member Campbell gave her report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Emergency Services Director, Eric Somsel presented a short video recapping some of 2021 made by paramedic/Firefighter Robbie Przybylski.

Supervisor Blonshine states there will be a conference for MTA in Lansing, MI April 25-28, 2022, in person and virtual attendance available.

Trustee Fitzpatrick states that the Water Loss Committee will meet January 21, 2022, at 9:00 AM with BS&A if anyone has questions, they would like to submit.

Supervisor Blonshine reported that she and OEO Jerome has requested two formal hearings regarding two separate Township Junk Ordinance Violations, many citations have been given regarding the violations. Blair Township attorneys will attend this hearing in front of a Judge to help resolve problems. Supervisor Blonshine also states that a new resident to Blair Township called the offices inquiring to whether the Township has an agreement with any of the local garbage companies to offer a discounted rate to residents, Blonshine thinks this is a good idea and maybe something we should look into for the future as it would not only save residents money, it offers less road usage which cuts down on deterioration of shoulder of the road.

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

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS	TOTALS	REPORTS
Pooled Operating	#5363-5705	\$ 69,753.37	EMS Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1109	\$ 6,907.41	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6836-6862	\$ 247,279.75	Minutes Regular Meeting
Payroll Check	#1830-1836	\$ 25,098.46	November 9, 2021.
Direct Deposit/EFT		\$ 113,866.07	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution #2022-01 Performance Resolution for Municipalities**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** to approve Resolution #2022-01 Performance Resolution for Municipalities as presented. **Yea:** Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Zeits and Blonshine. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

**B. Recommendation of hiring JML Design Group of Architect of Record for Emergency Services New Station.**

Supervisor Blonshine, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Trustees Fitzpatrick, and Zeits reviewed the four proposals received; it is their opinion that JML Design Group had the best option.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to hire JML Design Group of Architect of Record for Emergency Services new station. **Yea:** Zeits, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, and Wolfgang. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

**C. Amendment to the Fire Protection Contract with Mayfield Township.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to amend the Fire Protection contract with Mayfield Township as presented. **Yea:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Blonshine and Campbell. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

**D. Hiring of Kayleen Marie Scott as paid on call employee for Emergency Services.**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** to hire Kayleen Marie Scott as a probationary paid on call employee. **Yea:** All. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**

**E. Approval of Township Newsletter**

Newsletter has been typed up for review by Supervisor Blonshine and Treasurer Campbell and they would like to proceed sending it to the printer.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits** to approve the Blair Township newsletter be sent to the printer. **Yea:** Zeits, Wolfgang, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, and Blonshine. **Nay:** None **Motion Carried.**

**Extended Public Input:** Treasurer Campbell states attended MTA's online seminar for ARPA Funds with a lot of useful information presented.

**Adjournment:** 6:44 PM

Cynthia Wicksall  
Deputy Clerk