

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**July 13, 2021**

**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 Fleis, Wolfgang, Kucera, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Blonshine. Also in attendance were Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri and four (4) guests.

**BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT:** Linda Pepper talked about the upcoming Board of Commissioners meeting regarding redistricting, the first one will be held Thursday July 15 at 2PM at the Government Center. This is to decide the number of commissioners needed to serve.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Board member Campbell asked that the addition of item #15 Residential Camping Permit Application be added to the agenda.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang** to approve the agenda with the addition of item #15 Residential Camping Permit Application. **Motion carried.**

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

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Brad Jewett states that all county buildings are open to the public. Grand Traverse County received a good report from Networks Northwest, Drain Commission, and the Health Department. Grand Traverse County gave approval to Cherry Capital Airport for their application to be FAA Authorized Certified.

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

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:** No representative present.

**WADE TRIM:** No engineer present.

**OPERATION SERVICES REPORT:** Report submitted.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Supervisor Blonshine’s update regarding the Fitness Court: concrete pad has been poured, it is curing and with all the rain we have had lately she is happy there is no pooling of water, it will be sealed soon and ready for the August 23 delivery. Blonshine states that she has received commitment of \$36,000.00 (Thirty-six thousand dollars) so far of the \$60,000.00 (Sixty thousand dollars) needed for the fitness court. She also obtained a Tribal grant in the amount of \$7,194.00 (Seven thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars.) for additional cameras and PA system in park, she is awaiting the award ceremony. The community garden corn is growing, she is excited to share it with the community.

Treasurer Campbell wants to remind everyone that September 18<sup>th</sup> will be our fall cleanup day.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Supervisor Blonshine would like the June 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes pulled for a typo error to item J.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#5026-5148	\$ 197,389.39	EMS Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1083-1086	\$ 3,556.88	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6754-6756	\$ 7,332.14	Minutes Regular Meeting
Payroll Check	#1778-1787	\$ 29,592.45	June 8, 2021.
Direct Deposit/EFT		\$ 105,350.73	

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to approve the Consent Calendar with correction to June 8, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Campbell and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Hiring Maintenance Employee:** Ryan Beaudry has been interviewed and is recommended to the board to fill the vacant Maintenance Coordinator Position, full-time with benefits at a start wage of \$23.20/hr. effective immediately. **Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to hire Ryan Beaudry as the Maintenance Coordinator, full-time with benefits, starting wage \$23.20/hr. effective immediately. **Yes:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Fleis, Zeits, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING/S**

**A. Amendment #104-05-21-02** proposed text amendment to the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance- Amendment #104-05-21-02 to amend sections: 10.04, 12.04 & 16.01. Amendments

regarding the use and standard for Commercial Manufacturing District, Industrial Overlay District & Accessory Structures.

**Public Hearing opened at 6:16PM**

There was no public comment.

**Public Hearing closed at 6:17PM**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve Zoning ordinance amendment 104-05-21-02, amending sections 10.4, 12.04 and 16.01 as recommended by the Blair Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Fleis, Wolfgang, Campbell, Kucera, Blonshine and Zeits. **No:** None. **Abstain:** Fitzpatrick. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 144-21** (Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 103- Blair Township Dump Ordinance)

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** to approve ordinance #144-21 and to repeal ordinance #103 *in its entirety*. **Yes:** Zeits, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Campbell, Blonshine and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

3. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 145-21** (Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 01 of 2002- Gas Franchise Ordinance)

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fleis** to adopt ordinance ~~N#145-21~~ which repeals *ordinance* #1 of 2002 in its entirety. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Township Board FICA Budget Amendment**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** ~~recommend of~~ **to approve** taking \$2,300.00 (two thousand three hundred dollars) from contingency and moving it to Township Board FICA line item. **Yes:** Blonshine, Kucera, Campbell, Fleis, Wolfgang, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

5. **Assessing Budget Amendment**

**A. FICA**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits** to **approve** moving \$2,070.00 (Two thousand seventy dollars) from contingency and increasing the assessing FICA line item by \$2070.00(two thousand seventy dollars). **Yes:** Zeits, Kucera, Wolfgang, Campbell, Fleis, Fitzpatrick and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**B. Mileage**

**Moved by Campbell second by Fitzpatrick to *approve*** taking \$1,500.00 (fifteen hundred dollars) from contingency and increasing the assessing mileage line item by \$1,500.00 (fifteen hundred dollars). **Yes:** Blonshine, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Kucera and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

6. **Switch to a .gov domain**

There was board discussion regarding the .gov domain and more information will be needed before the board will pursue this recommendation and will review it at a later date.

**Moved by Blonshine second by Wolfgang** to have the clerk's office write a letter looking for more information regarding future cost and advantages to Blair Township to change from our current to .gov domain. **Yes:** Blonshine, Zeits, Kucera, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Campbell and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

7. **Authorization of Dangerous Building Notice for 4646 East Mobile Trail**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to approve the declaration of residence located at 4646 East Mobile Trail, Traverse City MI a dangerous building according to our Dangerous Building Ordinance #136.09. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell, Fleis, Wolfgang, Blonshine and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Approval of Agreement with Northwest Michigan Fair**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Wolfgang** to approve the contractual agreement between Blair Township Emergency Services and N.W. Michigan Fair Association for the 2021 Fair Season. **Yes:** Blonshine, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

9. **Blair Township Emergency Services – Termination of Richard Cebula III**

**Motion by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to approve the termination of Richard Cebula III from Blair Township Emergency Services. **Yes:** Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

10. **Blair Township Emergency Services – Termination of Andrew McHugh**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits** to approve the termination of Andy McHugh from the Blair Township Emergency Services. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine, Zeits, Fleis and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**11. Employee Handbook Acknowledgement Form for Collective Bargaining Employees as submitted by Local 4355**

Board Discussion regarding the Blair Township handbook acknowledgement and agreement form as written violates collective bargaining employees of Local 4355. They have submitted one that meets the outline in their contract, but we would like our township attorney to make a recommendation before the board approves Local 4355 Employee Acknowledgement Form. This will be brought back to Blair Township Board next month.

**12. TCAPS request for 2-year extension of the summer tax collection agreement that is currently in place.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to *approve the* summer tax collection agreement for TCAPS at \$2.50 (two dollars fifty cents) through 2022 tax season. Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Blonshine, Fleis, Kucera, Campbell and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**13. MTA Principals of Governance**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Wolfgang** to adopt MTA Principles of Governance. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Blonshine, Zeits, Kucera, Fleis and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**14. Adopt Resolution #2021-08 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

**Motion by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** to adopt resolution #2021-08 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**15. Adopt Residential Camping Permit Application**

**A. Approve application and eliminate permit fee.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to adopt a Residential Camping Permit Application without fees. **Yes:** Kucera, Fleis, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**B. Refund to any residents that paid fee in 2021.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to refund any administration fees paid in 2021 for Residential Camping Permit. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Fleis and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**16. Extended Public Input:** Resident who lives on Nimrod would like to make a complaint regarding speeders on their road. Supervisor Blonshine has offered to place our Speed Radar on that road for a few days, which helps people be made aware of their driving speed. This resident was very receptive to this idea.

17. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Cindy Wicksall, Deputy Clerk