

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

July 14, 2020

6:00PM

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held on July 14, 2020 via ZOOM and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine at 6:03 pm.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Zeits, Fleis, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Campbell and Fitzpatrick. Also, in attendance were Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and five ~~(6)~~ **(5)** guests.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Blonshine asked that Stadium Drive Agreement be added as New Business item H.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to approve agenda with one addition.

Yes: Fleis, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Ron Clous reported that the mold removal project at the Hall of Justice is now complete and they are looking at options to remove themselves from MERS.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Supervisor Blonshine read Officer Karczewski's report.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Andy Marek reported that Elmer's, the County and MDOT are all out working on the roads.

Wade Trim: No engineer present.

Operation Services Report: *Report submitted.*

Treasurer Report: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Board member Campbell reported that the two bills that she spoke about at the last meeting regarding tax deferments and penalties were vetoed. Supervisor Blonshine announced that the Community Garden received a \$2,000.00 grant from DTE for irrigation, CARES Act grants have been applied for and her radio interview about the growth and development in Blair Township.

CONSENT CALENDAR

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS	TOTALS	REPORTS
Pooled Operating	#3982-4082	\$132,449.27	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1057	\$ 366.25	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6558-6572	\$ 16,453.18	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check	#1512-1521	\$ 26,765.58	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits/EFT		\$ 88,093.56	June 9, 2020

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to approve the consent calendar as presented. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Campbell, Fleis, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing SU/SPR#20-02-01 Grand Bay Marine

Supervisor Blonshine opened the public hearing at 6:22 pm.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Blonshine closed the public hearing at 6:23 pm.

Supervisor Blonshine stated that the applicant had previously been granted a Special Use Permit on this property, but it expired before any renovations began. She stated that they also had been storing boats on the property that were visible from the highway.

Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits to grant the Special Use Permit to Grand Bay Marine because it meets the standards for approval in Section 22.04 of the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance and it was recommended for approval by the Blair Township Planning Commission, with the conditions that 1) Renovations begin within six (6) months of approval. 2) Any outdoor boat storage is to be behind the building not visible from the road. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

B. Public Hearing SU/SPR#20-06-01 GR Auto Gallery

Supervisor Blonshine opened the public hearing at 6:29 pm.

There was public comment.

Supervisor Blonshine closed the public hearing at 6:31 pm.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to grant the Special Use Permit to GR Auto Gallery because it meets the standards for approval in Section 22.04 of the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance and it was recommended for approval by the Blair Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Blonshine, Kucera, Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Zeits and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

C. Watermain Appeal/Variance Request

Fred Campbell with JML Design, representing the applicant, presented the request.

Supervisor Blonshine reported that the applicant has owned the property since 2006, and was well aware that it was in the water district when it was purchased.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to deny the request from JML Design on behalf of the Ukrainian Church for a variance from Section 402 of Ordinance 100-17 which requires extension of the water main to the property. **Yes:** Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

D. Budget Amendments

Board member Wolfgang explained that amendments need to be made to the Clerk's and Treasurer's salaries so that the budget reflects the salary resolutions that were adopted.

Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick to amend the Clerk's salary to \$58,000.00 and the Treasurer's salary to \$56,000.00 and also amend the FICA and pension line items accordingly. **Yes:** Zeits, Campbell, Kucera, Wolfgang, Fleis, Fitzpatrick and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

E. ISO Rating

Chief Parker announced the new ratings and how they are formulated. In the areas of the Township with hydrants the ISO rating is four (4), the areas without hydrants but within five (5) miles of the station is a five (5) and the remainder is a ten (10). There was discussion regarding what can be done to improve the rating.

F. Northflight Contract Agreement

Emergency Services Director Somsel reported that the Pitspitters will have fifty-seven (57) games in a sixty-four (64) day period this season and the department will need assistance in covering so many games. He has asked Northflight to assist as an independent contractor.

Moved by Blonshine second by Fleis to approve the agreement with Northflight for stand by coverage for the Pitspitters games. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Campbell, Zeits, Blonshine, Kucera and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

G. Service Door Replacement

Emergency Services Director Somsel reported that both entry doors on the west side of the building are in need of replacement. He has presented two (2) quotes.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to approval the proposal from RCI to replace the two (2) entry doors into the apparatus bay on the west side of the building. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

H. Stadium Drive Agreement

Supervisor Blonshine stated that this is part of the Rennie School Road Property Development and that the sale of the property where the new apartment complex will be built is contingent upon the extension of Stadium Drive.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Development and Reimbursement Agreement for the Rennie School Road Redevelopment between the Grand Traverse County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Grand Traverse County Road Commission, Blair Township and H & M Development, with final approval as to substance by the Township Supervisor and as to form by the Township Attorney. **Yes:** Campbell, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Zeits and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:10PM

Lynette Wolfgang
Clerk