

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

June 9, 2020

6:00PM

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held on June 9, 2020 via ZOOM and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine at 6:09 pm.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Board member Wolfgang asked that the following items be added to the agenda:

Item U. EMS and Fire Budget Amendments

Item V. General Fund Budget Amendments

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to approve agenda with additions.

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

Board member Fleis joined the meeting at 6:13 pm.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Ron Clous reported that the commission has approved putting the Road Commission millage on the November ballot, the effects of COVID 19 on the county's budget and the pay increase for the County Administrator.

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

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Andy Marek reported on the repairs being done on West Silver Lake Road, 5 Mile Road is now open and they are working on fixing ditch issues across the county.

Wade Trim/Operation Services Report: No engineer present.

Treasurer Report: Board member Campbell reported on two house bills that are currently in committee that would defer interest and penalties on delinquent taxes and allow taxpayers to pay in installments. She also gave her monthly report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Blonshine reported that the splash pad is closed until the social distancing order is lifted. She also reported that one of the Park Patrol girls has been diagnosed with bone cancer.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#3891-3981	\$119,479.77	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1056	\$ 270.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#NONE	\$ 0.00	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check	#1503-1511	\$ 19,187.15	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits/EFT		\$113,377.39	May 12, 2020
			Minutes Special Meeting
			May 18, 2020

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Union Contract

Minor typing and grammar errors were corrected. Emergency Services Director Somsel answered questions regarding wages.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to approve the Blair Township Fire & EMS Union Local 4355 contract effective July 1, 2020 through July 1, 2023. **Yes:** Campbell, Fleis, Zeits, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

B. COVID Preparedness Plan

Board member Campbell requested that this item be put back on the agenda this month. There was discussion regarding who the essential employees are and who received a letter stating that they are essential. Board member Campbell does not agree with the plan.

C. MTA Education Opportunities

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to approve Option 1 – Premium Pass for MTA’s Unlimited Online Learning. **Yes:** Blonshine, Kucera, Fleis, Zeits, Wolfgang, Campbell, and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

D. New and/or Additional Township Attorney

Supervisor Blonshine stated that as much as we all like to work with our current Township Attorney, he is not very responsive. She would like to include the employees and officials that use the Township Attorney the most in the process of seeking an Attorney who can meet our needs.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to allow the Supervisor to appoint a committee to interview candidates for Township Attorney. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Blonshine, Fleis, Campbell, Kucera and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

E. Approval of Certificate of Interment Rights

Board member Wolfgang explained that approximately a year ago she created a new form for the sale of Interment Rights, then noticed that the Cemetery Ordinance states that the form must be approved by the Township Board.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve the Certificate of Interment Rights for Maple Grove and Monroe Center Cemeteries. **Yes:** Campbell, Fleis, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

F. Flaska Water Main Extension Ordinance Variance Request

Supervisor Blonshine explained that RCI had applied for a land use permit for their client Mr. Flaska and was told by the Township that they would need to get a well and septic permit also. Upon fire review, it was discovered that this parcel was in the water district and the applicant would have to extend the water main. The applicant has done his due diligence, spent thousand of dollars to prepare for building his facility and cannot afford to extend the water main.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to grant the variance from the water ordinance for the Flaska project with the following stipulations:

- 1) Any future, additional structures on the commercial property will require the water main extension for fire hydrants with approved distances from the structure/property by the fire code official.
- 2) Any change of use of the commercial property creating an increase in Hazard Class for firefighting purposes will require the water main extension for fire hydrants with approved distances from the structure/property by the fire code official.

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

G. Resolution #2020-04 To Set Supervisor's Wages

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to adopt Resolution #2020-04 setting the Supervisor's wages at \$60,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Campbell, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

H. Resolution #2020-05 To Set Clerk's Wages

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to adopt Resolution #2020-05 setting the Clerk's wages at \$58,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Blonshine, Fleis, Zeits and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

I. Resolution #2020-06 To Set Treasurer's Wages

Moved by Campbell second by Wolfgang to adopt Resolution #2020-06 setting the Treasurer's wages at \$56,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Fleis, Zeits, Campbell, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

J. Resolution #2020-07 To Set 1st Trustee's Wages

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution #2020-07 setting the 1st Trustee's wages at \$7,560.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Zeits, Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Wolfgang and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

K. Resolution #2020-08 To Set 2nd Trustee's Wages

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis to adopt Resolution #2020-08 setting the 2nd Trustee's wages at \$7,560.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

L. Resolution #2020-09 To Set 3rd Trustee's Wages

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution #2020-09 to set the 3rd Trustee's wages at \$7,560.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Campbell, Wolfgang, Zeits and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

M. Resolution #2020-10 To Set 4th Trustee's Wages

Motion by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to adopt Resolution #2020-10 to set the 4th Trustee's wages at \$7,560.00 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

N. Resolution #2020-11 To Set Employee's Wages

Moved by Blonshine second by Wolfgang to adopt Resolution #2020-11 setting the Employees' wages for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine, Kucera and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

O. Resolution #2020-12 To Set Bank Depositories

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution #2020-12 setting Bank Depositories for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Kucera, Zeits, Campbell, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Fleis and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

P. Resolution #2020-13 General Appropriations Act

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis, to adopt Resolution #2020-13 General Appropriation Act for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits, Fleis and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Q. Resolution #2020-14 Cemetery Prices and Fees

Moved by Kucera second by Zeits to adopt Resolution #2020-15 Cemetery Prices and Fees for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fleis, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

R. Resolution #2020-15 Schedule of Meetings

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to adopt Resolution #2020-15 Schedule of Meetings for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Kucera, Campbell, Wolfgang and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

S. Paid Holidays for Non-Union Employees

Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick to approve the Paid Holiday for Non-Union Employees for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Zeits, Wolfgang, Fleis, Kucera, Campbell, Blonshine and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

T. Schedule of Fees

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to adopt the Schedule of Fees for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Kucera, Blonshine, Campbell and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

U. EMS & Fire Budget Amendments

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to amend the EMS budget by moving \$19,000.00 from Contingency 210-651-790.000 to the Insurance line item 210-651-840.000 and moving \$1,000.00 from Contingency 210-651-790.000 to the Uniforms line item 210-651-768.000.

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to amend the Fire budget by moving \$2,000.00 from Equipment: Air Packs 205-345-977.001 to Equipment 205-345-977.000, moving \$15,000.00 from Contingency 205-345-790.000 to the Insurance line item 205-345-840.000, and moving \$5,000.00 from Contingency 205-345-790.000 to various other line items that are over budget. **Yes:** Fleis, Blonshine, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Wolfgang and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

V. General Fund Budget Amendments

Moved by Blonshine second by Kucera to allow the Clerk to make budget amendments from the Contingency line item if needed prior to the end of the Fiscal Year. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Blonshine and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:44PM

Lynette Wolfgang
Clerk