

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 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 6:00 PM.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Zeits, Campbell, Fleis, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick and Kucera. Member absent Blonshine. Also in attendance Patrick Gallagher, Blair Township DPW, Emergency Services Eric Somsel, and six 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:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis 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:** Ron Clous provided updates on Community Mental Health and Grand Traverse County ARPA Funds.

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

**TREASURER REPORT:** Board member Campbell submitted her monthly report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** The water loss committee reports that mid-April the new water meters in the commercial district will be installed, and the committee is looking into the reason Ramblewood Subdivision did not receive their water bills for the month of March.

Traverse City Pit Spitters are partnering with Blair Township for our Easter Egg Hunt.

Matt Jerome is still working on getting the 50+ vehicles placed in Blair Township from the East Bay Township hoarding situation removed from our area, also Congratulations are to Matt Jerome for becoming certified after completing the Zoning Administrator Certification Course.

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

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#5777-5876	\$ 80,346.98	EMS Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1114-1119	\$ 14,338.75	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6886-6916	\$ 830,938.08	Minutes Regular Meeting 02/08/2022
Payroll Check	#1846-1854	\$ 24,771.55	Minutes Special Meeting 02/11/2022
Direct Deposit/EFT		\$ 139,695.85	

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Repairs to Well #3 have been completed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution #2022-04 Motorcycle Awareness Signs**

Karen Robinson spoke to Blair Township Trustees regarding placing “Motorcycle Awareness Signs” along main roads in Blair Township, this is no cost to Blair Township, approval from Grand Traverse County Road Commission and MDOT prior to placement.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to approve Resolution #2022-04 Motorcycle Awareness Signs **Yea:** Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang, Fleis, Kucera and Fitzpatrick. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

**B. Robert O’Keefe regarding large water bill.**

Property owner Robert O’Keefe is seeking waiving any late/service fees associated with a large water bill he received due to water line breakage in his rental home that he was unaware this had happened.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis** to deny request from Robert O’Keefe, property owner on Curry Drive, for any late/service fees concerning large water bill be waived. **Yea:** Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Campbell, Kucera, Zeits and Fleis. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

**C. Hiring for Water/Sewer/DPW position.**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Campbell** to hire Theron Scharffe, Full Time with benefits at a wage of \$48,000.00 (forty-eight thousand dollars) per year for the Water/Sewer/DPW position. **Yea:** Fleis, Kucera, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick and Wolfgang. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**

**D. Quote for Well #3 Rehabilitation.**

**Moved by Campbell second by Zeits** to approve the expenditure of rehabilitation/cleaning of Well #3 in the amount of \$22,390.00 (twenty-two thousand three hundred ninety dollars and no cents). **Yea:** Zeits, Fleis, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang and Campbell. **Nay:** None. **Motion carried.**

- E. Approve Architect contractual agreement pending Twp attorney approval with JML Design**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to approve contractual agreement with JML Design, pending township attorney approval of contract. **Yea:** Fleis, Kucera, Zeits, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick and Campbell. **Nay:** None **Motion Carried.**
- F. Road name approval request for M-37 Round-About Barns.**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to approve road names: Lucky Dog Lane, Big Barn Lane, Sled Shed Lane, Luxury Barn Land and Man Cave Lane at the M-37 Round-About Storage Barn. **Yea:** Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Fleis, Campbell and Wolfgang. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**
- G. Quote for new Township Sign.**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to approve quotes from NuArt, full color display in the amount of \$31,154.00 (thirty-one thousand one hundred fifty-four dollars), option C and Martell Custom Stone for the base made from stone in the amount of \$5,900.00 (five thousand nine hundred dollars) with ARPA funds. **Yea:** Kucera, Fleis, Campbell, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**
- H. Declare old election laptops as surplus.**  
**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits** to declare the following election laptop tag numbers as surplus and destroy, #2292, #2293, #2294, #2295, #2317 and #2318 **Yea:** Campbell, Wolfgang, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Fleis. **Nay:** None **Motion carried.**
- I. Approval for 2<sup>nd</sup> dangerous building hearing**  
**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis** to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> dangerous building hearing for 1627 East Brentwood on April 12, 2022, at the regular Board of Trustees meeting as required per Blair Township Dangerous Building Ordinance. **Yea:** Fleis, Kucera, Wolfgang, Zeits, Fitzpatrick and Campbell. **Nay:** None **Motion Carried.**

**Extended Public Input:** Trustee Kucera would like to thank Patrick, Blair Township Water/Sewer/DPW Coordinator for taking the time and answering all his questions.

**Adjournment:** 7:10 PM

Cynthia Wicksall  
Deputy Clerk