

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2017
6:00 P.M.
APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on May 9, 2017 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Clous, Blonshine, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits and Campbell. Fitzpatrick was excused. Also in attendance were Director of EMS, Dan O'Brien, Fire Chief, Jim Carroll, and 16 (sixteen) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

Brian Souza, engineer with Wade Trim, introduced himself to the Board.

Patrick Gallagher, Wade Trim, spoke about issues with contractors not giving notice when performing main taps. Patrick also recommended obtaining a quote for programming the Scada system to open the valve at the elevated tank. The board agreed with the recommendation and asked Patrick to attend to it.

Dan DeVaun asked if there will be public input after the Master Plan discussion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Board member Wolfgang asked that the Charter Franchise Fees Negotiations be added as item j.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve the agenda with changes. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: Cheryl Gore Follette, Grand Traverse County Commissioner spoke about resolving the pension debt. Some suggestions already presented: have a garage sale with all the "stuff" stored in the basement and outer buildings, possibly rent office space at the County Building and sell property that does not generate revenue. New Administrator search has begun and a new IT Director has been hired.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Matt Karczewski gave his report stating that there were 496 calls for service in the month of April. Matt informed the board that he is an Evidence Technician for the Sheriff's Department and some of these calls take him out of Blair Township to other Townships in

the county. The drug drop off which was held on April 29 was very successful. Blair was 2nd to Garfield Township having the most garbage cans filled.

EMS Report: EMS Director Dan O’Brien reported 125 calls for service the month of April. Dan also spoke about the continued decrease in response time. Dan spoke about Blair being approached by Laura Criddle from Regional Medical Control Authority to speak at the Airway Conference in September.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Jim Carroll reported 23 calls for service the month of April. He spoke about the structure fire last week and the great job both Green Lake and Blair did. The Fire Chief attended the planned lock down drills at Abba’s House and Blair Elementary.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek discussed the tree issue in Peninsula Township, Cass Rd. is still open for another month or two and Logan’s Landing area will be getting a couple of Michigan turns to help with the flow of traffic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Blonshine read a Thank You card received from Kevin Nowak’s family to Blair Township EMS thanking them for getting Kevin quickly and safely to the hospital on April 28, 2017. Ken & Kathy Nowak donated \$100.00 to EMS for their services.

Supervisor Blonshine also read a letter from Kim & Robert Barrett to Captain Matt Tallman for help with their smoke detectors.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
General Fund	#32878-#32932	\$ 53,386.06	Assessing Report
Ambulance Fund	#18001-#18035	\$ 51,266.31	EMS Report
Fire and Police Fund	#11166-#11186	\$ 25,558.35	Fire Dept. Report
Trust & Agency Fund	# 1915-1917	\$ 809.16	Treasurer’s Report
Sewer Bill Fund	#1874-#1883	\$ 2,585.35	Water Dept. Report
Sewer Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Zoning Report
Water Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Minutes April 13, 2017
Water Bill Fund	#5093-#5115	\$ 16,479.24	Special Meeting
RD RRI Account	# -0-	\$ -0-	Minutes April 19, 20 & 26
RD Debt Retirement	# -0-	\$ -0-	Budget Meetings
Milfoil Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Minutes April 20, 2017
Tax Account	#6020-6041	\$ 118,545.03	Regular Meeting

Moved by Clous second by Wolfgang to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Master Plan

Township Attorney Shawn Worden spoke regarding his review of the purposed Master Plan. He stated that the Township should take their time on this project and recommended a joint meeting between the Township Board and Planning Commission. The board discussed a date for the joint meeting and decided to discuss the Master Plan at the first regularly scheduled joint meeting between the Township Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals on July 18th at 6:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Township Auditor/Township Attorney

Jonathan Poortenga, CPA with Tobin & Co. discussed the process of the yearly audit.

b. Municipal Underwriters of Michigan

Paul Olson updated the board on the liability insurance coverage.

c. Vance Road Clean Up

Vance Road clean up will be held Saturday, June 3 at 9:00am.

d. Public Hearing 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Fire & Police Fund-2.5 Mills Levied

Open Public Hearing at 8:06pm.

No Public Comment.

Closed Public Hearing at 8:07pm.

e. Public Hearing 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Ambulance Fund-1.497 Mills Levied

Open Public Hearing at 8:08pm.

No Public Comment.

Closed Public Hearing at 8:09pm.

f. Public Hearing 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget General Fund - .8233 Mills Levied

Open Public Hearing at 8:09pm.

No Public Comment.

Closed Public Hearing at 8:10pm.

g. Public Hearing 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Liquor Law Fund

Open Public Hearing at 8:10pm.

No Public Comment.

Closed Public Hearing at 8:10pm.

h. Public Hearing 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Metro Act Fund

Open Public Hearing at 8:11pm.

No Public Comment.

Closed Public Hearing at 8:11pm.

i. Public Hearing 2017/2018 Fiscal Year Budget Silver Lake Milfoil

Open Public Hearing at 8:11pm.

There was discussion regarding the surplus of funds in this account.

There was no public comment.

Closed Public Hearing at 8:13pm.

j. Charter Franchise Fees Negotiation

Supervisor Blonshine explained that it is time to negotiate the contract with Charter Communications for Franchise Fees. The City of Traverse City has asked the Townships to partner with them in the negotiations and share the attorney fees.

Moved by Kucera second by Wolfgang to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement for negotiation of Charter Franchise Fees. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jerry Lown, 3854 Vance Rd. spoke regarding the proposed subdivision (Woodbury Estates) to be built off Vance Road and the terrible condition that Vance Road is in.

Bill Clous, 5523 Hannah also spoke regarding Woodbury Estates and the Planning Commission's denial of the project.

Jim Carroll, Township Fire Chief spoke regarding this year's budget process and how everyone worked as a team.

Barb Benson, 3838 Rustic Manor spoke regarding an article she read about Planning and Zoning at the Grand Traverse Commons.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40pm

Jane Beuthin
Deputy Clerk