

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

November 10, 2020

6:00PM

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held on November 10, 2020. Called to order by Supervisor Blonshine at 6:05PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Zeits, Campbell, Kucera, Blonshine, Fleis, Wolfgang and Fitzpatrick. Also, in attendance were Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel, Community Police Officer Matt Karczewski and two (2) guests.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Addition of item "L", reappointment of Zoning Board and Planning Commission Members.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang, to approve agenda with addition of item "L". **Yes:** Campbell, Kucera, Blonshine, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: No commissioner present.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Officer Karczewski gave his report.

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: Andy Marek presented his last report for the road commission. Hammond Road is now open, winter maintenance has started, the recent millage proposal has passed, and this will allow more road work to be completed.

WADE TRIM: No engineer present.

OPERATION SERVICES REPORT: Report submitted.

TREASURER REPORT: Board member Campbell gave her report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE Board member Wolfgang thanked election inspectors and others that worked the November 3, 2020 election including Rebecca Eitzen, Steven Weller, Deborah Gleason, Tim Dunn, Diana Elliott, Lori Dunn, Gresham Eitzen, Emily Weller, Emma Gerds, Dawn Conway, Reid Wahl, Scott Conway, Renee Stevens, Joanne Tuck, Brian

Stevens, Karla Gerds, Rosie Yetter, Dana Cowell, Lloyd Bartlett, Deb Christensen, Tammy Rickerd, Ashley Myers, Diana Bartlett, Danielle Bieganowski, Alexa Patton, Theresa Voice, Theresa Kulanda, Diane Stockfish, Elaine Fees, Rita Robinson, Victoria Pratt, Majorie Long, Linda Maginity, Michelle Folkersma, Lynn Ebinger, Tracie Campbell (kitchen), Jake Campbell (set up/tear down), Aaron Plowman, John Stockfisch, John Hamstra, Cobey Taylor, Luke Somsel and Deputy Clerk Cindy Wicksall. Blair Township had 2,503 Absentee Ballots and 2,198 in person voters. Overall, voter turnout was 67.2%, and the day ran rather smoothly.

Board member Wolfgang reported that she should have a copy of the draft audit later this week. She will be working on the C.V.T.R.S state report for revenue sharing which is due December 1,2020

Board member Wolfgang reported that she will have the county clerk swear her in and then all officials, deputies, the Emergency Services Director, EMS Coordinator, Fire Chief, Captains, Assessor, Zoning Administrator and Ordinance Enforcement Officer will be sworn in at a ceremony held on Friday, November 20 at 9:00am.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#4360-4447	\$ 183,707.03	EMS Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1062-1064	\$ 5,150.40	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6635-6641	\$ 106,810.86	Minutes Regular Meeting
Payroll Check	#1607-1668	\$ 35,248.28	October 13, 2020
Direct Deposit/EFT		\$ 67,239.81	

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Grant Hazard Pay/Payroll Taxes

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to move money from General Fund Contingency to EMS budget for purpose of covering payroll taxes on hazard pay, totaling \$4,299.47. **Yes:** Kucera, Fleis, Campbell, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing Proposed Amendment to Blair Township Junk Yard Ordinance #102-20-01 section 6.01

Supervisor Blonshine announced that the Public Hearing Notice was posted on the website, at the Township Hall and was published in the Record Eagle.

Supervisor Blonshine opened the public hearing at 6:26PM.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Blonshine closed the public hearing at 6:28PM.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve proposed amendment #102-20-01 to section 6.01 of the Blair Township Junkyard Ordinance, changing fencing regulations setback from 300 feet to 100 feet which is consistent with Blair Township Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Blair Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Kucera, and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

B. Public Hearing Proposed Amendment to Blair Township Zoning Ordinance General Site Landscaping #104-05-20-02 section 16.05

Supervisor Blonshine announced that the Public Hearing Notice was posted on the website, at the Township Hall and was published in the Record Eagle.

Supervisor Blonshine opened the public hearing at 6:30PM.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Blonshine closed the public hearing at 6:32PM.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve proposed amendment #104-05-20-02 section 16.05 of Blair Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the General Site Landscaping based on the recommendation of the Blair Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Zeits, Fleis, Wolfgang, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

C. Public Hearing Special Use Case #SU/SPR 20-10-02 Wash n Go

Supervisor Blonshine announced that the Public Hearing Notice was posted on the website, at the Township Hall and was published in the Record Eagle.

Supervisor Blonshine opened the public hearing at 6:35PM.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Blonshine closed the public hearing at 6:37PM.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to grant special use SU/SPR 20-10-02 as it meets the standards for approval in Section 22.04 of the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance and recommended by Planning Commission. Parcel(s) #28-02-005-060-30 and #28-02-005-060-40. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fleis, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Zeits, Blonshine and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

D. Resolution 2020-17 2021 Poverty Exemption Policy & Guidelines

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution 2020-17, 2021 Poverty Exemption Policy and Guidelines as presented. **Yes:** Kucera, Fleis, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

E. Resolution 2020-18 Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant

Moved by Fleis second by Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution 2020-18 To Apply for Grant for Michigan Participating Plan. **Yes:** Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Fleis and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

F. Hazard Pay for Election Workers

Board member Wolfgang stated that she had applied and was awarded grant money totaling \$5,000.00 from the Center for Technology and Civic Life, the grant has not been received by the Township and considering there is a lawsuit against the group issuing the grant, the Township likely will not receive any monies. She respectfully requests the board to approve hazard pay in the amount of \$100.00 for each election worker with an attached thank you letter. Board member Wolfgang feels there is enough left in her election budget to facilitate the hazard pay. There was discussion regarding the number of voters that election workers were in contact with and also that Blair Townships part-time EMS employees did not receive any hazard pay for doing their job and also have been exposed to the public all year.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve hazard pay to election workers in the amount of \$100.00 each with attached thank you letter. **Yes:** Kucera, Fleis, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **No:** Campbell. **Motion Carried.**

G. Budget Amendment

Motion by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to increase revenue item Transfer In From SMR (101-000-699.001) by \$73,132.72 and also increase Highways/Streets/Bridges Improvements expenditures by \$73,132.72 to cover Blair Township's portion of Stadium Drive. **Yes:** Campbell, Fleis, Kucera, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

H. Hiring Paid on Call EMT

Moved by Wolfgang second by Fleis to hire Gary Vides as a Paid on Call EMT effective November 16, 2020 based on the recommendation of EMS Coordinator Grant Johnson and Captain Dan Kreft. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Zeits, Fleis, Kucera and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

I. Purchase of New Treadmill for EMS/Fire

Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits to purchase new treadmill not to exceed \$3,300.00. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell, Blonshine, Fleis, Kucera, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

J. Set date for Blair Township Clean-up Day

The date for Spring 2021 Clean-up day has been set with American Waste for May 8, 2021.

K. Review/Approve Township Newsletter

Board member Campbell is working on finalizing the Township Newsletter and will email the final copy before publication.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve the Winter 2020 Township Newsletter. **Motion Carried.**

L. Reappointment of ZBA and Planning Commission

Motion by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick to reappoint Gary Welch, Mike Mapes and Roger Zeits to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term ending 11/30/2023. **Yes:** Fleis, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Motion by Wolfgang second by Kucera to reappoint Jerry Heim, Dennis Fitzpatrick and Travis Clous, term ending 11/30/2023 and Bob Boeve, term ending 11/30/2022 to Planning Board Commission. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Campbell, Wolfgang, Fleis, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Extended Public Input: There was none.

Adjournment: 7:07PM

Cindy Wicksall
Deputy Clerk

Lynette Wolfgang
Clerk