

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 8, 2019
6:00 P.M.
APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:02 P.M. on October 8, 2019 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Blonshine, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Fleis. Members Wolfgang and Campbell were absent. Also, in attendance were Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri, Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and two (2) guests.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Remove item C. Park Ordinance #112 Amendment from New Business.

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report: No Commissioner present.

County Administrator Nate Alger: Administrator Alger reported on the upcoming 2020 Census and it's importance. Clerk Lynette Wolfgang is the Township's representative on the County's Complete Count Committee. He also stated that the county commissioners passed a resolution opposing the extension of TIF97, and that the NRAC Advisory Committee is looking into entering into an authority board.

Sheriff's Report: Officer Karczewski gave his report. No stats available.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek reported on the Brown Bridge Dam completion, and that the Commissioners have decided to not move forward on the Stadium Drive partnership that they had originally approved in October of 2018. He also reported on an upcoming Special Meeting on October 14, 2019 at 6:00pm to discuss the East/West Corridor Study results and options and award the roof repair bid.

Wade Trim/ Operation Services Report: No engineer present, Supervisor Blonshine reported and updated on all projects.

Treasurer Report: Was included in the Board Members Packet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Blonshine reported on a very successful Township Clean-up day. Blonshine thanked Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel for his help, as well as employees: Jennifer, Lisa and Jake for volunteering their time. There was about half (1/2) of the compacted yards from the large Spring clean-up, so she is confident that the clean-up days in the Township are working. Blonshine also reminded everyone of the deadline for the upcoming newsletter. Blonshine mentioned that the EMS/Fire Department could use help with the Annual Halloween Party here at the station.

Blonshine read part of a letter that has gone out to residents on Silver Lake from the County Drain Commissioner, in reference to the Public Hearing on the cost of establishing the lake level and the Special Assessment Roll of properties within the Special Assessment District for Silver Lake. The meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2019, 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Charter Township of Garfield.

Trustee Kucera reported on the MTA conference he attended this month at Crystal Mountain. Highlights of the conference included: Sand/Gravel Mining Legislation, Board Member Leadership Building, Future of Townships, and the MTA Conference coming up in the Spring of 2020.

CONSENT CALENDAR

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
Pooled Operating	#3191-3283	\$326,162.79	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1049	\$127.50	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6428-6449	\$2,740,105.85	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1399-1408	\$45,869.11	Minutes Regular Meeting
Direct Deposits		\$68,423.88	September 10, 2019

Blonshine requested removal of Emergency Services report by request of Emergency Services Director. Emergency Services Director gave his report orally and stated that the numbers have changed on the Airpak Grant.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Kucera to approve the Consent Calendar. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Zeits, Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Fire Fund Budget Amendment

Request to amend the Fire Department budget due to the sale of the old fire truck.

Moved by Kucera second by Fleis to change the budgeted amount for 205-000-673.000 Sale of Fixed Assets from zero to \$20,000.00 due to the sale of the old fire truck. **Yes:** Kucera, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

b. Treasurer Department Budget Amendment

Request to amend the Treasurer's budget due to the increase in amounts of Professional Services.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to transfer \$3000.00 from Contingency 101-101-790.000 to the Treasurer's Professional Services 101-253-801.000 to cover future expenses. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fleis, Kucera, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

c. Re-appointment to the ZBA

It was recommended to re-appoint George Lombard to the ZBA for a term expiring on November 30, 2022.

Moved by Fleis second by Fitzpatrick to re-appoint George Lombard to the ZBA for a term expiring on 11/30/2022. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Fleis, Kucera and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

d. Outstanding Water Bill Request

Supervisor Blonshine received a letter written from a resident requesting to have considerations made for their outstanding water bill. Supervisor Blonshine explained the situation, the request and had additional proof that suggest this is not an isolated incident.

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to deny the request for consideration of the residents outstanding water bill. **Yes:** Fleis, Kucera, Zeits, Blonshine and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT:

Trustee Zeits thanked Chief Parker for a nice ceremony on September 11th.

Bill Van Petten spoke regarding a zoning issue they are having with a neighbor. They also distributed a written complaint to each Board Member.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:01 pm.

Jennifer Rinehart
Deputy Clerk