

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Special Meeting

August 25, 2021

12:00 PM

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The special meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 12:00 PM on August 25, 2021, in person at the Township Hall and called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Fleis, Kucera, Campbell, Blonshine and Wolfgang. Also present was Emergency Services Director Eric Somsel and Water coordinator Lisa Guerrieri, no public was present.

BRIEF PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

AGENDA:

A. Terminate Contract with Operation Services

Board Discussion: May of 2021 Operation Services was given forty-five (45) days to correct all material breach of contract that has been on-going problems since 2019. Staffing problems, sometimes having no water operators on-site some days, taking staff working at Blair Water/Sewer and sending them to other municipalities leaving Blair Water/Sewer shorthanded and other violations of said contract. **Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to approve terminating contract with Operation Services effective August 31, 2021. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fleis, Campbell, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

B. Adopt Resolution #2021-24 regarding COVID sick leave

Board Discussion: Due to no longer being under emergency orders and are under the recommendations of the CDC we need to have a COVID sick leave plan for non-union, full-time employees. **Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits** to adopt

Resolution #2021-24 COVID Sick Time Bank. **Yes:** Kucera, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang and Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

C. Hire Water/Sewer Operator

Board Discussion: We have received one resume for the posted position of Water/Sewer Operator. **Moved by Blonshine second by Kucera** to hire Patrick Gallagher as Water/Sewer Operator of record, with a full-time salary starting at \$61,000.00 (sixty-one thousand dollars) a year with benefits, start date two weeks. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Fleis, Blonshine, Kucera, Wolfgang and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion Carried.**

D. Set up Water Loss Committee

Board Discussion: There is a need for a committee to form to investigate water loss within our water system. **Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to form a committee consisting of Water Coordinator Lisa Guerrieri, either maintenance employee Ryan or Patrick the future water/sewer operator and board members Fitzpatrick, Campbell and Kucera, this committee should meet twice monthly and report to Blair Township Board at the regular scheduled Board of Trustees meetings monthly. **Yea:** All. **Nay:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Extended Public Input: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:23 PM

Cindy Wicksall

Deputy Clerk