

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2019
6:00 P.M.
APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:02 pm on September 10, 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: Wolfgang, Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick and Kucera. Campbell was absent. Also in attendance were Zoning Administrator Lisa Guerrieri and six (6) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Blonshine suggested moving item L. RCI Close Out Document/ Final Payment Request under Wade Trim Report.

Board member Wolfgang asked that the following item be added to the agenda:

M. Declare 1993 Pierce Fire Engine as Surplus

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

Grand Traverse County Commissioner Report: Ron Clous reported that the Commission approved the Resolution regarding Line 5, he also reported that there was overwhelming support of this Resolution by the Michigan Association of Counties. He also reported on the Special Assessment for Duck and Silver Lakes, the reduction in the VA Millage and TIF 97.

Sheriff's Report: Officer Karczewski gave his report. Still no Township stats available.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission: Andy Marek reported that the County will be taking over M37 in Peninsula Township and M137 in Green Lake Township from the State. He also reported on the future roundabout at Potter and Garfield Roads and the East West Corridor study.

Wade Trim Report: Brian Sousa, Township Engineer reported that the Iron Removal Plant is finally up and running. He thanked Township staff for working together to resolve the issues encountered with this project. He explained that the RCI Close Out/Final Payment will not happen until the Township receives a revised invoice from WesTech.

Operation Services: Patrick Gallagher reiterated that the plant is up and running and it has pumped 1.2 Million gallons of water so far without issues. He also appreciated everyone’s collaboration on resolving the issues.

Treasurer Report: Report was included in Board packet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Blonshine read a letter from Andy Nickerson expressing his wish to be reappointed to the Planning Commission. She also read a letter from Holly and Doug Gallagher thanking the Board for all that they do. Note sent by Megan Olds regarding the Butterfly hatchery and release that Supervisor Blonshine has been spearheading all summer, “she is an inspiration”. Blonshine also mentioned the Monarch City USA flyer the Township received.

Supervisor Blonshine also announced that the Township was able to purchase a Speed Radar Trailer for \$1.00. It is being repaired and will be in use soon.

Discussion on Family Movie Night: Board member Kucera reported that Family Movie Night went well. There was discussion regarding the date, how to inform more people, location and menu.

Township Clean Up Day: Supervisor Blonshine reminded everyone that Clean Up Day is this Saturday.

Vance Road Clean Up: Supervisor Blonshine stated that the Emergency Services Department has done one clean up already this year and due to the date of the Township Clean Up, Vance Road Fall Clean Up has been cancelled.

Update on new Website: Board member Campbell was not in attendance to give an update.

CONSENT CALENDAR

FUND	CHECK NUMBERS	TOTALS	REPORT
Pooled Operating	#3104-3190	\$ 277,843.97	Emergency Services Report
Trust & Agency Fund	#1048	\$ 1,485.00	Water Dept. Report
Tax Account	#6407-6427	\$ 1,085,909.74	Supervisor/Zoning Report
Payroll Check/EFT	#1386-1398	\$ 62,603.61	Minutes August 13, 2019
Direct Deposits		\$ 100,415.64	Regular Meeting

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Public Hearing:** Special Use Case # SU/SPR 19-08-01 Traverse City Pit Spitters – requesting a Special Use/Site Plan Review to establish outdoor displays and sales of assorted larger scale items to conduct exhibitions at existing ballpark and building located at 333 Stadium Drive, Traverse City, MI 49685. Parcel # 28-02-225-021-01.

Opened the Public Hearing at 7:08pm.

There was no public input.

Closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Fleis to approve SU/SPR#19-08-01 as it meets the standards for approval in section 22.04 items A-G of the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance and was recommended for approval by the Blair Township Planning Commission. **Yes:** Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

- b. **New Road Naming:**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to approve the name Silver Sunrise Trail. **Motion carried.**

- c. **Planning Commission Reappointments:**

Supervisor Blonshine commended Andy Nickerson for his work on the Planning Commission.

Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits to reappoint Andy Nickerson to the Planning Commission term expiring 11/30/2022. **Yes:** Fleis, Kucera, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits, Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Supervisor Blonshine recommended reappointing George Lombard to the Planning Commission.

Moved by Blonshine second by Kucera to reappoint George Lombard to the Planning Commission term expiring 11/30/2022. **Yes:** Kucera, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

- d. **ZBA Reappointment:**

Supervisor Blonshine recommended reappointing Felicia Randall to the ZBA.

Moved by Blonshine second by Kucera to reappoint Felicia Randall to the Zoning Board of Appeals term expiring 11/30/2022. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Blonshine, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Fleis Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

e. Ordinance Enforcement Officer – 90 Day Review and Pay Rate Increase:

Supervisor Blonshine stated that Matt Jerome has excelled in this position and she recommends raising his pay from \$18.75 per hour to \$20.00 per hour.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve the wage increase for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer from \$18.75 per hour to \$20.00 per hour effective with the next pay period beginning September 14, 2019. **Yes:** Fleis, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Fleis, Wolfgang, Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

f. Zoning Department Budget Amendment:

Board member Wolfgang explained that this amendment is needed due to the wage increase for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer.

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Wolfgang to amend the budget moving \$2,250.00 from Contingency to the Zoning budget to cover wages and FICA. **Yes:** Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Wolfgang, Zeits, Fleis. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

g. Township Park Restrooms:

Board Member Kucera stated his concerns about the condition of the park restrooms, but also has concerns regarding vandalism. There was discussion regarding painting the walls, fixing the stall door, fixing the leak and installing the urinal and the vandalism that has occurred. Supervisor Blonshine suggested brainstorming and bringing ideas to a future meeting. No action taken.

h. Drinking Water Remediation Grant:

Supervisor Blonshine stated that the Water Asset Management Council has made the determination that none of the applicants meet the disadvantaged criteria and therefore the Township will be required to pay the 20% local match. The grant written was for approximately \$97,000.00.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to approve expending \$20,000.00 as a 20% match to the Drinking Water Remediation Grant. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Wolfgang, Zeits, Fleis, Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

i. Emergency Services Surplus Equipment:

Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick to declare the 2007 GMC Yukon surplus so that it may be sold. **Motion carried.**

j. Change Date of March 10, 2020 Board Meeting and March 11, 2020 Budget Meeting Due to Presidential Primary

Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits to change the date of the March 10, 2020 Board Meeting to March 17, 2020 and the March 11, 2020 Budget Meeting to March 13, 2020 due to the Presidential Primary. **Motion carried.**

k. Amendments to Ordinance #112 – Blair Township Park Ordinance:

Board member Wolfgang stated that because we no longer rent out the Pavilion we need to amend Ordinance #112. There was discussion regarding adding language in reference to the staking of canopies and tents. Changes will be made and brought to next month's Board Meeting. No action taken.

l. Emergency Services Surplus Equipment:

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to declare the 1993 Pierce Engine surplus so that it may be sold. **Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 pm.

Jennifer Rinehart
Deputy Clerk