

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Budget Workshop
April 5, 2017
APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The Budget Workshop meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on April 5, 2017 at the Township Hall, 2121 County Road 633, Grawn, MI, to prepare for the operations of the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The board observed a moment of silence in remembrance of Iva Lewis, former Deputy Clerk who passed away on April 3.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Blonshine, Campbell, Wolfgang, Kucera, Zeits, and Clous. Fitzpatrick was absent. Also present were EMS Director Dan O'Brien, Fire Chief Jim Carroll, Union President Eric Somsel and two guests.

Bill VanVreede and Bonnie Minch were present to provide renewal rates and options for health, dental and vision insurance. The Township's current Priority Health plan carries an increase of 5.72% increase, the employee paid BCBS dental, a 5.61% increase and VSP, a 3.5% increase.

Eric Somsel spoke on behalf of the Union employees, stating that he would like to stay with the current Priority Health Plan. There was discussion regarding the dental plan. Board member Campbell asked for a quote on high deductible plans.

Trustees wages were discussed.

Moved by Campbell second by Wolfgang to set the four Trustees' wages at a flat rate of \$6,500.00 per year, and continue providing them with a \$15,000.00 life insurance policy. **Yes:** Clous, Campbell, Blonshine and Wolfgang. **No:** Zeits (too low), Kucera. **Motion carried.**

The Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer's wages were discussed. Board member Campbell stated that these three office's wages should be the same. Supervisor Blonshine stated that she is still learning the job and is not asking for an increase.

Moved by Campbell second by Blonshine to set the Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer's wages at \$55,000.00 per year. **Yes:** None. **No:** Campbell, Zeits, Kucera, Blonshine, Wolfgang, and Clous. **Motion failed.**

Moved by Campbell second by Blonshine to set the Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer's wages at \$53,630.00 per year. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Campbell and Blonshine. **No:** Clous, Kucera, and Zeits. **Motion failed.**

Goals and objectives were discussed.

The Township received one bid for park restroom cleaning.

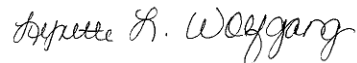
Moved by Blonshine second by Clous to hire Pete Hoopfer to clean the park restrooms April 15 through October 15, 2017 for a total cost of \$4,575.00. **Yes:** Kucera, Wolfgang, Zeits, Clous, Campbell and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

The Township received five bids for mowing the park and cemeteries.

Moved by Clous second by Campbell to have the maintenance employee mow the park and cemeteries and perform fall clean up in the cemeteries as a cost saving measure. **Yes:** Blonshine, Zeits, Campbell, Clous, Kucera, and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC INPUT: Penni Shafer spoke regarding mowing of the parks and cemeteries.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned 12:00 pm.



Lynette L. Wolfgang
Township Clerk