

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting
April 13, 2017
5:00 P.M.
APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 5:00 P.M. on April 13, 2017 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Blonshine.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Clous, Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Wolfgang, Zeits, Campbell and Blonshine. Also in attendance were Wade Trim Water Operator Patrick Gallagher, Water and Sewer Coordinator Lisa Guerrieri, attorneys John Axe and Tim Lee and five(5) guests.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

Green Lake Township Supervisor Marv Radtke reported that he has been elected MTA District 8 representative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Clous second by Kucera to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

None stated.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution #2017-02 Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies

Supervisor Blonshine stated that this resolution allows the Township to apply for permits to perform work in the road right of way.

Moved by Kucera second by Clous to adopt Resolution #2017-02. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Kucera, Wolfgang, Zeits, Campbell, Blonshine and Clous. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

b. Study Session on Combining Water and Sewer Funds

John Axe, bonding attorney with Clark Hill, gave a brief explanation of how combining these two funds, paying off the Rural Development bonds, and refunding the Water Revenue bonds would allow the Township to make both the water and sewer bond payments, and construct an iron treatment facility for well #4, that would address the firm capacity issue. Mr. Axe stated that pursuant to state law, the Township cannot refund the bonds unless they are going to save money by doing so. Mr. Axe also stated that it is a violation of state law to provide free water

service to the Township as has been happening for the last twelve years. He recommended that the General Fund pay back the Water Fund for water usage over the next six years.

There were questions regarding whether this change will have an effect on the requirements to hook up to the water or sewer system and if the special assessment will increase.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was none.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:35pm

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Township Clerk