

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**April 20, 2017**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**APPROVED**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on April 20, 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: Kucera, Clous, Campbell, Blonshine, Zeits, Fitzpatrick and Wolfgang. Also in attendance were Director of EMS, Dan O'Brien, Fire Chief, Jim Carroll, and 15 (fifteen) guests.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:**

Eric Lingaur, Communication Manager for BATA, presented a video which explained how the millage increase would be utilized for the growth of BATA.

Board Member Campbell presented Supervisor Blonshine with framed photos from the first annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Brett Campbell, property owner at 4100 Dye Rd, spoke in favor of Medical Marihuana.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

None stated.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Cheryl Gore Follette, Grand Traverse County Commissioner brought the township booklets Front & Center informing county residents on Parks and Recreation, Commission on Aging and the Senior Center Network, map of properties owned by the county and discussed the pension issue.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Matt Karczewski had no township stats as the system is down. In honor of Dr. Suess's birthday (March 2) and national reading month, Deputy Matt Karczewski went to Blair Elementary and read to each 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom.

**EMS Report:** EMS Director Dan O'Brien reported 126 calls for service the month of March. Dan also spoke about the decrease in response time.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Jim Carroll reported 17 calls for service the month of March. The fire department monitored a fire drill at Blair Elementary, Fire Chief Carroll attended a couple classes one was Pride & Ownership, the other was Recruitment & Retention. He also taught fire school with 8 students and attended a Car Seat certification conference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Board member Kucera has submitted the application for Blair Township to be represented in the Heritage Parade.

Supervisor Blonshine reported that another grant was received for Blair Township and the Community Garden for sunscreen dispensers.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
General Fund	#32820-#32877	\$ 53,590.87	Assessing Report
Ambulance Fund	#17954-#18000	\$ 64,355.82	EMS Report
Fire and Police Fund	#11131-#11165	\$ 28,094.57	Fire Dept. Report
Trust & Agency Fund	# 1913-#1914	\$ 778.00	Treasurer's Report
Sewer Bill Fund	#1863-#1873	\$ 13,551.61	Water Dept. Report
Sewer Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Zoning Report
Water Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Minutes February 14, 2017
Water Bill Fund	#5061-#5092	\$ 170,987.84	Regular Meeting
RD RRI Account	# -0-	\$ -0-	
RD Debt Retirement	# -0-	\$ -0-	
Milfoil Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	

**Moved by Clous second by Wolfgang** to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.  
**Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Combined Water/Sewer Ordinance/Funds – John Axe**

The Clerk stated the notice of intent to adopt was published in the Record Eagle on 4/17/2017 and also posted on our website.

John Axe, Bonding Attorney from Clark Hill spoke about adopting a new Water/Sewer Ordinance, paying off Rural Development Bonds, refunding county bonds and issuing new bond for iron removal plant, doing this will save the Township an estimated \$1,500,000. The township will also payback the water fund for water use at the splashpad, parks, grounds, pole barn and hall that have not been paid for the last 10 years.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera to adopt Ordinance #100-17 combining Water & Sewer Ordinance. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Kucera, Blonshine, Clous and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Clous to start repayment in the 2017/2018 budget year paying from the General Fund an annual payment of \$49,652.23 with no interest for 6 years. **Yes:** Clous, Wolfgang, Campbell, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**b. Gene's Auto Parts-Request for a variance from the water ordinance**

Clay Denman from Gene's Auto Parts presented his request for a variance from water ordinance. There was discussion regarding Consumer's Energy property, powerlines and cost.

Moved by Wolfgang second by Ziets to grant Gene's Auto a variance from the water ordinance by not requiring them to run the main the full length of the property but only requiring them to run the main South to property line 28-02-016-028-00. **Yes:** Zeits, Blonshine, Kucera, Clous, Wolfgang Fitzpatrick and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**c. Medical Marihuana discussion- John Hilborn**

John Hilborn and Jim Carr discussed the provision regarding changes to Medical Marihuana and Laws. They would like Blair Township to consider amending/changing their Ordinance to allow certain facilities.

**Beach Bum's Fireworks**

Motion by Clous and second by Fitzpatrick to approve the Beach Bums fireworks display schedule for the summer of 2017. **Motion carried.**

**d. Surplus Items**

Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous to declare 1 Xerox Work Center PE 120 and 2 IBM WheelWriter6 as surplus and have Maintenance Coordinator advertise for sale. **Motion carried.**

**f. Date change on Public Hearing for 2017/2018 budget**

Motion by Kucera and second by Clous to change the Public Hearing date for 2017/2018 budget from June 13, 2017 to May 9, 2017. **Motion carried.**

**g. Resolution #2017-03 Apply for grant for Voting Equipment**

Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick to adopt Resolution #2017-03 to apply for grant for voting equipment. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Zeits, Blonshine, Campbell, Kucera and Clous. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**h. Discussion on Notary Charges**

Township residents and/or taxpayers no charge and a \$10.00 charge for non- residents.

**i. Request bids for Yearly Audit**

Board member Campbell has reached out to 5 different companies and heard back from 3.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Kucera** to have the Township Auditor & Township Attorney at the next meeting. **Motion carried.**

**j. Joint Meeting-Township Board, Planning Commission and ZBA**

Supervisor Blonshine spoke about having quarterly joint meetings with Township Board, Planning Commission and ZBA. A schedule will be prepared at the next budget meeting.

**k. Attorney bill for January thru March 2017**

Supervisor Blonshine will include the township attorney bill in board packets for discussion.

**l. Traverse City Boom Boom Club Donation**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to make a \$250.00 donation to the Boom Boom Club for fireworks display. **Yes:** Clous, Kucera, Campbell, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Blonshine and Wolfgang. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Linda Maginity, 4149 Canterbury Ln, spoke in favor of the Master Plan, but had concerns about bike trails being so close to the highway. She would also like to see a stop light at Vance Rd. & 37.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:11pm



Jane Beuthin  
Deputy Clerk