

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 14, 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 February 14, 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: Wolfgang, Kucera, Clous, Blonshine, Zeits, Campbell and Fitzpatrick. Also in attendance were Director of EMS, Dan O'Brien, Fire Chief, Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator Lindsey Wolf and 30 (Thirty) guests.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:**

Dan DeVaun, 2727 Thompson Dr, spoke in favor of adopting the Master Plan.

Scott Ogden-5122 Silver Lake Shores, Garfield Township has concerns about keyholing regulations and septic inspections. He is in favor of adopting the Master Plan.

Lori Trailer, 783 E Silver Lake Rd. S., spoke in favor of the Master Plan.

Brenda DeKuiper, 5942 Vance Rd., spoke in favor of the Master Plan.

Lori LaBonte, 2304 Sadie Lane, spoke in favor of the Master Plan.

Cynthia Minor, 5764 Village Dr., spoke in favor of the Master Plan.

George Lombard, 3306 Beitner Rd., spoke in favor of the Master Plan.

Bill Clous, 5523 N. Hannah Rd., spoke against adopting the Master Plan.

Wendy Young, 826 Boone St, Garfield Township, spoke against adopting the Master Plan.

Barbara Benson, 3838 Rustic Manor Ct., spoke against adopting the Master Plan.

Linda Maginity, 4149 Canterbury, issues with water bill and is for a Facebook Page for the Township.

Nancy Street, 2487 Woodcock Lane, speaking on behalf of her daughter Crystal, issues with water bill.

Judy Porter, Real Estate Broker, spoke against adopting the Master Plan.

Josh Levandoski, potential home buyer, spoke against adopting the Master Plan.

Jay Budd, 4599 Choice Circle, in favor of the Master Plan.

Jerry Lown, 3854 Vance Rd, in favor of the Master Plan.

Scott Tilford, 5955 Village Dr, in favor of the Master Plan.

Jim Schumuckal, 762 Windmill Lane, Garfield Township, against adopting the Master Plan.

Rodney Harrand, Business Owner, against adopting the Master Plan.

Travis Clous, 5473 N. Hannah, against adopting the Master Plan.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Moved by Blonshine and second by Fitzpatrick 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 spoke regarding restoring funding for Commission on Aging, study session in March for pension issues and looking into a search team to help find a new County Administrator.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Matt Karczewski reported 442 calls for service the month of January.

**EMS Report:** EMS Director Dan O'Brien reported 158 calls for service the month of January.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Jim Carroll reported 23 calls for service the month of January. He also indicated that he is inspector certified for child seat installation.

**GT County Road Commission:** Andy Merak Grand Traverse County Road Commissioner discussed Baggs Road repair, TIF2 issue, MDOT would like to give back M137 to Grand Traverse County.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Blonshine read numerous email letters from Township residents: Neal Jones in favor of the Master Plan.

Kelly and Terry Rayment expressed concerns regarding keyholing regulations and septic inspections.

Scott Ogden, President of Silver Lake Improvement Association in favor of the Master Plan and concerns regarding keyholing regulations and septic inspections.

Jeff Dohm is against adopting the Master Plan.

Dan Prevo is against adopting the Master Plan.

Tom & Linda Mead in favor of the Master Plan.

Linda Maginity issues regarding water rate and Nabil Musleh increased water bill due to someone turning on an outside faucet.

Board Member Wolfgang read a letter from Julie Clark Executive Director for Traverse Area Recreation & Transportation (TART) Trails in favor of the Master Plan

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
General Fund	#32719-#32774	\$ 81,680.28	Assessing Report
Ambulance Fund	#17842-#17898	\$ 83,886.26	EMS Report
Fire and Police Fund	#11066-#11100	\$ 35,170.77	Fire Dept. Report
Trust & Agency Fund	# 1911	\$ 73.00	Treasurer's Report
Sewer Bill Fund	#1837-#1849	\$ 5,517.86	Water Dept. Report
Sewer Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Zoning Report
Water Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Minutes January 10, 2017
Water Bill Fund	#5007-#5031	\$ 31,074.60	Regular Meeting
RD RRI Account	# -0-	\$ -0-	
RD Debt Retirement	# -0-	\$ -0-	
Milfoil Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	

Board member Wolfgang asked that the Treasurer's Report be pulled for discussion.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of the Treasurer's report removed. **Motion carried.**

There was regarding the tax account.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous** to approve the Treasurer's report. **Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**a. Master Plan**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits** to table the Master Plan for Township Attorney to review and bring back to next Township Board meeting on March 14, 2017. **Yes:** Clous, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Campbell, Zeits and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**b. Wade Trim Contract**

Discussion regarding the cost increase, and emergency call out charges.

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** approve Option 1 of the Wade Trim contract..

**Yes:** Clous, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Campbell, Zeits, Kucera and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**c. Facebook Page/Website**

**Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick** to have Blair Township set up a Facebook page. **Motion carried.**

Discussion on Social Media Policy and Supervisor Blonshine has researched different policy approved by other Townships.

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** to have Board Member Campbell set up Facebook page and Supervisor Blonshine to prepare and bring Social Media Policy to the next board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Recess @ 8:30 pm.

Reconvened @ 8:43pm

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Grant Township Fire Protection Contract**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** to approved Grant Township Fire Protection Contract, effective January 1st, 2017. **Motion carried.**

**b. Full-time Paramedic/Firefighter**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to hire Rob Stahl as full-time Paramedic/Fire Fighter with a hire date of February 14, 2017 and a starting date of February 26, 2017. **Motion carried.**

**c. April 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and April 12, 2017 Budget Meeting**

Supervisor Blonshine and Board Member Campbell will be attending the MTA annualconference and will not be available for the April 11, 2017, regular meeting and the April 12, 2017 budget meeting.

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Zeits** to change the April 11 2017 regular Township Board meeting and the April 12, 2017 budget meeting to Thursday April 20, 2017. The budget meeting will be at 9:00 am and Township Board meeting will be at 6:00 pm. **Motion carried.**

**d. Budget Review**

FICA budget amendments have been made so all FICA is now in Town Board FICA line item.

**e. Cemeteries Budget Amendment**

**Moved by Wolfgang and second by Fitzpatrick** to move \$3,000.00 from Contingency to the Cemetery cost center. **Yes:** Clous, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Zeits, Kucera, Wolfgang and Blonshine. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**f. Pension Budget Amendment**

**Moved by Campbell second by Blonshine** to move \$6,300.00 out of General Fund individual cost centers to Township Board pension line item, budget and actual. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Clous, Zeits, Fitzpatrick, Campbell and Blonshine. **No:** Kucera. **Motion carried.**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick and second by Blonshine** to move \$6,300.00 from Contingency to the General Fund Township Board pension line item. **Yes:** Clous, Campbell, Zeits, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick and Blonshine. **No:** Kucera. **Motion carried.**

**g. Designate April as Social Host Responsibility Month**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous** to designate April as Social Host Responsibility Month. **Motion carried.**

**h. Pavilion Rental charges**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Fitzpatrick** to amend the Blair Township Park Rental Use Agreement, no canopies or tents allowed and delete without written permission. **Yes:** Six. **No:** One(Kucera). **Motion carried.**

Discussion on lowering the Pavilion Rental Charges.

**Moved by Blonshine second by Zeits** to decrease Pavilion Rental charge to \$75.00 for residents and \$150.00 for non-residents, with a plus a \$25.00 refundable deposit. **Yes:** Blonshine, Campbell, Wolfgang, Fitzpatrick, Kucera. **No:** Clous and Zeits. **Motion carried.**

Discussed allowing RJG Inc. to rent pavilion for \$125.00 as they have already completed a rental application.

**Moved by Wolfgang, second by Ziets** to allow RJG, INC to rent the Pavilion for \$125.00 plus \$25.00 refundable deposit for company picnic on July 28, 2017. **Motion carried.**

**i. Blair Township's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday-April 2017**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Fitzpatrick** for Board Members to bring ideals to the next board meeting the Township's 150th Birthday. **Motion carried.**

**j. Parks & Rec Committee**

**Moved by Wolfgang second by Clous** to dissolve Parks & Rec Committee established on February 10, 2009 consisting of members Tom Speies, Fred Schlegel, Dave Wineman, Dennis Fitzpatrick and Roger Zeits. **Motion carried.**

**k. Community Garden Grant**

Supervisor Blonshine reported that a \$20,000 grant has been applied for. Grant recipients will be announced March 1, 2017.

**l. ERT Team – Tyler Bajtka**

**Moved by Wolfgang send by Ziets** to approve expenditure up to \$2500 for Tyler Bajtka to join ERT Team. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Wolfgang, Blonshine, Clous, Campbell, Kucera and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**m. IAAI Membership**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Clous** to deny request. **Motion carried.**

**n. Fire Chiefs Association Leadership Conference**

**Moved by Blonshine second by Wolfgang** to approve the expenditure of \$360.00 for Fire Chiefs Association Leadership Conference. **Yes:** Wolfgang, Clous, Blonshine, Campbell, Fitzpatrick, Zeits and Kucera. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:53pm

Jane Beuthin  
Deputy Clerk