

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 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 March 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: Kucera, Clous, Blonshine, Zeits, Campbell and Fitzpatrick. Wolfgang was excused. Also in attendance were Director of EMS, Dan O'Brien, Fire Chief, Jim Carroll, and 8 (eight) guests.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:**

None stated.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Board member Kucera asked that the National Cherry Festival Heritage Parade registration be added to agenda as item "l".

Board member Clous asked that surplus items be added to the agenda as item "m".

Supervisor Blonshine asked that Resolution #2017-02 be removed from the agenda.

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

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

Board member Kucera stated a conflict with item "f".

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Cheryl Gore Follette, Grand Traverse County Commissioner spoke regarding policy for the sale & acquisition of property and RFP to start the process of looking for a new County Administrator.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Matt Karczewski reported 395 calls for service the month of February.

**EMS Report:** EMS Director Dan O'Brien reported 123 calls for service the month of February.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Jim Carroll reported 11 calls for service the month of February. Blair Fire now has contracted with Grant Township, so our fire boundaries and box alarm will be changing. Working on joint training with Buckley, Green Lake and Long Lake Townships.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Blonshine spoke about the \$18,500.00 grant the township received for Building a Healthy Community Green Space Improvement Project to Increase Physical Activity through the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CHECK NUMBERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>REPORTS</u>
General Fund	#32775-#32819	\$ 68,726.72	Assessing Report
Ambulance Fund	#17899-#17953	\$ 59,248.64	EMS Report
Fire and Police Fund	#11101-#11130	\$ 23,558.92	Fire Dept. Report
Trust & Agency Fund	# 1912	\$ 73.00	Treasurer's Report
Sewer Bill Fund	#1850-#1862	\$ 4,415.91	Water Dept. Report
Sewer Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Zoning Report
Water Assmt. Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	Minutes February 14, 2017
Water Bill Fund	#5032-#5060	\$ 27,032.54	Regular Meeting
RD RRI Account	# -0-	\$ -0-	
RD Debt Retirement	# -0-	\$ -0-	
Milfoil Fund	# -0-	\$ -0-	

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Facebook Page/Website/Social Media Policy**

**Moved by Clous second by Kucera to adopt the Social Media Policy. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Public Hearing SU/SPR#17-01-01 McDonalds**

Open the Public Hearing at 6:23 pm.

John O'leo, District Manager and John Lorentzen General Contractor for McDonald's presented their request to not be required to install a concrete 6 ft. fence but instead a solid wood fence with noise barrier backing. This will enable the 12 to 15 ft. evergreen trees to remain in place and fencing is more affordable.

There was no public comment.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 pm.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits to approve SU/SPR#17-01-01 with the addition of removing gate, adding a sound proof barrier to the back of fence and replace trees where gate was. Must meet standards of approval in Section 22.04. Motion carried.**

**b. Capacity Share Approval**

**Moved by Kucera second by Fitzpatrick** to direct Supervisor Blonshine to sign the Capacity Share Agreement with GTC. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Ziets, Clous, Blonshine, Kucera and Campbell. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**c. Employee Vacation Payout**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Zeits** to payout Eric Somsel 100% of vacation, due to staffing issues. **Yes:** Campbell, Kucera, Fitzpatrick, Clous, Blonshine and Ziets. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**d. EMS Request for Training**

EMS Director Dan O'Brien, spoke about the EMS Leadership Academy and the approved \$2,000.00 Flex Grant from Michigan Center for Rural Health and Michigan State University.

**Motion by Clous and second by Ziets** to allow the EMS Director to attend Leadership Academy, not to exceed \$1,500.00. **Yes:** Blonshine, Clous, Fitzpatrick, Campbell, Kucera and Ziets. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**e. Metron Farnier Water Meters**

**Moved by Clous second by Fitzpatrick** to start purchasing and using Metron Farnier water meters from this point forward. **Yes:** Clous, Kucera, Blonshine, Fitzpatrick, Campbell and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**f. Video Recording Equipment/Outside Cameras**

Board member Kucera left the meeting room.

Supervisor Blonshine spoke about PEG money that is earmarked for recording equipment and cameras.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Clous** to secure quotes for recording equipment and cameras for the meeting room. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Blonshine Campbell, Clous and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

Board member Kucera returned to the meeting.

**g. Notary Charges**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Kucera** to not charge residents for Notary Public services and non-residents pay a \$10.00 fee. **Yes:** Campbell, Clous, Kucera, Blonshine, Zeits and Fitzpatrick. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**h. Township Mission Statement**

**Moved by Fitzpatrick second by Clous** to adopt the proposed Township Mission Statement.  
**Motion carried.**

**i. Park Committee**

Supervisor Blonshine spoke about forming a Park Committee with 7 board members. Board member Campbell will post on township website and facebook for new members.

**j. Contract with Fieldwork Services**

**Moved by Clous second by Fitzpatrick** to approve contract with Fieldwork Services, not to exceed \$6,000.00 for purpose of scanning of all assessing documents and general office work.  
**Yes:** Kucera, Blonshine, Campbell, Clous, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**k. Possible Land Acquisition**

**Moved by Clous second by Campbell** to go into closed session to discuss the possible land acquisition. **Motion carried.**

Closed regular meeting at 7:34pm.  
Went into closed session at 7:34 pm.  
Came out of closed session at 7:44 pm.

**Moved by Clous second by Zeits** to come out of closed session. **Motion carried.**

**Moved by Clous second by Fitzpatrick** to approve the minutes of the closed session.  
**Motion carried.**

**l. National Cherry Festival Heritage Parade**

Board member Kucera received an email from the National Cherry Festival to participate in the Heritage Parade. Andy Nickerson offered the use of his 1950 restored Farm Truck.

**Moved by Campbell second by Clous** to have Board Member Kucera coordinate entry into the Heritage Parade representing Blair Townships 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. **Motion carried.**

**m. Surplus items**

**Moved by Clous second by Fitzpatrick** to have Crain Systems wipe information from server at a cost of \$50.00 and to declare the server, 3 computers and desk surplus items. **Yes:** Blonshine, Clous, Campbell, Kucera, Fitzpatrick and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Nathan Groenevelt, 5838 old Maple Trail, asked for forgiveness of water bill late fees.

Nancy Street, 2487 Woodcock, asked for forgiveness of water bill late fees.

**Moved by Fitzpatrick and second by Clous** to remove penalties of \$1,063.59 on behalf of Kristal Griffin and Nancy Street on the condition that the legal liability release is signed. **Yes:** Fitzpatrick, Clous, Kucera, Blonshine, and Zeits. **No:** None. **Motion carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:39pm

  
Jane Beuthin  
Deputy Clerk