

## **BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting  
February 10, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on February 10, 2004 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Lowe.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Tharp, Zeits, Nowak, Lowe and Fleis were present. There were 14 guests in attendance along with the Township Assessor- Aaron Plowman and Attorney Dave Bieganowski.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to accept the agenda with the following change: pull item (a) under new business, Rural Fire/replacement of Rescue Vehicles (formula), add under new Business item (I) hiring an EMT and (2) Paramedics, Item (J) Ems Medical First Responder and add County Rd Commission report.5 years, Motion carried.

### **PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT**

**Grand Traverse County Road Commission Report:** Mark Lewis, engineer for the Co. Rd. Commission updated the board on general information and the upcoming road improvements and construction programs.

**County Commissioner's Report:** Dick Thomas was present. Talked about jail expansion, how the jail is over crowded and the safety problems in the jail.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Brinks reported that Blair Township is 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the county with 188 complaints for the month of January.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Announcements were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Zeits supported by Tharp to accept the Consent Calendar: to approve the following with the exception of pulling the Fire, EMS Reports. To pay the Township General Fund vouchers #20601-20668, the Fire/Police vouchers #4967-5003, and the Ambulance vouchers #6484-6569 for a grand total of \$250,025.75. The water vouchers #1103 and #1733-1743 for a grand total of \$13,710.53. To accept the Assessing, Zoning, Supervisor, Water, reports for the month of January. To accept the Treasurer's report for December. To approve the Minutes of January 13, 2004 meeting of the Blair Township Board Of Trustees, to appoint Don Wolf, Bill Clous, Patrick Pahl to a (3) year term to expire on 3-17-07 and to appoint Roger Zeits to a (3) year term to expire on 2-13-07 these appointments are to the Planning Commission Board. To sign the Contract with Gosling/Czubak for 2004 On-Call Planning Services. 5 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Zeits supported by Tharp** to accept the Fire and EMS reports. 5 years, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to table the policy on EMS Transports. 5 years, Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Fleis supported by Nowak to address the change in Medical Director wages at an upcoming budget workshop. 5 years, Motion carried.

Supervisor Lowe opened the Public Hearing on Special Use for case # 04-01-01 units in Northern Estates. The Clerk informed the public that proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on January 29, 2004 and letters were mailed out on January 27, 2004 by first class mail to those within the proposed district. There were no letters or phone calls received prior to the meeting. Public Hearing opened at 7:39 pm, there were no comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:40 pm. **Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to grant the Special Use for case # 04-01-01 for the duplex units in Northern Estates for it meets the requirements in Sec. 21.03 1 thru 11, with only (1) accessory building per lot, as recommended by the Planning Commission. 5 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to approve the language for the Millage proposal for the Township complex and Library as recommended by the Township Attorney. 5 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits** to designate the Township Clerk as the purchasing agent for the Township. 4 years, 1 nay, Nowak. Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp** to table the language for the Ambulance Millage for clarification. 5 years, Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the direction of the Ambulance service. For (2) years now money has been used out of the Ambulance replacement in the amount of \$65,000.00. for the operations of the ambulance service. Also the board did a Budget amendment in June of 03 to increase the revenues by \$50,000.00 to off set the expenditures in that fund. The board feels that a committee should be formed to look at what is best and affordable to our residents. **Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits** to form a committee to study the EMS Service. 4 years, 1 nay, Nowak, Motion carried.

**Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis** to appoint the following to the EMS Committee: Roger Zeits, Daryl Case, Gerry Beeman, Delores Loveland and Kathy Nowak. 5 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak** to hire Joshua Reed as a pool part-time EMT/Fire fighter pending the accomplishment of the agility test, and hire Jeffrey Alexander and Kelly Monterail as pool part-time Paramedic as recommended by the hiring committee. 5 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak** to accept Charles (Rusty) Westcott into the EMS division. 5 years, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Comments were heard.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to adjourn at 8:23pm.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Joseph Lowe  
Supervisor