

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on November 11, 2003 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Lowe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Nowak, Zeits, Fleis, Tharp and Lowe were present. There were 12 guests in attendance along with the Township Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator – Marvin Radtke, and the Water Coordinator – Carl Bearinger.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits to accept the agenda with the following changes: add the County Road Commission under reports, under New Business add items (F) changing of BC/BS to participating, (G) Increase rates for the EMS Service, (H) Well Head Protection Contract #2, (I) naming of a road in sec #2, (J) approving the newsletter, (K) Resignation letter, (L) Northern Estates Development, (M) Meter reading fees, and to remove (C) Blair Business Commons. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT

County Commissioner's Report: Virginia Olds and Dick Thomas were present. Dick Thomas spoke about the FIRC inspecting the dams they are in need of repairs. The DNR wants to remove the Boardman and Sabin Dams and return them to their original sites.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Brinks reported that Blair Township is 3rd highest in the county for 191 complaints for the month of October.

Grand Traverse County Road Commission Report: Deb Hunt reported on the paving of Nimrod Road this summer and will be doing the drive way approach this Wednesday if weather permitting. Ewing Street is in the plans for paving in the year 2004. In 2003 all the roads were resealed except Ewing. County Road Commission will be doing some work with MDOT in Blair and Green Lake to improve the ditches on US 31. The board signed a commitment with MDOT regarding the intersection at Vance Road and M-37 to put a 3-lane section on both sides of the road and will have the intersection ready for a signal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: The Grand Traverse County Planning Commission gave a Special Award to Blair Township Planning Commission for the development and adoption of a new master plan.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits 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 #20216-20423, the Fire/Police vouchers #4878-4914, the Ambulance vouchers #6230-6308, the Trust and Agency vouchers # 1093-1096 for a grand total of \$86,928.36. The water vouchers #1099-1100 and #1683-1698 for a grand total of \$273,079.22. To accept the Assessing, Zoning, Supervisor, Water, reports for the month of October. To accept the Treasurer report for September as presented last month. To approve the Minutes of October 14, 2003 meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak to accept the Fire and EMS reports. 5 yeas, Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Zeits supported by Tharp to purchase a Simplicity 11 HP with a 32 " clearing path Electric start and headlight snow blower from Lark Lawn and Garden for a cost of \$1,689.00. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Tharp, Lowe, yeas, Nowak, nay, Fleis abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits to accept the donation of 25-40 trees from Mr. Jim Schmuckal for the Township Park. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to have the assessor interview the applicants for the Board of Review and make recommendations to the Township Board. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Zeits, Tharp yeas, Lowe, Nowak, nay, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Nowak to have Supervisor Lowe negotiate the purchase of the Burdinie property, to buy on a land contract for a # of years and what the terms would be. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Nowak, Zeits, Fleis, Tharp, yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits, to take the recommendation from the Feasibility Committee to place on the August 2004 ballot to build a new township complex with attached library to be funded by a millage. Roll call vote: Tharp, Lowe, Fleis, Zeits, Nowak, yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to change our Blue Cross/Blue Shield provider status from non-participating to participating. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits to increase the following rates charged by Blair Township EMS:

ALS1 base rate: increase to \$600.00 from \$570.00

ALS2 base rate: increase to \$700.00 from \$570.00

BLS base rate: increase to \$475.00 from \$425.00

Mileages: increase to \$8.00 from \$6.25 per loaded mile\

Medical Records: increase to \$10.00 for the 1st copy and \$5.00 per additional copy from \$0, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to sign the contract with Gosling Czubak Engineering Sciences, Inc for phase #2 of the Wellhead Protection Act. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Zeits to grant the naming of an existing GTC Road in Section 2, T26N, R11W, off of Hoch Road to Malachi Way. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to accept the Blair Township Newsletter as presented. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to go into closed session at 8:12 pm at the request of Marvin Radtke. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Fleis, Tharp, Lowe, Nowak, yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak to come out of closed session at 9:06 pm. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Lowe, Nowak, Zeits, Tharp, yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe supported by Tharp to accept the rescinded letter of resignation of Marvin Radtke. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Zeits to have Mr. McSauby pay for the 36 units at this time when he files for the permits and the balance of 35 units being paid when it is approved by the MDEQ, as long as he provides us with a letter of a line of credit with his bank on the remaining 35 units of the 71 units by the December meeting they will be at the same price. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis to bring back to the Township Board in December the issues of meter reading fees. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Zeits supported by Tharp to adjourn at 9:24 pm.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Joseph Lowe
Supervisor