

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2003

Motion by Zeits supported by Nowak to have Fleis chair the meeting due to the excused absence of Supervisor Lowe and Clerk Tharp. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on October 14, 2003 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Trustee Larry Fleis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Fleis, Nowak, Zeits were present, Tharp & Lowe excused. There were 11 guests in attendance along with the Township Assessor- Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator-Marvin Radtke and the Water Coordinator-Carl Bearinger.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion by Nowak supported by Zeits** to accept the agenda as presented. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT

County Commissioner's Report: Virginia Olds spoke about the budget cuts and it is going fairly well. The animal control unit will not be eliminated. The County Sheriff's department and Traverse City Police department will be moving into their new building soon and there will be an open house at that time. Virginia talked about Farmland Preservation which they will be presenting to the township later on. Dick Thomas spoke about the Cass Road Dam. He says the dam is in need of repair and the city of Traverse City and the County has shared in the profits from the electricity but the city is not making profits and the city is thinking of pulling out. He talked of the Hartman Hammond by-pass and some suggestions he had made to the County Road Commission.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Brinks spoke a residence on Ewing St. that is in violation of the junk ordinance and is working on it. Blair Township is 3rd highest in the county for complaints for the month of September. Fleis suggested to Deputy Brinks that when he is patrolling the township to report to the supervisor if there are any streetlights out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Announcements were heard. Mr. Fleis introduced Mr. Dominic Foster who is the township's new Medical Director.

CONSENT CALENDAR: **Motion by Zeits supported by Fleis** to accept the Consent Calendar and to approve the following with the exception of pulling the Treasurer's, Supervisor's, Fire, & EMS Reports: To pay the Township General Fund vouchers #20128-20215, the Fire/Police vouchers #4858-4877, the Ambulance vouchers #6153-6229, the Trust and Agency vouchers # 1090-1092 for a grand total of \$111,168.79. The water vouchers #1098 and #1664-1682 for a grand total of \$17,227.88. To accept the Assessing, Zoning, Water, reports for the month of September. To approve the Minutes of September 9, 2003 meeting of the Blair Township Board Of Trustees. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Fleis stated the Treasurer should be commended for having both August & September Treasurers' report for the board.

Supervisor Report: Nowak questioned the possible misspelling of the word unqualified used in the report. It was noted by Fleis that it is proper grammar.

Fire Report: Chief Beeman announced of the annual Halloween Party, which will be held Friday, October 31, 2003 from 7-9 pm. There were 29 calls for the month of September. The September 11th blood drive was 125% over goal. The next blood drive will be the day after Thanksgiving in November. The Fire Departments web page is almost completed.

EMS Report: Dominic Foster read the EMS Report prepared by Eric Somsel. There were 78 calls responded to for the month of September.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: **Motion by Nowak supported by Zeits** to adopt the Townships Master Plan as presented. 3 yeas, motion carried.

Trustee Fleis informed the public regarding the Public Hearing and opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm for Tailored Building Systems and Valley Truck Parts. The Deputy Clerk informed the board that proper notice was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on October 3, 2003. Letters were mailed out on October 1, 2003 by first class mail to property owners within 300 feet of the proposed district. No letters or phone calls have been received. Mr. Jim Simon of Valley Truck Parts stated he talked to his neighbor at Quality Windows and he thought it was a great plan. Mr. Duane Sanford of 621 Autumnview Lane asked who the property was purchased from. Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 pm.

Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis to adopt Special Use Case #SU/SPR 03-09-02 Tailored Building Systems and Valley Truck Parts to establish a truck drive-train repair parts and distribution and sales and that the board determined that it has met section 22-04 standards for approval found under the special use Section of the Zoning Ordinance A through G as indicated. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Nowak to accept the bid from Precision Paving for \$1,128 for the south side of the building parking lot and to include some extra work on the drive if it can be done for \$600 or less. Roll call vote: Fleis yeas, Nowak yeas, Zeits yeas, 3 yeas motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis to adopt a customer read on the water meters on a monthly basis with an annual manual read. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Fleis to approve a streetlight to be installed at Luanne Lane and Gary Road. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits to have the delinquent water bills rolled onto the winter tax bills. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Nowak to table purchasing a snow blower until the full board is present because Mr. Fleis will abstain from voting because of Larks Lawn and Garden's bid. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis to have the delinquent water assessment amounts placed on the winter tax bills. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Zeits supported by Nowak** to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. 3 yeas, Motion carried.

Lori L. McGee
Deputy Clerk

Larry Fleis
Township Trustee/Acting Chairman