

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 14, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on December 14, 2004 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Pahl.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Members Pahl, Nowak, Rademaker, Lowe, Clous, Tharp and Fleis were present. There were 17 guests in attendance along with the Township Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator-Marvin Radtke, Assistant Chief Jim Carroll.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Rademaker supported by Fleis to accept the agenda as presented. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Dick Thomas updated the board on the County Blue Ribbon Committee on solving the overcrowding of the jail.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Brinks reported that Blair Township had 174 complaints for the month of November 2004. This places Blair Township 2nd highest in the County.

**Blair Township Sewer Update:** Supervisor Pahl appointed the following (3) Board Members, Pahl, Rademaker and Fleis to a Sewer Committee. Gosling Czubak is working on compiling all the information to be given to the Board Members in January on the sewer project. The Board needs to be looking at a Commitment with the County. **Motion by Lowe supported by Tharp** to send a letter to the County DPW expressing our desire in considering joining the Department of public works. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Clous, Tharp, Fleis, Pahl, Nowak, Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Blair Township Water Update:** Gosling Czubak updated the Board on the Water Control System. This should be up and running next week. The Township needs to purchase a valve to discharge pump waste. **Motion by Nowak supported by Rademaker** to grant change order # 2, to reduce the contract amount with Raymer for the drilling of the # (3) well by \$10,985.50. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the EMS, Fire, and the Treasurer's report. To approve the following: to pay the Township General Fund vouchers #21458-21567, the Fire/Police vouchers #5247-5267, and the Ambulance vouchers #7338-7412 and the Trust and Agency vouchers #1140-1141 for a grand total of \$138,479.88. The water vouchers #1115-1116 and #1858-1873 for a grand total of \$54,171.99. To accept the Assessing, Zoning, and Supervisor reports for the month of November. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2004 Board of Trustees Meeting and the Special Meeting Minutes for November 12, and November 24, 2004. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Lowe, Clous, Tharp, Fleis, Pahl, and Nowak, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to accept the Fire and EMS report for the month of November 2004. 7 yeas, Motion carried. Request by residents to be placed in the minutes that the Township Treasurer states that she is fine-tuning with the banks so she can get the information faster to do her treasurer's report at the meetings. No Motion was made to accept treasurer's report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to appoint Supervisor Pat Pahl to the Cherry Capital Cable Council. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** Supervisor Pahl opened the Public Hearing on Amendment # 104-96-04-03 the rezoning on parcel # 28-02-001-002-00, 28-02-001-004-00, and 28-02-002-003-00 from AG. 5 acres minimum lot size to R-1, 1-acre minimum lot size. The Clerk informed the public that proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on December 7, 2004. There were no letters or phone calls received prior to the meeting. Public Hearing opened at 7:37 pm. Walter Bogucki 565 South Creek Ct, Traverse City, Michigan is in favor of the rezoning to R-1 for these parcels. However he would like to bring up a few items regarding procedure on rezoning a particular property. Mr. Bogucki presented some conditions that he would like to see for these particular parcels. He has concerns with the development of the property. #1 grant with conditions, lot sizes, house sizes, #2 ingress and egress to connect with South Creek, #3 roads system not being wide enough, for roads to adhere to the county road specks. Jim Kratky 12812 Sylvania Street, Traverse City, Michigan. Mr. Kratky states the developers should meet the Township

Standards. Would like the properties changed within the Township Zoning and would like it to be a nice place. Public Hearing closed at 7:48pm. **Motion by Fleis supported by Nowak** to approve the rezone request for amendment # 104-96-04-03 on parcels # 28-02-001-002-00, 28-02-001-004-00, and # 28-02-002-003-00 as recommended by the Township Planning Commission and County Planning. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Lowe, Fleis, Nowak, Clous, Pahl, and Tharp 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** Supervisor Pahl opened the Public hearing on Amendment # 104-96-04-04 the rezoning on parcel # 28-02-007-011-00 from C-1 Local Commercial to C-2 General Commercial. The Clerk informed the public that proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on December 7, 2004. There were no letters or phone calls received prior to the meeting. Public Hearing opened at 7:53pm. There were no comments for or against. Public Hearing closed at 7:54pm. **Motion by Fleis supported by Rademaker** to approve the rezone request for amendment # 104-96-04-04 on parcel # 28-02-007-011-00 as recommended by the Township Planning Commission and County Planning. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Nowak, Fleis, Lowe, Tharp, Rademaker and Clous. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak** to re-appoint Fritz Clous, Roger Roberts and Dave Gilbert to the Board of Review to a (2) year term from Jan 1, 2005 ending December 31, 2006. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Nowak** to accept the Quit Claim Deed as presented by Elmer A. Schmuckal and to pay for the legal fees and a plaque not to exceed the supervisor amount of \$1500.00. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Tharp, Rademaker, Clous, Lowe, Pahl, Nowak, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak** to grant Cherryland Electric Cooperative the request for their Emergency Action Plan to come to the Township Hall in the event of an evacuation of their building. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Public comments were heard.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Tharp supported by Pahl to adjourn at 8:09pm.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Patrick Pahl  
Supervisor