

## **BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2004**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on October 12, 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 Fleis, Tharp, Zeits, Nowak and Lowe were present. There were 31 guests in attendance along with the Township Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator-Marvin Radtke, Deputy Clerk-Lori McGee and Attorney-Dave Bieganowski.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** Several candidates were introduced.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to accept the agenda with the following change: add under New Business item (E) Delinquent 98-01 Water Special Assessments and Delinquent monthly Water Bills to the Winter Tax Bills, (F) M-37 Detour Project to the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Lowe, Zeits, Tharp and Nowak 5 yeas, Motion carried.

### **PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Dick Thomas and Virginia Olds were present and updated the board on the Homestead exemption through the State Tax Commission on figuring out homestead where people are living. The County Commission Board approved the farmland preservation.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Brinks reported that Blair Township had 206 complaints for the month of September 2004. This places Blair Township 3rd highest in the County.

**Blair Township Sewer Update:** Work is progressing on the sewer project and a preliminary presentation is being planned for sometime in November.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Were received and heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the Minutes, EMS, Fire and the Treasurer's report. To approve the following: to pay the Township General Fund vouchers #21285-21377, the Fire/Police vouchers #5192-5214, and the Ambulance vouchers #7156-7251 and the Trust and Agency vouchers #1132-1135 for a grand total of \$221,195.01. The water vouchers #1112 and #1835-1847 for a grand total of \$17,854.94. To accept the Assessing, Zoning, Supervisor and Water reports for the month of September. Motion to name an unnamed easement in Section 20, T26N, R11W, in Blair Township to Andys Lane, Motion for the abandonment of the portion of W. Commerce Drive that services condominium sites #21 through #42 of the Chum's Village Commerce Park, part of Section 5, T26N, R11W, in Blair Township, Motion to change the name of Enterprise Street to Stadium Drive. Motion to sign the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Tharp, Lowe, Nowak and Fleis, 5 yeas, Motion carried

**Motion by Fleis supported by Nowak** to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2004, to accept the Fire, EMS report and to accept the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2004.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Supervisor checked with the Township Auditor and agreed the Policy that is in place already on paying of the monthly bills is acceptable.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits** to authorize the supervisor and clerk to sign the Hazardous Materials Response Services Agreement with the City of Traverse City and remove from Section 12, Sub Section (b) Arbitration from the agreement. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis** to table the contract for the Uniform Septage Control Ordinance and Septage Treatment Capacity for clarification. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to approve adding the Delinquent 98-01 Water Special Assessment and Delinquent Monthly Water Bills to the Tax Roll. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits** for Blair Township to participate with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Grand Traverse County Road Commission for the M-37 Detour improvements in the amount of \$75,000.00 to be spread over 2-3 years. RCV: Fleis, Zeits, Nowak, Lowe, and Tharp, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** A township resident made (3) written Freedom Of Information requests to the township treasurer regarding General Township Assets. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respond did not adequately address the questions asked. The 3<sup>rd</sup> letter is delinquent and remains unanswered as of 10-12-04.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Zeits supported by Tharp to adjourn at 9:12pm.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Joseph Lowe  
Supervisor