

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 9, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on August 9, 2005 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Pahl.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Members: Clous, Nowak, Rademaker, Fleis, Pahl, Tharp and Lowe were present. There were 16 guests in attendance along with the Township Assessor- Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator- Marvin Radtke, Medical Director-Daryl Case, Water Department-Martin Hisem, Fire Chief-Jim Carroll and Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** Comments were heard.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Rademaker supported by Fleis to add item (J) printing advertising on the water bills, item (K) Resolution on Necessity and to approve declaration of taking, and adding closed session after Public Input: 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Virginia Olds was present and commented on the parking at the fair and how well it is working out with the 25 mile an hour posting for speed limit and the no parking on the south side of Blair Townhall Rd. The County is now working on their budget. A resource director has been hired and the jail and courthouse is moving along well with the construction.

**Sheriff's Report:** Blair Township is 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the county with 272 complaints for the month of July. Deputy Brinks will be leaving the Township to road patrol for his (2) years are up and a new deputy will be assigned to us.

**Sewer Report:** Clyde Johnson announced that the bids are out for the Sewer System. Still working on getting the easements along the Commercial District.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis to accept the Consent Calendar with change to pull the EMS, Fire and Supervisor Reports. To approve the following: to pay the Township General Fund vouchers #22245-22339, the Fire/Police vouchers #5536-5576, and the Ambulance vouchers #8032-8132, the Trust & Agency vouchers # 1167-1177, for a grand total of \$138,322.07. The water vouchers #1127 and #1968-1982 for a grand total of \$44,522.70. To accept the Assessing, Zoning, reports for the month of July. To accept the Treasurer's report for July. To approve the Minutes for the Blair Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of July 12, 2005 and the Special Meeting of July 15, 2005. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Nowak, Rademaker, Pahl, Lowe, Clous, Tharp. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to accept the EMS, Fire and Supervisor reports for the month of July. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Nowak supported by Lowe to sign the Multi-User Agreement Between The Charter Township of Garfield and The Township of Blair. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Lowe, Clous, Tharp, Rademaker, Nowak, Fleis. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis** to pass a Resolution granting the request for a New 12 Months Resort Class C License issued under MCL 436.1531 (4) with Sunday Sales, Dance-Entertainment, Official Permit (Baseball) & Outdoor Service Area & request made in the field to change the applicant from Spirits & Sports, LLC to Traverse City Beach Bums, LLC, and add 5 additional bars (for a total of 6 bars) & drop Outdoor Service Area. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Fleis, Nowak, Clous, Lowe, Pahl, and Rademaker. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Nowak** to pass a Resolution participating in the Grand Traverse County Department of Public Works. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Clous, Tharp, Rademaker, Fleis, Lowe, Nowak. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Supervisor Pahl informed the Public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing. The Clerk informed the Public that the proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on August 1, 2005, and there has not been any letters or phone calls received for or against this Public Hearing on the Special Use for Super Storage. The Public Hearing opened at 7:36 P.M. there were no comments made for or against. The Public Hearing closed at 7:38 P.M.

**Motion by Lowe supported by Nowak** to approve the Special Use Case # SU/SPR 05-07-01 as recommended by the Planning Commission with conditions: #1 the road will be blacktopped, #2 the rooflines not to exceed the height of the trees on the South Side, for it meets section 22.04 A through G.

Lowe yea, it meets section 22.04 A through G.

Clous yea, same reason

Tharp yea, same reason

Fleis yea, same reason

Nowak yea, same reason

Pahl yea, same reason

Rademaker nay, it doesn't meet Section 18.29 Sub Section 5.

Motion carried. 6 yeas, 1 nay

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Tharp** to appoint Kim Duell to the Planning Commission Board to a (3) year term ending August 13, 2008. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp** to re-appoint George Lombard to the Zoning Board of Appeal to a (3) year term ending August 13, 2008. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Clous** to keep all overages up to \$2.00 on all monies received. 6 yeas, 1 nay, Nowak, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak** to amend the Water Ordinance #116 Section 803: to add, All watermain extension plans shall be required to be done on a known vertical datum such as NGVD 1929. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Rademaker** to pass a Resolution approving the Contract with the County of Grand Traverse and Blair Township for the Blair Township Sewer System Improvement Project. Roll Call Vote: Nowak, Rademaker, Pahl, Clous, Lowe, Fleis, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Clous** to not place anything on the water bills without prior Board approval except for water information only. 6 yeas, 1 nay, Nowak, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp** to pass a Resolution of Necessity and to approve Declaration of Taking for Acquisition by Condemnation of Certain Property Rights for the Blair Township Sewer Project. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Nowak, Rademaker, Clous, Pahl, Fleis, Tharp. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to authorize and direct the supervisor to sign the Declaration of Taking. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Comments were heard.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to go into closed session at 8:07 P.M., regarding employee's issues. Roll Call Vote: Nowak, Fleis, Rademaker, Pahl, Tharp, Lowe, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Pahl supported by Rademaker** to come out of closed session at 8:37 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Lowe, Tharp, Pahl, Fleis, Nowak, Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Fleis** to lift the Moratorium on the hiring freeze on a full-time paramedic, and to place and an in several newspapers to hire a full-time paramedic and when the position has been filled put the moratorium back on. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Pahl, Clous, Lowe, Nowak, Fleis, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Patrick Pahl  
Supervisor