

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
June 13, 2006
Approved

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 PM on June 13, 2006 at the Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members: Pahl, Lowe, Clous, Rademaker, Nowak, Fleis and Tharp were present. 13 guests were in attendance along with the Township Assessor- Aaron Plowman, Medical Director-Daryl Case, Fire Chief- Jim Carroll and Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to approve the agenda with change. To add item (HH) Letter and Resolution for the Blair Library Committee. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:

County Commissioner Report: Dick Thomas and Virginia Olds were present and discussed the use of Cell-Phones while driving a vehicle. Surcharge on pumping sewer systems was also discussed.

Sheriff's Report: There were 193 complaints for the month of May which places Blair Township 2nd place in the County.

Blair Township Sewer Update: The sewer system is up and running. Walgreens and Burger King are hooked up. Discussion on sending out a letter to explain the benefits and the difference with the assessment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Letter received on complementing the board on how they handled the May 12, 2006 Special Meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the Treasurer's Report. To approve the following: to pay the Township General Fund vouchers # 23072-23198, the Trust & Agency voucher # 1210-1212, the Fire/Police vouchers # 5807-5820, the Ambulance vouchers # 8898-8984, for a grand total of \$185,324.86. The Water vouchers # 2116-2139 and #1139 and the Sewer Fund vouchers # 101 and 1002-1016 for a grand total of \$575,228.45. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2006 and the Special Meeting for May 12, 2006 and to accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Zoning, and Supervisor's report for the month of May. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Nowak, Fleis, Pahl, Clous, Tharp and Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Lowe to direct the Treasurer to take all funds out of Northwestern Bank and put back into the Traverse City State Bank that has all of the correct number of signatures on the account. Mr. Fleis asked Mrs. Nowak if she understood the motion, for this was directed of her in January to take care of. Mrs. Nowak stated that she needs to see it in writing. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Lowe, Clous, Tharp, Fleis, Pahl, yeas, Nowak, nay, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Nowak to accept the Treasurer's Account Balance Report for April and May 2006 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, nay- in the (2) reports there is a discrepancy in the cash account and the Treasurer could not answer why this is. Fleis, nay, for the same reasons, Clous, nay, the accounts are not in balance, Pahl, nay, for the same reasons, Tharp, nay, for the same reasons, Rademaker, yea, Nowak, yea, Motion failed.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Fleis supported by Lowe to move the update of Township Fees to the end of the agenda. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Clous to amend the Agreement for Municipal Retirement Systems, Inc for the Pension Plan, under Eligible Employees to include Union Employees and under Vesting of Participants to add any new employees will be vested after (5) full years of

service. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Clous, Lowe, Tharp, Rademaker, Pahl, Nowak, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to grant the request for payment on invoice # 52813 for Gosling-Czubak to the DPW in the amount of \$35,956.25. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Lowe, Fleis, Rademaker, Nowak, Clous, Pahl, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to grant the request for payment on application # 7 to Elmer's in the amount of \$105,248.98. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Clous, Rademaker, Nowak, Fleis, Lowe, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to grant the request for payment on application #5 to Basch & Son Inc in the amount of \$63,283.72. Roll Call Vote: Nowak, Lowe, Clous, Pahl, Tharp, Rademaker, Fleis, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Rademaker to grant the request for final payment to Integrated in the amount of \$12,289.00. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Fleis, Nowak, Lowe, Pahl, Rademaker, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported Rademaker to grant the request for payment to the DPW to Blair Township for Attorneys Fees, Lease payment and operations in the amount of \$92,032.00. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Fleis, Tharp, Rademaker, Nowak, Pahl, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported Fleis to grant the request for final payment to Gorman-Rupp Company in the amount of \$17,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Lowe, Nowak, Clous, Rademaker, Tharp, Fleis, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to Pay invoice # 135 Municipal Underwriters of Michigan \$ 36,548.00 out of the General Fund and call the Insurance Agent and get a break down of each Fund and make the adjustments in those Funds. Roll Call Vote: Clous, yea, Lowe, yea, Tharp, yea, Fleis, yea, Nowak, nay, Rademaker, nay, Pahl, yea, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Clous to table the Trail Blazer Signs on County Roads until a representative is present to explain. 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 June 3 & June 7, 2005.

Public Hearing 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: Fire & Police Fund.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:28 pm. Jim Pasco, 358 Sierra Dr. Traverse City, MI 49684, stated how important the Budget process is and the board should consider having a separate meeting for just budget items. Public Hearing closed at 8:32 pm.

Public Hearing 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: Ambulance Fund. The Public Hearing opened at 8:33 pm. Daryl Case, Medical Director, questioned what the increase would be for insurances for the Buildings. Public Hearing closed at 8:34 pm.

Public Hearing 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget: Liquor Law Fund. The Public Hearing opened at 8:35 pm there were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 8:36 pm.

Public Hearing 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: General Fund. The Public Hearing opened at 8:36 pm there were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 8:37 pm.

Public Hearing 2006-2006 Fiscal Year Budget: Water Fund. The Public Hearing opened at 8:37 pm there were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 8:38 pm.

Adoption of 2006-2007 Fire/Police Fund Budget: Motion by Nowak supported by Tharp to adopt the 2006-2007 Fire/Police Fund Budget at 2.5 mills levied by activity centers and pass the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Lowe, Fleis, Pahl, Clous, Nowak, Rademaker, yeas, Motion carried.

Adoption of 2006-2007 Ambulance Fund Budget: Motion by Nowak supported by Clous to adopt the 2006-2007 Ambulance Fund Budget at 1.4314 mills levied by activity centers and pass the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Rademaker, Tharp, Pahl, Clous, Lowe, Nowak, yeas, Motion carried.

Adoption of 2006-2007 Liquor Law Fund Budget: Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to adopt the 2006-2007 Liquor Law Fund Budget by activity centers and pass the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Pahl, Lowe, Tharp, Fleis, Nowak, Rademaker, yeas, Motion carried.

Adoption of 2006-2007 General Fund Budget: Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to adopt the 2006-2007 General Fund Budget at .8336 mills levied by activity centers and pass the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Fleis, Pahl, Rademaker, Lowe, Clous, Nowak, yeas, Motion carried.

Adoption of 2006-2007 Water Fund Budget: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to adopt the 2006-2007 Water Fund Budget by activity centers and pass the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Nowak, Rademaker, Lowe, Tharp, Clous, Pahl, Fleis, yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Supervisor's 2006-2007 salary: Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak to set the Supervisor's 2006-2007 salary at \$43,258.00. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Fleis, Tharp, Lowe, Clous, Nowak, Rademaker, yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Clerk's 2006-2007 salary: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to set the Clerk's 2006-2007 salary at \$42,021.00. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Lowe, Fleis, Rademaker, Nowak, Clous, Pahl, yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Treasurer's 2006-2007 salary: Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak to set the Treasurer's 2006-2007 salary at \$38,844. Roll Call Vote: Nowak, yea, Pahl, nay, what I have witnessed in the last year concerning the treasurers actions, I cannot in good faith for the taxpayers vote for a pay increase, Fleis, nay, the treasurer continues to ignore the direction given to her from the board, Lowe, nay, the treasurer balancing sheet continues to not be in balance, Tharp, nay, for the same reasons already stated, Rademaker, nay, same reasons as stated and having the accountant come in at additional cost to balance out the account, Clous, nay, for the same reasons. Motion failed.

Resolution to set the Trustee's 2006-2007 salary: Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to set the Trustee's 2006-2007 salary at \$7,192.95. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Pahl, Tharp, Clous, Rademaker, Nowak, Lowe, yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Trustee's 2006-2007 salary: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to set the Trustee's 2006-2007 salary at \$7,192.95. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Tharp, Rademaker, Clous, Nowak, Fleis, Pahl, yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Trustee's 2006-2007 salary: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to set the Trustee's 2006-2007 salary at \$7,192.95. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Pahl, Nowak, Clous, Fleis, Tharp, Lowe, yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Trustee's 2006-2007 salary: Motion by Rademaker supported by Fleis to set the Trustee's 2006-2007 salary at \$7,192.95. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Lowe, Tharp, Pahl, Nowak, Rademaker, Fleis, yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the 2006-2007 salaries and wages for all other Township Employees: Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to set all other Township employee's salaries and wages as per the wage scale attached to these minutes. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Lowe, Pahl, Clous, Fleis, Rademaker, Nowak, yeas, Motion carried.

Authorization for Treasurer to invest and deposit Township Funds: Motion by Pahl supported by Lowe to pass a Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to invest and deposit the Township Funds in the following depositories as designated by the Township Board. Fifth Third Bank, Members Credit Union, TBA Credit Union, Chase Bank, National City Bank, MBIA, Irwin Union Bank, Huntington Bank, Northwestern Bank, and Traverse City State Bank, Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, yea, Lowe, yea, Pahl, yea, Fleis, yea, Tharp, yea. Clous, yea, Nowak, nay, Motion carried.

Authorize Supervisor to make purchases: Motion by Lowe supported by Clous to authorize the Supervisor to make purchases of up to \$2,500.00 and reporting to the Board at the next meeting. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, yea, Clous, yea, Rademaker, yea, Tharp, yea, Nowak, nay, Lowe, yea, Pahl, yea. Motion carried.

2006-2007 Meeting Schedule: Motion by Nowak supported by Rademaker to set the 2006-2007 meeting schedule for all boards and commissions. A copy is attached to these Minutes. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to remove the words if Township installs on the fee Charges to Connect to the Water System rate sheet.7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to amend the Water Ordinance No. 116 to change Section 401. To replace 300 feet with 1500 feet. In Section 238. change “Township” means the Township of Blair or its authorized employees or agents, correct to read, “Township means the Township of Blair Board of Trustees. In Section 225. the Definition for “Premises” means the land included within the boundaries of a single description as set forth by the Tax ID Number and Address. In Section 201. To add Board of Trustee after the word Township. In Section 509 add or single dwelling unit after residential premise. In Section 803. To remove the words **and exceeds the maximum seven foot depth**. Add the casing material will have a minimum 0.25-wall thickness and be sixteen inches in diameter. After the pipe has been installed in the steel casing pipe, the casing pipe shall be pressure grouted with an MDOT approved flowable fill and ends sealed with concrete.7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Rademaker to adopt a Nepotism Policy for Blair Township. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Rademaker to accept the Newsletter with the changes and have the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer edit the Newsletter before sending to print. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to sign the Agreement for School Property Taxes with TBA. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Clous to send a letter and Resolution to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in support for a grant to the Blair Library Committee. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe supported by Clous to approve the revised Fee Schedule. Attached to the minutes.7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Brenda Dekuiper updated the Board on the progress of the Blair Community Playground. Roseannah Keith has concerns on the abandon house on Ewing Street, the place on Brook and Ewing and the place next to the Post Office.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to adjourn at 10:20 P.M.

Betty A. Tharp
Township Clerk

Patrick Pahl
Township Supervisor