

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 11, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on October 11, 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: Rademaker was excused Fleis, Pahl, Lowe, Tharp, Clous and Nowak were present. There were 9 guests in attendance along with the Township Assessor- Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator- Marvin Radtke, Water Department- Martin Hisem, and Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to accept the amended agenda. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Virginia Olds was present and reported to the board that the construction of the jail should be completed by September of 2006. Made reference that there will be a meeting on the Fire Prevention Ordinance and the County has received (4) applications for County Planning. Dick Thomas was also present and gave us his opinion on contracting out assessing for East Bay Township and the cost that is involved to operate a recycling drop off site.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Opper reported that Blair Township is 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the county with 196 complaints for the month of September 2005.

**Sewer Report:** Clyde Johnson announced that they are waiting for the final insurance documents from Elmers. They have already received some piping. The pump station is being constructed. The bonds for the sewer system sold for the interest rate of 4.233937%. **Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis** to approve the payment of Bills for Gosling Czubak out of the contracted amounts for \$187,230.00. RCV: Lowe, Pahl, Nowak, Clous, Fleis and Tharp, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Were heard.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Lowe supported by Tharp to accept the Consent Calendar with change to pull the EMS, Fire, Supervisor and Treasurer Reports. To approve the following: to pay the Township General Fund vouchers #22403-22473, the Fire/Police vouchers #5589-5604, and the Ambulance vouchers #8204-8277, the Trust & Agency vouchers # 1188 for a grand total of \$96,835.16. The water vouchers #1129 and #1995-2010 for a grand total of \$29,304.69. To accept the Assessing and Zoning reports for the month of September 2005. To approve the Minutes for the Blair Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of September 13, 2005. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Fleis, Nowak, Clous, Lowe, and Pahl. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Lowe** to accept the EMS, Fire, Supervisor Report for the month of September and to only accept the treasurer report for July 31 and August 31, which was presented on Oct 11, 2005 and is reconciled with the Banks and the Clerk's Office. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on the Cost Recovery Ordinance for Rural Fire the amounts of points pay that Rural Fire will pay to the volunteers and the cost savings to the area Townships. The Township wants that any monies collected from the Cost Recovery Ordinance would go into the points pay and that Rural Fire would continue to place the current \$40,000.00 into that fund.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp** to table the Fire Prevention Ordinance for further information. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Clous** to pay the Blair Township portion the cost of the survey for the control of Eurasian watermilfoil, upon the receipt of a petition by 25 individuals who live in Blair Township on Silver Lake. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Fleis, Clous, Pahl, Lowe, Nowak, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis** to grant the request of naming private roads in the proposed "Westfield Estates" development the SW1/4 of Sec. 8 T26N-R11W Blair Township, the following road names: Kymbra Ln, Kory Ln, and Hansen Circle. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the fee schedule for the Liquor Ordinance.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp** to accept the proposal to do a Water Supply and Storage Site Study from Gosling Czubak not to exceed \$4,855. Roll Call Vote: Nowak, Pahl, Clous, Lowe, Fleis, Tharp, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion Lowe supported by Fleis** to authorize the Township Supervisor to approve overtime hours at his discretion on a case by case basis and to report within his monthly report to the board the hours authorized in the proceeding month. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp** to amend the time clock policy by deleting the 5 minutes rule on clocking in before and after their shift and if you clock in 1 minute late you are considered tardy. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to direct the Township Treasurer to add the delinquent Special Assessments to the Winter Tax Roll. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Pahl supported by Tharp** to direct the Township Treasurer to add the delinquent Utility Bills to the Winter Tax Roll. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported Tharp** by to pass a Resolution supporting Local Control Of Municipal Broadband and Cable Franchising. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Nowak, Pahl, Tharp, Lowe, Clous, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** Amendments to Manufactured Home District. Supervisor Pahl informed the public on the rules for speaking at the Public Hearing. The Clerk informed the public that proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on October 4, 2005. There were no letters received or phone call for or against this Public Hearing. The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 8:42 p.m. He called for any comments for or against this Public Hearing. There were no comments or objections. The Public Hearing closed at 8:44 p.m. **Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis** to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment #104-05-08-01 to Article 9, section 9.02 addition of #8-14; Section 9.03 addition of # 8; Section 9.04 addition of # 11-18; the verbiage shall be added to the existing Blair Township Zoning Ordinance. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** Amendment to Commercial Manufacturing. The Supervisor informed the public on the rules for speaking at the Public Hearing. The Clerk informed the public that proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on October 4, 2005. There were no letters received or phone calls for or against this Public Hearing. The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 8:48 p.m. He called for any comments for or against this Public Hearing. There were no comments or objections. The Public Hearing closed at 8: 50 p.m. **Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis** to approve Zoning Amendment #104-05-08-02 to Article 10, Section 10.04 #18; the verbiage shall be added to the existing Blair Township Zoning Ordinance. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Public Hearing:** Amendment to correct clerical error on the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance Text and Map. Supervisor Pahl informed the public on the rules for speaking at the Public Hearing. The Clerk informed the public that proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on October 4, 2005. There were no letters received or phone calls for or against this Public Hearing. The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 8:53 p.m. He called for any comments for or against this Public Hearing. John Davis of 849 E. Silver Lake Road South, Traverse City, MI voiced his opposition to the planned rezoning and would like it to remain unchanged. Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 8:56 p.m. **Motion by Nowak supported by Clous** to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment #104-05-08-03 to correct clerical error on the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance Map on Parcels #28-02-005-029-01 and #28-02-005-029-04 from RN to CM District and parcel #28-02-005-030-00 to leave as CM District. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis** to table the Public Hearing for the Special Use Case # SU 05-09-01 Northwestern Bank Drive Thru due to the 300 foot mailings. 6 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp** to have the Supervisor explore the idea of constructing an addition on the meeting room and checking the General Fund for financing the project. 6 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Nowak supported by Clous** to switch phone service to SBC. 6 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis** to pay \$115.00 to the Association of Public Treasurers for the United States and Canada out of Education and Training in the Treasurer Budget. 6 years, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Discussion on the new position that was given to the Zoning Administrator switching to the Water and Sewer Department. The Board gave the Supervisor permission to be looking into the process in gathering information for a job description and getting the issues taken care of.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis** to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. 7 years, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Patrick Pahl  
Supervisor