

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 7:00 P.M. on September 13, 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: Nowak, Rademaker, Fleis, Pahl, Lowe, Tharp and Clous were present. There were 11 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, Dave Bieganowski and Mike Houlihan- Attorneys.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Lowe supported by Clous to accept the amended agenda. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT

County Commissioner's Report: Virginia Olds was present and gave the Board copies of Administrator's Update for 9/9/05 for the county. Dick Thomas was also present and gave us his opinion on contracting out assessing for East Bay Township.

Sheriff's Report: Blair Township is 2nd highest in the county with 273 complaints for the month of August. Deputy Opper will be the new Township Sector Officer.

Sewer Report: Clyde Johnson announced that the bids for the Sewer System were opened. The DEQ Permit should be ready in a week. The County Water and Sewer Board granted a waiver to use PVC sewer pipe that will save money.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Were heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to accept the Consent Calendar with change to pull the EMS, Fire and Treasurer Reports. To approve the following: to pay the Township General Fund vouchers #22340-22402, the Fire/Police vouchers #5577-5588, and the Ambulance vouchers #8133-8203, the Trust & Agency vouchers # 1178-1187, for a grand total of \$122,969.44. The water vouchers #1128 and #1983-1994 for a grand total of \$39,587.04. To accept the Assessing, Zoning and Supervisor's reports for the month of August. To approve the Minutes for the Blair Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of August 9, 2005. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Lowe, Tharp, Pahl, Rademaker, Nowak, Fleis. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to accept the EMS and Fire and report for the month of August. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to have the reconciliation with the Clerk and Treasurer at the next board meeting. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Lowe to table the Treasurer's report until the auditor gives the board his opinion on the balancing in the water account. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to have the Supervisor sign the Advance Life Support Intercept Agreement with Almira Township. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to accept the proposal from Gosling Czubak as an interim REU Rate for new development at \$4,200. with increases of \$50.00 per year and recommend they be incorporated at a later date into the Sewer Rate Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Lowe, Nowak, Clous, Pahl, Fleis, Tharp. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Pahl to award the Collection Sewers and Forcemain Contract to Elmer's Crain & Dozer for \$3,192,476.40 made contingent on the sale of the project bond, based on the recommendation from Gosling Czubak. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Fleis, Pahl, Nowak, Lowe, Clous, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to award the Wastewater Pump Station Contract to Basch & Son in the lump sum of \$177,300.00 contingent on the sale of the project bonds based on the recommendation from Gosling Czubak. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Tharp, Lowe, Pahl, Clous, Nowak, Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Lowe to adopt the Emergency Services Charges Ordinance by Rural Fire. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, nay, Rademaker, nay, Nowak, yea, Fleis, nay, Clous, nay, Lowe, yea, Tharp, nay, 5, nays, 2 yeas, Motion failed.

Recess at 9:10 p.m.
Reconvene at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis to adopt Blair Township Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance # 119-05 effective upon Publication. Roll Call Vote: Nowak, Fleis, Rademaker, Pahl, Lowe, Tharp, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Pahl to pass Resolution # 2005-24 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: Rademaker, Pahl, Fleis, Clous, Lowe, Tharp, Nowak. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Rademaker to leave the Cemetery Burials Rates the same and to increase the sale of Cemetery Plots for Residents \$100.00 increase to \$150.00 and Non-Residents \$150.00 increase to \$450.00. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak to hire Thomas Thiebaut as a full-time Paramedic. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Clous to hire Keith Fritz and Josh Reed as on paid call members. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to amend the Water Ordinance to add to Section 803 When the watermain crosses a road and exceeds the maximum seven-foot dept a steel casing shall be used. The casing material shall meet Grand Traverse County Road Commission standards. The casing material will have a minimum 0.25 –wall thickness and be sixteen inches in diameter. The casing shall then be filled with pea stone or a similar removable substitute and the casing ends sealed. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Fleis, Rademaker, Nowak, Lowe, Pahl, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Rademaker to accept the Blair Township Recreation Survey for distribution on junk day and also handing out to the residents as they come into the offices on business. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Nowak requested that her Memo dated September 2, 2005 be made a summary in the Minutes as follows: Nowak had voted for a pay increase for part-time employees for commitment to Blair Township, now she feels her decision was an injustice to the full-time staff and the part-time individuals are not ready to have the increase of \$2.00 per hour.

Trustee Larry Fleis commented in regards to the Treasurer’s Memo on the \$ 2.00 an hour raise. The Treasurer Kathy Nowak voted for the pay increase and continues to undermine the Board of Trustees by her actions.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

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ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick Pahl
Supervisor