

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2007

6:00 pm

APPROVED MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 pm on March 13, 2007 at the Township Hall by Supervisor Marilyn Fleis.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was recited.

III. ROLL CALL: Members DeKuiper, Fleis, Zeits, Tharp, Clous, Lowe and Rademaker were present. There were 27 guests in attendance along with the Medical Director Daryl Case, Assessor Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator Sara Kopriva-Peters and the Township Attorney.

IV. LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Don Weathers, 4442 N. Ironwood, congratulated Brenda and Marilyn on their new positions. He also tendered his resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated that he will help the township in any way it benefits the township.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to approve the agenda with the following addition: Letter "L" Resignation of two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. **RCV:** Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea; 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:

a.) a.) Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis were present. Commissioner Thomas spoke about the recent vote on the no smoking ordinance in Grand Traverse County. Although all members of the commission are non-smokers, they had other reasons to vote against the ordinance. Commissioner Fleis spoke about the request from Turtle Creek Casino to annex 45 145 acres of land.

b.) b.) Sheriff Department Report: Officer Mike Opper reported 288 calls for service in Blair Township for February.

Trustee Roger Zeits mentioned that when he worked the election at the RTC Center, cars were driving too fast, and that area could use some additional patrolling.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Fleis announced that the Grand Traverse Veteran's Coalition requested a donation from the township of \$1,917.00 for fireworks. Total cost for the fireworks is \$29,970.50. No action taken.

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to approve the consent calendar with change. To approve the following: To pay the Township General Fund vouchers #23954-24029, Fire Fund vouchers #6015-6027, the Ambulance Fund vouchers #9651-9714 and Trust & Agency vouchers #1245-1248 for a grand total of \$193,458.36. To approve the Sewer Working Account voucher #1040-1042, the Water Assessment Fund voucher #1151, and the Water Working Account voucher #2244-2254 for a grand total of \$21,823.62. To accept EMS, Fire, Treasurer, Assessing, Zoning, Supervisor and Water Reports for the month of February. To approve the minutes of February 13, 2007 Regular Meeting. **RCV:** Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea; 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried. **Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous** to table the approval of the minutes of the February 16, 2007 Special Meeting. **RCV:** Clous yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea; 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None

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- a.) a.) Naming of Private Roads – Kathy Lane & Christina Lynn Lane.
Motion
by Lowe supported by Zeits to approve naming of Kathy Lane & Christina Lynn Lane. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.
- b.) b.) Changing of May board meeting. **Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to change May 8, Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees, to May 15 due to May 8 election.** All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.
- c.) c.) Performance Resolution for Governmental Bodies for MDOT.
Motion
by Tharp supported by Rademaker to approve Resolution #2007-01.
RCV: Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea; 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.
- d.) d.) Payment from Sewer Bonds for Gourdie-Fraser & Assoc. **Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to request funds in the amount of \$2,398.75 to pay Gourdie-Fraser & Assoc. **RCV:** Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker abstained, Clous yea; 6 yeas – 1 abstained; motion carried.
- e.) e.) Surplus Equipment List
1. 1. Gateway B/T tag#1405
 2. 2. Gateway B/T tag#1463
 3. 3. Dell B/T tag#1457
 4. 4. HP Kayak B/T tag#1500
- 2 Hoover vacuum cleaners B/T tag #'s 1616 & 1617
1 Homelite lawn mower B/T tag #1363
1 Ryobi 31 cc gas grass trimmer no B/T tag #

The above items are junk and have no value, recommend removing/destroying the hard drives from the computers and recycling the rest of the computers at Goodwill. The vacuum cleaners and grass trimmer to be thrown away in the dumpster, and the lawn mower to be disposed of as scrap.

The items below are deemed to have value:

7 Ballot containers B/T tag#'s 1501-1507
Light Bar off old transport
Mule trailer

Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits to destroy/dispose of computer hard drives, vacuum cleaners, lawn mower and trimmer, recycle remaining computer parts at Goodwill and put other items deemed to have value out for bid, ballot containers to be disposed of if no bid received. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.

- f.) f.) Message at bottom of water bill. **Motion by Lowe supported by Fleis** to reserve this space for information directly related to the water department and approved by the supervisor. All in favor, 6 yeas – 1 nay motion carried.

- g.) **g.) Recycle Bins. Motion by Clous supported by Fleis to approve** of Grand Traverse County Resource Recovery placing recycling containers at Traverse Bay Recycling. **RCV:** Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea as long as it meets Zoning Administrator's approval, Clous yea; 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.
- h.) **h.) Payment request from Arms & Cole for first and final draw for installation of water plant's fourth booster pump, which was reviewed and recommended by Gosling-Czubak. Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to approve payment to Arms & Cole in the amount of \$18,078.00. **RCV:** Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea; 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.
- i.) **i.) Appointment to the Planning Commission. Motion by Rademaker supported by Lowe** to approve re-appointments of Bill Clous and Dennis Fitzpatrick to the Planning Commission. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.
- j.) **j.) Appointment of Board Member to Planning Commission. Motion by Fleis supported by Zeits** to table. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.
- k.) **k.) Closed session. Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous** to go into closed session at 7:05 pm. **RCV:** Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea; 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried. **Motion by Tharp supported DeKuiper** to come out of closed session at 7:58 pm. **RCV:** DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea; 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.

After much discussion and presentation by attorney, Shawn Worden, the following action was taken:

Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to recommend to settle the lawsuit with Marvin Radtke vs. Blair Township and Pat Pahl for \$29,750.00, \$14,000.00 to be paid by the township, and the remaining \$15,750.00 to be paid by the insurance company, and to strike the word amicably from the Stipulation and Order to Dismiss Settlement. **RCV:** Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper nay; 6 yeas – 1 nay motion carried.

- l.) **l.) Resignations from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits** to accept the resignations of Don Weathers and Walter Bogucki from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

XI. PUBLIC INPUT: Don Weathers stated that the board made a good decision tonight.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to adjourn at 9:08 pm.** All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nay motion carried.

Lynette Ferman
Recording Secretary

Marilyn Fleis
Supervisor