

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2006
Approved (November 14, 2006)

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 pm on October 10, 2006 at the Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members: Tharp, Pahl, Lowe, Clous, Nowak and Rademaker were present. Fleis will be a few minutes late. There were 18 guests in attendance along with the Fire Chief Jim Carroll, Medical Director-Daryl Case, Water Department-Martin Hisem and Clyde Johnson-Gosling Czubak.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Brenda DeKuiper updated the Board on the Park Project.

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

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:

County Commissioner Report: Dick Thomas and Virginia Olds updated the Board on curbside recycling for the whole County requested by the County Commissioners.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Opper reported 219 calls for the month of September.

Commercial Sewer Update: Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak updated the board that all sewer lines are in the ground and waiting for a walk through with the DPW on the sewer project except for the line at Traverse Investors.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to stay with the original easement with Traverse Investors with no additional cost to the sewer project. RCV: Rademaker yea, following the advice from the attorney, Lowe yea, same reason, Clous yea, same reason, Tharp yea, and same reason as stated. Pahl yea, same reason, Nowak yea, same reason. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Pat Pahl presented Brenda Dekuiper with an appreciation certificate and a bouquet of flowers for all of her dedication in developing the new playground for Blair Township.

Mr. Fleis arrived at 6:17P.M.

CONSENT CALENDAR: **Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to accept the Consent Calendar. To approve the following: to pay the Township General fund vouchers # 23524-23604, the Ambulance fund vouchers # 9217-9284, the Fire fund vouchers # 5894-5903, the Trust & Agency Fund vouchers # 1237-1241 for a grand total of \$164,253.26. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1024-1025, the Water fund assessment account voucher # 1143 and the Water fund working account vouchers # 2187-2198 for a grand total of \$17,436.51. To approve the payment for the poured in place surfacing for \$30,030.00 and the Fox broadcast for \$490.00. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2006. To accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Zoning, Supervisor and Treasurer's report for the month of September. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Rademaker, Pahl, Clous, Nowak, Fleis, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Rademaker to pay the membership dues to the out of state association of Public Treasurers. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Lowe, yea, Pahl nay questioning the need to pay for dues out of state for education. Nowak yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp nay, same reason, Fleis nay, same reason. 4 yeas, 3 nays, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to table the interest on the Sewer Assessment for Rodney Harrand until we receive information from the Attorney Mr. Ax. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Rademaker to grant the request for payment on application # 11 to Elmer's in the amount of \$243,384.43. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Rademaker, Nowak, Pahl, Tharp, Lowe, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion Carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to grant the request for payment on Invoice # 53800 in the amount of \$25,408.13 to Gosling Czubak. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Clous, Fleis, Lowe, Pahl, Rademaker, Nowak, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

The Supervisor informed the Public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing. The Clerk informed the Public that proper notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on September 22, 2006 and the mailings of notices were mailed out on September 21, 2006. There were no letters or calls received for or against the Special Use for Directional Drilling Contractors Yard. Public Hearing opened at 7:13 p.m. A representative from Gourdie-Fraiser made a presentation to the Board. There were no comments for or against the Special Use request for Directional Drilling. Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m. **Motion by Pahl supported by Clous** to grant the request for Case # SU 06-09-01, Parcel # 28-02-017-30 located at 2122 M-37 S. Traverse City, MI 49684 as recommended by the Planning Commission Board and it meets the standards for approval in Section 22.04 A thru G. Pahl yea it meets the Standards for Approval in Sec 22.04 A-G, Nowak yea, Lowe, yea, Clous yea, for the same reasons and it meets the Master Plan, Fleis yea, for the same reasons, Tharp yea, for the same reasons. Rademaker abstained, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Fleis to grant the waiver for Great Northern Roasting Company from the International Fire Code for their land use permit was issued before the Rural Fire Ordinance was adopted. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Lowe to remove from the agenda the petition to Co. Commissioners for curbside recycling. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to accept the resignation letter from John Leithauser. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Clous to move Sara Peters into the Zoning Administrator position at the same rate of pay with an evaluation after 90 days. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Nowak – needs to be posted) Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Nowak to grant Wade Trim the operation of the Blair Township Water System in the amount of \$121,734.00. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Fleis yea, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, Nowak yea, Rademaker abstained. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to appoint Dennis Fitzpatrick to the unfilled term on the Planning Commission Board to expire on March 17, 2007. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to form a contract between Harris & Associates International Inc and Blair Township not to exceed \$8,000.00 and have the contract looked at with the Township Attorney and Committee. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Rademaker yea, Pahl yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Nowak yea, Fleis yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Nowak supported by Clous to sign the Northern Office Equipment Maintenance Agreement for the Konica 7033 and look into other sources for bids. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Nowak to hire Michael Luther as a full-time Paramedic as recommended by the hiring committee. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Fleis supported by Nowak to add the delinquent Water & Sewer Special Assessments and delinquent Water Bills to the Winter Tax Bills. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe supported by Nowak to accept the Water Department Coordinator Job Description with change to add the person is responsible for the O & M Coordinating activities with our Consultants. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Roseannah Keith has concerns about the trash at the place south of the Post Office. She asked the Board if there were any vouchers that were paid for Sergei-Dakota. Brenda DeKuiper questioned the Sewer Work and the pay draw. Sue Pahl made an appeal to the Board of Trustees for more information on her FOIA request. Mrs. Pahl was upset with the reply that was given to her from the Township Treasurer. Pahl had asked for a response from the Attorney General Office, Nowak made reference that she thought she had one, but could not remember for sure. Pahl asked about what was sent to MTA, that she would also like that information. Pahl wants to know the reply from the letters or E-mails that Nowak received. Again, Nowak replied that she could not remember if she received anything and/or if the response was an e-mail or letter. The FOIA Coordinator explained to the Treasurer that she had eight days already to get that information to Pahl. Treasurer Nowak was given (1) more day to get this information to Pahl and to answer each request as soon as possible. Jim Pascoe comments were that the Board Members should settle their difference of opinion before the Board Meetings

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to adjourn at 8:26 P.M. 7, yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A. Tharp
Township Clerk

Patrick Pahl
Township Supervisor