

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

August 14, 2007

*Approved Minutes*

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 pm on August 14, 2007 at the Township Hall and called to order by the Supervisor Fleis.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Members: Lowe, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Fleis, Zeits, Tharp and Clous were present. There were 14 guests in attendance along with the Assessor Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator Sara Kopriva, Deputy Treasurer Lynette Ferman, Carl Bearinger Maintenance Coordinator, Fire Chief Jim Carroll, Medical Director Daryl Case and Deputy Clerk Lori McGee.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by DeKuiper supported by Tharp to add under Presentation/Reports Mr. Tino Breithaupt and Mr. Jim Donaldson from the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce representing the Business, Community and Economic Development Program. All in favor, 7 yeas - 0 nays, motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**County Commissioner Report:** Commissioner Thomas spoke of the Solid Waste Surcharge. The Board of Commissioners is about to change the whole Resource Recovery Department. Resource Recovery department is way over budget. Commissioner Thomas mentioned that Smoking was banned years ago at the Civic Center. He is against the government interfering into anyone's business. He briefly spoke about making artificial coal from recycled garbage. It is being done in other areas and it burns much cleaner. He also mentioned that he wants to send a Resolution to the Lawmakers on placing a bottle deposit on water and juice bottles.

Commissioner Fleis spoke briefly on recycling station locations. Paradise Township and Union Township is putting in a compact system. The County is still working on opening up the recycling station on Blair Townhall Road but they still do not know as to when that will happen. Commissioner Fleis isn't sure if the new Smoking Ordinance in the City of Traverse City has been planned out very well or if the ordinance can be enforced. He is not sure if they will be placing signs around to notify people of the new ordinance. Dennis Aloia and Staff are going over the budget planning for the 2008 calendar year.

**Sheriff's Report:** Community Police Officer Report was not available.

**Traverse City Chamber of Commerce Presentation:** A presentation was given by Tino Breithaupt the Senior Vice President of Economic Development and Jim Donaldson, Director of Business and Community Development through the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce. This program is set up through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to work with businesses to build or expand in communities for higher wage manufacturing and high tech jobs. They work in the Traverse Bay Region to help create more Michigan Jobs. The Tax Abatement attracts new businesses to come into our communities. The State of Michigan has legislation that provides Tax Abatements for eligible companies to build or expand. This program will only help businesses in the Industrial Areas. Mr. Breithaupt recommended if the board considers this program that we go with the 4-step process. They currently are working with the Village of Kalkaska, East Bay Township, Garfield Township and the City of Traverse City.

**Announcements / Correspondence:** Treasurer Brenda DeKuiper reported that volunteers are still needed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Fun Day in the Park on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to accept the Consent Calendar. To approve the following: to pay the Township General Fund Vouchers #24397-24483, the Ambulance Fund Vouchers #10030-10133, the Fire & Police Fund Vouchers #6123-6163, and the Trust and Agency Fund Vouchers #1262-1270 for a grand total of \$209,668.12. To approve the Sewer Bill Fund Vouchers #1057-1058, the Water Assessment Fund Vouchers #1161-1162, and the Water Bill Fund Vouchers #2307-2326 for a grand total of \$51,289.95. To accept the Assessing, Zoning, EMS, Fire, Water, Supervisor and Treasurer Reports' for the month of July 2007. To approve regular meeting Minutes of June 12, 2007 and the workshop minutes of July 18, 2007. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yeas, Fleis yeas, Zeits yeas, Rademaker yeas, Lowe yeas, Clous yeas, Tharp yeas. 7 yeas - 0 nays, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to name a new private road "Silver Lake Crossings Blvd." in Section 7 of Blair Township. All in favor, Rademaker Abstained due to conflict of interest, 6 yeas - 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker** to correct the Water Assessment Roll from the original parcel #28-02-009-026-10 of \$3,775.00 which was later divided into 22 parcels to be corrected to \$1,380.00. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yeas, Clous yeas, Fleis yeas, Zeits yeas, Tharp yeas, Rademaker yeas, DeKuiper yeas. 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to mark as paid parcels #28-02-335-001-00 through #28-02-335-022-00 on the Assessment Roll. Roll Call Vote: Clous yeas, Fleis yeas, Zeits yeas, Tharp yeas, Rademaker yeas, DeKuiper yeas, Lowe yeas, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to hire Donald Smith as a paid on call EMT volunteer for EMS All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to take the recommendation of the Medical Director and accept the list of names of individuals with their resignation / terminations which include: Larry Phelps, Heather Clark, Kelly Monteruil, Joann Olds, Josh Reed, Monte Rindlisbacher, Dustin Spencer. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to accept the bid from Great Lakes Stripping & Sealing, Inc. for \$4,800.00 for seal coating the parking lot, including repairing, filling, and restriping lines as presented. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yeas, DeKuiper yeas, Clous yeas, Zeits yeas, Tharp yeas, Fleis yeas, Lowe yeas, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to accept the bid from Scott Sheets Construction in the amount of \$6,800.00 for office space remodeling as presented. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yeas, Rademaker yeas, Clous yeas, Lowe yeas, DeKuiper yeas, Fleis yeas, Zeits yeas, 7 yeas - 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to accept the bid from Voice Electric in the amount of \$1,009.00 for electrical work in the new office as presented. Roll Call Vote: Fleis yeas, Lowe yeas, Rademaker yeas, DeKuiper yeas, Zeits yeas, Tharp yeas, Clous yeas, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp** to approve the concept of creating an Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) policy for Tax Abatement and have the attorney review the contract. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to amend Water District Map as presented and do the updates. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yeas, Fleis yeas, Zeits yeas, Clous yeas, DeKuiper yeas, Lowe yeas, Tharp yeas, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous** to increase the Pavilion Rental Fees in the Park to \$50.00 with a \$25.00 deposit effective January 1, 2008. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to continue to rent out the Pavilion and place a sign at the Pavilion that the Pavilion is rented out on whatever dates and to have the renters provide their own sports equipment. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

The Public Hearing on the proposed Land Division Ordinance was announced by the supervisor. The clerk stated that a notice was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on August 5, 2007 with no letters or phone calls received. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:53 p.m. There were no questions or comments heard. The Public Hearing closed at 7:54 p.m.

**Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to adopt the Blair Township Land Division Ordinance #127-07 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Clous yeas, Tharp yeas, Fleis yeas, DeKuiper yeas, Lowe yeas, Zeits yeas, Rademaker yeas. 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

The Public Hearing on the proposed amendment to the Blair Township Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance #115-05 Text was announced by the supervisor. The clerk stated that a notice was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on August 5, 2007 with no letters or phone calls received. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:59 p.m. It was noted by the Zoning Administrator that the word “shall” should read “may”. There were no other questions or comments heard. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits** to amend the Blair Township Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance #115-05 Text under Section #10 Inspection and to change the word “shall” to “may” as presented. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yeas, Fleis yeas, DeKuiper yeas, Lowe yeas, Zeits yeas, Rademaker yeas, Clous yeas. 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Fleis supported by DeKuiper** to continue the clean up on Vance Road by Elected Officials and Employees. All in favor, 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to approve the repair of the Water Pump from DuBois-Cooper Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$2,376.16. Roll Call Vote Fleis yeas, DeKuiper yeas, Lowe yeas, Zeits yeas, Rademaker yeas, Clous yeas, Tharp yeas. 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Fleis** to approve the quote from Tonka Equipment Co. to inspect the existing three horizontal pressure filters in the Water Plant for Blair Township and not to exceed \$2,685.00 as recommended by the water committee and to share the costs with Milan Township. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yeas, Lowe yeas, Zeits yeas, Rademaker yeas, Clous yeas, Tharp yeas, Fleis yeas. 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to approve Resolution #2007-15 to change Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 Voting Locations from the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center on Nimrod Road over to the Blair Township Fire Station at 2121 County Rd 633 with all the necessary notifications. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yeas, Zeits yeas, Rademaker yeas, Clous yeas, Tharp yeas, Fleis yeas, DeKuiper yeas. 7 yeas – 0 nays, motion carried.

**Public Input:** Roseannah Keith 1711 County Rd 633 asked whether there has been any vandalism at the Pavilion or in the Park with all the new playground structures.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Fleis supported by Tharp to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Lori L. McGee, Deputy Clerk

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Marilyn Fleis, Supervisor