

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 11, 2007**  
**Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 pm on December 11, 2007 at the Township Hall.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Tharp, Clous, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Fleis, Zeits and Lowe was excused. There were 9 guests in attendance along with the Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Medical Director-Daryl Case, Fire Chief-Jim Carroll, Maintenance-Carl Bearinger.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** Roseannah Keith stated that this years newsletter was the best one ever and complemented the Board for all the information that it had. The Board gives the credit to Lori McGee (deputy clerk) for all of her time in putting the Newsletter together a job well done.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to approve the Agenda with change. Add letter (g) hiring a new on call person, letter (h) amend the Resolution on water fees, and letter (i) discussion on Charter Agreement and letter (j) non-sufficient fund policy. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**County Commissioner Report:** Larry Fleis updated the Board on the process on the Boardman Dam, the opening of the new recycling site located on Blair Townhall Road, and being in favor of having the Co. Rd Commissioner being elected instead of appointed.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Opper reported that Blair Township had 385 calls, 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the County for the month of November 2007.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** Marilyn Fleis discussed a letter from the Co. Rd Commission on matching funds for local road improvement projects.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to accept the Consent Calendar. To approve the following: to pay the Township General fund vouchers # 24757-24837, the Ambulance fund vouchers # 10437-10497, the Fire fund vouchers # 6241-6250, the Trust & Agency Fund vouchers #1293 for a grand total of \$131,342.03. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1069-1070, the Sewer Assessment

voucher # 1020 for \$58.33, the Water fund assessment account voucher # 1169 and the Water fund working account vouchers # 2368-2374 for a grand total of \$15,385.31. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2007. To accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Zoning, Water, Treasurer and Supervisor's report for the month of November 2007. Roll Call Vote: Fleis yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to grant the request for naming a new private road in Section 29 of Blair Township off from Norton Rd, property # 28-02-029-00-40 Nittany Lion Ln. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to pass Resolution # 2007-18 request to transfer ownership of 2007 Class C Licensed Business with Dance –Entertainment Permit, Located in Escrow at 4989 S Garfield, Mayfield, MI 49666, Paradise Township, Grand Traverse County, from LLR Paradise Group, L.L.C. to Wilderness Crossings, LLC: Transfer Location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436.1531(1) to 1355 Silver Lake Crossing, Traverse City, MI 49684, Blair Township, Grand Traverse County; and request a New Official Permit (Dance-Entertainment) for weekdays, 2:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. and Sundays, 2:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, Rademaker nay, Resolution not clear enough, DeKuiper yea, Fleis yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Motion carried 5-1.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to deny the request from the County Rd Commission for more funding from the Township for local road improvement projects. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Public Hearing on proposed Subdivision Development Ordinance: The supervisor informed the Public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing. The Clerk stated that the notice was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on November 30, 2007. there were no phone calls or letters received for or against the proposed Ordinance. The supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. There were no comments heard for or against the proposed Ordinance. The Public Hearing closed at 6:46 p.m. **Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous** to table for further review and more information. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Fleis yea, Clous yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker** to table the information on Logos for the Township. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to refer Bill Clous's letter back to the Water & Sewer Committee with the engineer and bring back the recommendations to the Township Board. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to hire Joseph Shafer as a paid on call member as recommended by the Medical Director. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to amend Resolution # 2007-17 item (C) The availability Fee provided by Section 1104 (A) of the Water Ordinance Shall be established from time to time whenever the township itself extends the system or enters into any pay back arrangement... (1) The availability fee for any premises serviced by the Culvers Water Main Extension not included on the Special Assessment for the Water System shall be \$28.13 per foot of width of the premise. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Dekuiper supported by Clous** to have attachment # 4 included in the Charter Cable agreement that was previously adopted on November 1, 2007. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to amend the Non-Sufficient Fund Policy, to state that the Township will recoup any and all fees that is assessed to their accounts. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** Larry Fleis commented on the excellent job that was done on the December Newsletter.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to adjourn at 8:08 P.M. 6, yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A. Tharp  
Township Clerk

Marilyn Fleis  
Township Supervisor