

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2008
Approved

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 pm on January 8, 2008 at the Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Clous, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Fleis, Zeits, Lowe, Tharp. There were 7 guests in attendance along with the Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Medical Director-Daryl Case, Fire Chief-Jim Carroll, and Maintenance-Carl Bearinger.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Adolph Klepetka at 152 W Silver lake Rd, Traverse City, MI opposes consider paying employees their regular day wages when the offices are closed for elections. Larry Fleis at 5247 Norton Rd, Grawn, MI also opposes consider paying employees their regular day wages when the offices are closed for elections.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to remove letter (e) under New Business, the paying of employees their regular day wages when the offices are closed for elections, this was discussed in the pass and is a dead issue and approve the agenda with the change. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:

County Commissioner Report: Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis updated the Board that the County gave \$100,000.00 for the Boardman Dam study, the state is working on a law to stop trash from coming into Michigan from Canada, everyone should write their representatives to stop the law to abolish townships. Number 99 is the new government channel on TV. Discussion on having the Co. Rd Commissioner being elected instead of appointed is still undecided.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Opper reported that Blair Township had 392 calls, 3rd highest in the County for the month of December 2007. Questions were asked of Deputy Opper on the number of lanes of traffic around Chum's Corner in reducing the speed limit for safety concerns.

Michael Houlihan made a presentation on the Industrial Pre-Treatment Administration Agreement with the City of Traverse City. This agreement would give the City the authority to act on behalf of the Townships in enforcing the Industrial Pre-Treatment provisions of the Sewer Use Ordinance. Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to pass Resolution # 2008-01 approving the Industrial Pre-Treatment Administration Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Fleis received a letter from Nancy Collard a resident concerning a decision made by the Board of appeals.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Dekuiper supported by Clous to accept the Consent Calendar. To approve the following: to pay the Township General fund vouchers # 24838-24935, the Ambulance fund vouchers # 10498-10566, the Fire fund vouchers # 6251-6270, the Trust & Agency Fund vouchers #1294-1295 for a grand total of \$117,612.89. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1071-1074, the Water fund assessment account voucher # 1170 and the Water fund working account vouchers # 2375-2390 for a grand total of \$22772.92. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 11, 2007 and the Special Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2007. To accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Zoning, Water, Treasurer and Supervisor's report for the

month of December 2007. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to adopt the Site Condo Amendment # 104-05-07-03 to the Zoning Ordinance with the removal of the word Clerk for the deposits with the Township instead of Township Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Fleis yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to increase the ambulance transport mileage from \$9.50 for a loaded mile to the current approved rate of \$9.75. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to table the Resolution for Poverty Exemptions for more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Lowe to authorize the water committee to place out for bid approximately 450 feet of water main extension on Sawyer Road contingent on the adjacent developer commitment to his project. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to adjourn at 7:32 P.M. 7, yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A. Tharp
Township Clerk

Marilyn Fleis
Township Supervisor