

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 10, 2008**  
**Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2008 at the Township Hall.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Members: Tharp, Clous, Fleis, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe, Zeits were present. 7 guests were in attendance along with the Township Assessor- Aaron Plowman, Medical Director-Daryl Case, and Maintenance Dept.-Carl Bearinger.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** Adolph Klepetka 152 W. Silver Lake Rd S. Traverse City, MI 49684 expressed his concerns and seriously objected to the Trustees Salaries.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to approve the agenda with change. Move Old Business to the last item on the agenda. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**County Commissioner Report:** Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis were present and discussed the need for more money to help with Roads and Maintenance throughout the County. Paradise Township is in the process on building a fire department and compactor station. Boardman ponds would like the DEQ to raise the water level to 4 “ to stay at level.

**Sheriff’s Report:** Deputy Ben McManus reported there were 422 complaints for the month of May which places Blair Township 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the County.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Township Treasurer announced there would be over (40) agencies participating at Blair Township on June 14, 2008 for the Fun Day in the Park event. Supervisor Fleis announced that she is having a pest control company come and spray for the wasps that is deciding to make their home around the complex.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by Clous supported by Dekuiper to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: to pay the Township General Fund vouchers # 25328-25415, the Trust & Agency voucher # 1302-1308, the Fire/Police vouchers # 6388-6409, the Ambulance vouchers # 10906-10969, for a grand total of \$159,368.58. The Water vouchers # 2446-2456 and #1176-1177 and the Sewer Fund vouchers # 1087-1089 for a grand total of \$32,194.36. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2008 and to accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Zoning, Treasurer and Supervisor’s report for the month of May. Roll Call Vote: Dekuiper, Lowe, Clous, Zeits, Tharp, Rademaker, Fleis, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to name a private road in Section 12 off from Sleights Rd West in Blair Township to River Ridge Drive. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Dekuiper supported by Zeits** to grant the purchase of a Road Rescue Ambulance with a 2007 Chevy C-4500 Chassis with additional cost for radio equipment not to exceed

\$177,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, Rademaker yea, under the direction of the Medical Director, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to purchase 4 Panasonic Tough book laptops that have been mandated from the state to electronically submit information in the amount of \$19,468. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Fleis yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Supervisor Fleis informed the Public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing, the Clerk informed the public that the proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on June 2, 2008.

**Public Hearing 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: 2.5 Mills Fire & Police Fund.** The Public Hearing opened at 6:38 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

**Public Hearing 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: 1.4166 Mills Ambulance Fund.** The Public Hearing opened at 6:40 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:41 p.m.

**Public Hearing 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget: Liquor Law Fund.** The Public Hearing opened at 6:42 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.

**Public Hearing 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: .8250 Mills General Fund.** The Public Hearing opened at 6:43 p.m. Jim Pasco 358 Sierra Drive Traverse City, MI 49684 questioned the amount of F.I.C.A. on a line item in the Budget Center, questioned the amount of money that was designated for Highways and asked about the break down on the Insurance line item. Public Hearing closed at 6:49 p.m.

**Adoption of 2008-2009 Fire/Police Fund Budget: Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to adopt the 2008-2009 Fire/Police Fund Budget at 2.5 mills levied by activity centers and passes the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Fleis yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Adoption of 2008-2009 Ambulance Fund Budget: Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to adopt the 2008-2009 Ambulance Fund Budget at 1.4166 mills levied by activity centers and passes the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Fleis yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Tharp yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Adoption of 2008-2009 Liquor Law Fund Budget: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to adopt the 2008-2009 Liquor Law Fund Budget by activity centers and passes the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Clous yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Adoption of 2008-2009 General Fund Budget: Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to adopt the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget at .8250 mills levied by activity centers and passes the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resolution to set the Supervisor's 2008-2009 salary:** Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to set the Supervisor's 2008-2009 salary the same as last year at \$44,383. Roll Call Vote: Fleis yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resolution to set the Clerk's 2008-2009 salary:** Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to set the Clerk's 2008-2009 salary at \$44,407. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Lowe yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resolution to set the Treasurer's 2008-2009 salary:** Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to set the Treasurer's 2008-2009 salary the same as last year at \$38,844. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Tharp yea, Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resolution to set the 1<sup>st</sup> Trustee's 2008-2009 salary:** Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis to set the Trustee's 2008-2009 salary at \$7,409. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resolution to set the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee's 2008-2009 salary:** Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to set the Trustee's 2008-2009 salary at \$7,409. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resolution to set the 3<sup>rd</sup> Trustee's 2008-2009 salary:** Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to set the Trustee's 2008-2009 salary at \$7,409. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resolution to set the 4<sup>th</sup> Trustee's 2008-2009 salary:** Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to set the Trustee's 2008-2009 salary at \$7,409. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resolution to set the 2008-2009 salaries and wages for all other Township Employees:** Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to set all other Township employee's salaries and wages as per the wage scale attached to these minutes. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Fleis yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Authorization for Treasurer to invest and deposit Township Funds:** Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to pass a Resolution to authorize the Treasurer to invest and deposit the Township Funds in the following depositories as designated by the Township Board. Fifth Third Bank, Members Credit Union, Chase Bank, National City Bank, MBIA, Irwin Union Bank, Huntington Bank, Northwestern Bank, Honor State Bank and Traverse City State Bank, Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Authorize Supervisor to make purchases:** Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to authorize the Supervisor to make purchases of up to \$2,500.00 and reporting to the Board at the next meeting. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Fleis yea, Zeits yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**2008-2009 Meeting Schedule: Motion by Clous supported by Fleis** to set the 2008-2009 meeting schedule for all boards and commissions. A copy is attached to these Minutes. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits** to approve the Newsletter for printing. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Recessed at 7:00 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Supervisor Fleis informed the Public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing This Hearing is to establish within Blair Township an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption District property line to property line. The Clerk informed the public that the proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on June 6, 7, 8, 9, 2008 by the Traverse City Chamber EDC and stated that Blair Township is not a Board of Commissioners as was printed, The Township is a Board of Trustees. The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m. **Motion by Rademaker supported by DeKuiper** to pass Resolution # 2008-15, the Establishment of an Industrial Facility Tax Exemption District-Great Lakes Stainless. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, Fleis yea, Zeits yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

- Supervisor Fleis informed the Public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing This Hearing is to look at the application for Great Lakes Stainless for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. The Clerk informed the public that the proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on June 6, 7, 8, 9, 2008 by the Traverse City Chamber EDC and stated that Blair Township is not a Board of Commissioners as was printed, The Township is a Board of Trustees. The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m. Larry Fleis 5239 Norton Road, Grawn, MI 49637 has lived in the area for 40 years and opposes this tax break, stated that taxpayers should not have to subsidize private enterprise and is not in favor of the Township Board in voting for the tax abatement. Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m. **Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to pass Resolution # 2008-16 approving the Application of Great Lakes Stainless for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Fleis nay, Tharp yea, DeKuiper yea, 6 yeas, 1 nay , Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Jim Pascoe 358 Sierra Dr. Traverse City, MI 49684 agrees with the commissioner on not giving the tax abatement because we should not get trapped into it.

- **ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits** to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

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Betty A. Tharp  
Township Clerk

Marilyn Fleis  
Township Supervisor