

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2008
Approved

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on March 11, 2008 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Fleis.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members: Fleis, Lowe, Zeits, Tharp, Clous, were present. Dekuiper and Rademaker were excused. There were 9 guests in attendance along with Medical Director-Daryl Case, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Aaron Plowman-Assessor and Maintenance Dept.-Carl Bearinger

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Zeits supported by Tharp to approve the Agenda as presented. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT

County Commissioner's Report: Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis were present and updated the board on the overcrowding at the jail and how a new jail needs to be built. Also discussed was the use of Wind Energy Farms and the 211-phone service for people that are in need.

Sheriff's Report: Supervisor Fleis introduced our new Deputy, Ben McManus who is Deputy Oppers replacement. Deputy McManus reported that Blair Township is 3rd highest in the county with 389 complaints for the month of February.

Matt Skeels made a presentation on the Grand Vision. This is for land use and transportation strategy throughout the Grand Traverse County Region. Participation from the Townships is essential for this planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Supervisor Fleis made an announcement that the Blair Library Committee met with the Facilities and Services Committee of the Traverse City District Library to discuss the plans which had been presented to the TADL Board to establish a small library in Blair Township. It became very obvious that the TADL Board has no interest in establishing a branch library in a structure, which would be available to 10,000 residents of Blair Township. This is a complete reversal of the commitments that were made to Blair Township in 2001. The committee is asking the residents to be patient in getting a Township Branch.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 25054-25121, Ambulance fund vouchers # 10673-10732, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6311-6331, Trust & Agency fund vouchers # 1297 for a Grand Total of \$269,666.93. To approve the Sewer Working Account Vouchers #1078-1080 the Sewer Assessment Voucher # 1021, the Water fund vouchers # 1172 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2407-2420 for a total of \$20,776.49, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Water Dept. and Treasurers Report for the month of February, and approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Fleis, Lowe, Zeits, Tharp, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: **Motion by Clous supported by Lowe** to reduce the REUs from 11.2 to 4.48 for Zeroedin that have not been finalized due to the schedule that was adopted in January of 2008. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, Tharp, Clous, Zeits, Lowe, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to approve Amendment #105-04-07-04 Section 18.44 Planned Unit Development (PUD) as recommended by the Blair Township Planning Commission and the Grand Traverse County Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Clous, Fleis, Zeits, Tharp, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to hire (5) part-time pool EMT/Firefighters as follows: Jon Brief, Ryan Brodbent, Keith Saum, Brian Snyder and Melissa Wolf. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Jim Pascoe commended the Board on approving the amendment for the Plan Unit Development.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Marilyn Fleis
Supervisor