

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 13, 2008**

**Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on May 13, 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: Zeits, Tharp, Clous, Fleis, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe, were present. There were 9 guests in attendance along with Medical Director-Daryl Case, FireChief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Aaron Plowman-Assessor, Maintenance Dept.-Carl Beringer, Water Department-Martin Hissem and Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to approve the Agenda with change, to add letter (Q) hiring of a Planning Consultant. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Dick Thomas reported the happenings at Grand Traverse County. He asked Blair Township to look at joining the Authority and the County is putting together a proposal to put money in helping with the roads repair in the county and asked that the Township look into their budget to help out.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Ben McManus reported that Blair Township was 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the county with 445 complaints for the month of April.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Treasurer Dekuiper announced that June 14<sup>th</sup> will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fun Day in the Park with many activities and 38 different agencies coming for the day.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 25232-25327, Ambulance fund vouchers # 10821-10905, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6349-6387, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, none for the month, for a Grand Total of \$258,150.68. To approve the Sewer Working Account Vouchers #1083-1086, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # 1022, the Water fund vouchers # 1174-1175 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2433-2833 for a total of \$370,213.13, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Water Dept. and Treasurers Report for the month of April, and approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2008, and the Budget workshop Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2008. To declare the surplus items as junk and be destroyed. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, DeKuiper, Lowe, Clous, Zeits, Tharp and Rademaker. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to have Gosling Czubak prepare a computer hydraulic model in the amount of \$21,510.00 and Gosling Czubak will supply us with a CD every time they update the model. Roll Call Vote: Dekuiper yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Tharp yea, Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker** to move forward on (2) Public Informational Meetings on the possibility of restructuring of our Blair Township Fire Department by the end of June with the mailing of a postcard to the residents of the township. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, Dekuiper yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to approve the Tax Exemption Policy Guidelines and Score Sheet for the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Agreement request. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to have the refund from the dissolution of Cherry Capital Cable Council returned back to the Township. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Rademaker yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to deny the request for a refund of a \$700.00 fee for the Planning Commission review on a zoning issue that went through the proper requirements. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to table the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages until we have the correct wording for an Ordinance. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to table the request from South Creek for more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits** to pass Resolution # 2008-04 approving Blair Township Sewer System as presented by the DPW. Roll Call Vote: Fleis yea, Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea but questioned the wording of “appears”, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to close the loop from Woodbury Estates to M-37 as recommended by the Township Engineer estimated cost of \$100,000. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Lowe supported by Zeits** to have the Supervisor and Clerk do Budget Amendments to move contingency money for various line item adjustments for year-end. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, Fleis yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Zeits supported by Clous** the number of REU’s that had been paid for by the Special Assessment property be applied to the new structure and if the REU’s for the new structure exceeds those, then they have to pay for added REU’s if the new REU’s are less than previously paid, no refunded shall be granted, this is for a waiver for mandatory sewer hook-up for empty unusable buildings. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to grant a waiver for the mandatory Sewer hook-up on parcel # 28-02-005-060-20. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to pass Resolution # 2008-05 approving Process to Acquire New Sewage Treatment Capacity. Roll Call Vote: Fleis yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Clous yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to collect \$3.72 per parcel for property tax collection for TCAPS. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker nay, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, Zeits yea, 6-1, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to send amendment 104-05-08-02 Bulk and Area Requirement for the AG District back to the Planning Commission as recommended by the Zoning Administrator. 6 yeas, 1 nay, Rademaker, Motion carried.

Recess @ 9:05 P.M.  
Reconvene @ 9:10 P.M.,

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to approve amendment 104-05-08-03 rezoning property from Commercial Manufacturing to Residential Neighborhood on the North side of Nimrod Road Parcels: 28-02-016-011-06, 28-02-016-011-24, 28-02-016-011-26 as recommended by County Planning and Blair Township Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to amend Section 406. Private Water Well Permitted Only for Non-Drinking Water Purposes to remove the word “abandoned” from this section as recommended by the Water and Sewer Committee. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Fleis yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous** to hire Mansfield & Associates for Planner of Record for Blair Township as recommended by the Interview Committee. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Marilyn Fleis  
Supervisor