

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Regular Meeting
September 11, 2007
Approved**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Rademaker, DeKuiper, Fleis, Zeits, Tharp, Clous and Lowe. There were 4 guests in attendance along with the Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva and Medical Director-Daryl Case.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Roseannah Keith, 1711 Co. Rd. 633 Grawn, MI., thanked Supervisor Fleis and Husband Larry for donating the caterpillar for the fun day in the park. Everyone had a great time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to approve the Agenda as presented. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:

County Commissioner Report: Due to conflict of another meeting there was no County Commissioners' Report.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Opper reported that in certain areas the Township is getting vandalized. Extra officers are in the area doing work. Blair Township had 401 calls for 3rd highest in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Precinct 2 and Precinct 3 that was located at the RTC has been changed back to the Township EMS and Fire Department. New ID cards have been mailed out to the residents in those Precincts. September 18, 2007 is scheduled for a joint workshop for all boards on conflict of interest.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: to pay the Township General fund vouchers # 24484-24558, the Ambulance fund vouchers # 10134-10210, the Fire fund vouchers # 6164-6183, the Trust & Agency Fund vouchers # 1271-1277 for a grand total of \$248,341.19. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1059-1060, the Water fund assessment account voucher # 1163-1164 and the Water fund working account vouchers # 2327-2339 for a grand total of \$21,976.91. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2007 and the Special Policy Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2007. To accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Zoning, Water, Treasurer and Supervisor's report for the month of August. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Zeits, Lowe, DeKuiper, Fleis, Tharp and Clous. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Rademaker supported by Tharp to approve the request for a naming of a private road in Section 6 of Blair Township off Van Petten Dr. property # 28-02-006-060-10 to Eddie Way. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

The Supervisor informed the Public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing. The Clerk informed the public that proper notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on August 27, 2007 and the mailing notices were mailed to owners within the proposed area on August 24, 2007. Public Hearing opened at 6:11 p.m. There was a letter received from Kay Jacobs of 1676 Co. Rd 633, Grawn, MI opposing

the Special Use Request Case # SU/SPR 07-06-01 ODOM Re-Use Co. the residents of Grawn are trying hard to revitalize their community and to have an outdoor display of used merchandise would not help their effects toward the revitalization. Leon Fouch at 1663 Co. Rd 633 Grawn, MI lives next door to the ODOM and doesn't have a problem with what they want to do with their property. Roseannah Keith at 1711 Co. Rd. 633 Grawn, MI. has no objections and believes that they are an asset to the community. Duane Sanford at 621 Autumview Lane Traverse City, MI. stated that they provide a good service to the community and would like to know more about the open Air Set Backs and the Clear-cut rules. Public Hearing closed at 6:22 p.m. **Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe** to table the Special Use Request Case # SU/SPR 07-06-01 for further information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to give the Deputy Treasurer a merit raise and to set her hourly wage at \$11.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, yea, Fleis, yea, Lowe, nay, DeKuiper, yea, Clous, yea, Zeits, yea, Tharp, yea, 6 yeas, 1 nay, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to cancel the agreement between Blair Township and Molon Excavating to be null and void reference to July 11, 2006 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, yea, DeKuiper, yea, Lowe, yea, Zeits, yea, Clous, yea, Tharp, yea, Rademaker, yea. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to approve the reappointments of Debra Philo-Rice and Dennis Fitzpatrick to the Zoning Board of Appeals with (3) years term ending 10-09-10 as recommended by Supervisor Fleis. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Trustee Rademaker representing the Water and Sewer Committee updated the Board on discussion on changing out water meters to auto read meters.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to table the Resolution by the Grand Traverse Co. BPW for more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Handouts for the Annual Awards Banquet Nominations will be handed out to each member on the Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals members. Discussion on the remodeling of the meeting room will remain the same as before.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Medical Director Daryl Case told the board that giving a merit raise was a good thing in keeping up moral and good employees.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. 7, yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A. Tharp
Township Clerk

Marilyn Fleis
Township Supervisor