

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2007
Approved

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 pm on October 9, 2007 at the Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Dekuiper, Fleis, Zeits, Tharp, Clous, Lowe and Rademaker arrived at 6:10 p.m. There were 7 guests in attendance along with the Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Medical Director-Daryl Case, Fire Chief-Jim Carroll, Maintenance-Carl Bearinger and Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to approve the Agenda with change. Add Minutes for the September 18, 2007 Workshop under Consent Calendar, Remove item (F) land Split for Sherwin Williams and add item (H) resignation of Kim Hansen-Duell from the Planning Commission Board. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:

County Commissioner Report: Larry Fleis and Dick Thomas updated the Board on the happenings of the County. The County is helping with purchasing of fencing, tractor and beach sand for the park in Kingsley. The Maxbauer lawsuit was settled with the County to save taxpayer monies.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Opper reported that Blair Township had 327 calls for 3rd highest in the County for the month of September.

A presentation from Clyde Johnson on the need for a Water Modeling Program for our Water System. All the information concerning the hydrants, piping etc. can be entered into this program to give us information on where to expand, the weak areas, the flow of the water in the system and much more. This will be requested from the DEQ in the near future. The cost of the system is around \$18,000.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: New state law requirements that Voters must have pictured ID when voting in the Precincts starting with the November 6, 2007 Elections. Odom is with drawing his request to display items out front in the yard. Grand Traverse County Planning 22nd Annual Awards Banquet is Thursday November 1,

2007 at Gilbert Lodge. This is Fire Prevention Week don't forget to change your batteries in your alarm.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to accept the Consent Calendar with change. To pull the Treasurer's report. To approve the following: to pay the Township General fund vouchers # 24559-24644, the Ambulance fund vouchers # 10211-10296, the Fire fund vouchers # 6184-6201, the Trust & Agency Fund vouchers # 1278-1286 for a grand total of \$123,445.93. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1061-1062, the Water fund assessment account voucher # 1165 and the Water fund working account vouchers # 2340-2349 for a grand total of \$25956.56. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2007 and the Special Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2007. To accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Zoning, Water and Supervisor's report for the month of September. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Lowe, DeKuiper, Fleis, Tharp, Clous and Rademaker. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dekuiper explained to the board on the quarterly report that she presented. **Motion by Rademaker supported by Tharp** to accept the Treasurer's Report. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Dekuiper supported by Lowe to amend Ordinance No. 126-06 Sewer Operation and Maintenance Ordinance amendment No. 1-07. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Dekuiper, Fleis, Rademaker, Clous, Tharp, Zeits, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Clous supported by Dekuiper to hire Jon Brief as paid on call EMT as recommended by the Medical Director. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to reappoint Dale Hanson to the Planning Commission Board with term ending 11-20-10. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Dekuiper to amend Resolution No. 2001-12 to set water fees, to change letter (L) to read The Fire Hydrant Rental Fee Shall Be zero (0) from the General Fund. To add letter (N) in accordance with Section 1109 of the Water Ordinance. The percentage amount charged on unpaid balances of the water and rate charges after the due date shall be 5%. To add letter (O) in accordance with Section 1111 of the water ordinance, the percentage amount of 5% shall be added to unpaid Delinquent water and Rate charges on or before October 1st of each year. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Fleis, Lowe, Clous, Zeits, Tharp, Dekuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to add all the delinquent water bills, water assessment, and sewer assessments to the winter tax roll. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Dekuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Rademaker, Tharp, Fleis, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Dekuiper to table the Zeroedin's water REUs appeals for more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to accept Kim Hansen-Duell resignation letter from the Planning Commission Board. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Discussion on closing of the offices on Election Day. The clerk read the excerpt from the Michigan Election Law stating the rules on a polling place and how it is kept separate from the rest of the room and only the persons in the actual process of voting are allowed to be in the voting area. With the new offices located in the same room presents a problem if the offices would be kept opened on Election Day. **Motion by Dekuiper supported by Clous** to close the offices on election day with the employees taking a day off without pay or using (1) of their vacation days. Dekuiper, Zeits, Rademaker, Clous, Tharp, yeas, Lowe, Fleis, nay, 5 yea, 2 nays, Motion carried.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Zoning Administrator announced that Beitner Square will receive an outstanding development award. Discussion on the cost of having (2) public hearings on special use permits and what can be done to save the township on the expenses. Discussion on how long flashing lights on signs should be moving. A special meeting is being called on November 1, 2007 at 2:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous** to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. 7, yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A. Tharp
Township Clerk

Marilyn Fleis
Township Supervisor