

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

April 14, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Approved

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on April 14, 2009 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Pahl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members: Clous, Pahl, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe, Tharp, Zeits were present. There were 10 guests in attendance along with the Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Aaron Plowman-Assessor and Medical Director-Daryl Case.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Marilyn Fleis 5237 Norton Road, Grawn, Michigan 49637 announced that she is running for Cherryland Electric Board of Directors.

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

DECLARATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: County Commissioners Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis were present. They updated the board on the removal of the dams, the ORV Ordinance that the County will be passing and the County Health Department Clinic for children in Kingsley for ages 10-21 years.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Ben McManus reported that Blair Township had 459 calls for the month of March that places them 3rd highest in the County. There have been a lot of larcenies in the area with cars and garages. Please keep your vehicles and garages locked.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: The Treasurer announced that Larry Butcher offered his services to help raise funds for the Blair Township Park. The Supervisor announced that it is time for a clean up on Vance Road. This will be done on April 24th at 4:00 p.m...

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the Minutes of March 10, 18, and 25, 2009 for discussion. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 26265-26364, Ambulance fund vouchers # 11697-11785, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6794-6838, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1355-1361 for a Grand Total of \$489,181.20. To approve the Sewer Working Account Vouchers #1109-1110 the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # none, and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2609-2616 for a total of \$19,446.84, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Report for the month of March. To approve the Special Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2009, March 4, 2009, March 11, 2009, March 25, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Clous, Tharp, Lowe, Pahl, Rademaker, DeKuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Discussion on March 10, 2009 meeting minutes was due to typed errors. March 18, 2009 budget workshop meeting minutes was questioned by Rademaker and DeKuiper on the spending of the State Metro Fund for the Streetlights that are in the Township and they would like the funds to be used for something else like a bike path. March 25, 2009 special meeting minutes was questioned by Marilyn Fleis on the transfer of funds from the water, EMS, and the State Metro fund into the General Fund.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to approve the Minutes of March 10, 18, and 25, 2009. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to table the online bill payments for further information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to table Lamar Advertising Sign issue until we hear back from the attorney. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: David Lemmien Unit Manager from the Department of Natural Resources addressed the board on the DNR position on the ORV Ordinance that the County will be passing. State land is off limits to operate ORVS. The need is there to educate the user group and to be pro active to know where you can and cannot ride your ORV. There are ORV Trails located in Union, Fife Lake and some in Paradise Townships.

Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to adjust the water bill for parcel # 340-003-00 to pay the amount of \$274.96. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe nay, the

billing person should check to see if she can figure out what happened, Tharp nay, Clous yea, 5 yeas, 2 nays, Motion carried.

Larry Butcher representing the Veterans made a presentation on the (8) different plans for a Veterans Memorial proposed to be located in the area of 11th street and Elmwood. John Sych Planning Director for Grand Traverse County made a presentation on the possibility of having a DDA, a type of improvement to the Chum's Corner Area.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to amend Ordinance # 126-06 the Sewage Disposal System as recommended by the Water and Sewer Committee. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to increase the Ambulance Transport Mileage from \$10.00 to \$11.00 per loaded mile, to charge \$65.00 for the following treatments: CPAP, C Spine Immobilization, and increase Intubation/Dual lumen Airway & Intraosseous to \$100.00. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Tharp yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Tharp to purchase a Holmatro Combi Tool, Hose and Pump for the New Road Rescue Ambulance in the amount of \$7,821.60. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to approve the bid from Voice Electric in the amount of \$2,882.00 for the purchase of 20 amps (10) drop cords to plug in trucks. Roll Call Vote: Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe supported by DeKuiper to name the property that was donated by Elmer & Rose Schmuckal to Schmuckal Ridge Nature Preserve. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to send a letter that states 3rd and Final Notice to the water customers that have not made an appointment to have their water meter changed out. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor