

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Special Meeting**

**August 14, 2008**

**Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 5:00 P.M. on August 14, 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: Rademaker, Zeits, Lowe, DeKuiper, Fleis, Tharp, Clous, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Aaron Plowman-Assessor, Maintenance Dept.-Carl Bearinger, and Water Department-Martin Hissem.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to approve the Agenda with change, to add Rate Resolution amendment and Northern Lites water meter above Item D on the Agenda. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to purchase the Sensus Radio Read System with Etna Supply Company for \$298,346.00. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Lowe nay, Tharp yea, 6 yeas, 1 nay, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Tharp** to give the deputy treasurer a merit raise of \$ 1.17 per hour with a budget amendment to transfer the \$1.00 from the deputy clerk's wage line into the deputy treasurer wage line. The deputy treasurer will be taking on the responsibility of the tech person for the machines, ordering of the supplies, the township newsletter and any other misc. tasks that might need help with. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, Clous yea, Fleis yea, Lowe nay, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, 6 yeas, 1 nay, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Fleis** to sign the contract with Mansfield & Associates, Inc, for the Blair Township Master Plan Services, the Blair Township General Consulting Services, and the Standard Contract for Professional Services. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to table the Rate Resolution Amendment and send it to the Water Committee. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to grant the request from Northern Lites to place a meter on their water well to monitor the use for the sewer readings. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Fleis** to dismiss the assessor's clerical assistant for her services are no longer needed at the Township as recommended by the Supervisor and Department Head. 6 yeas, Zeits abstained. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Marilyn Fleis  
Supervisor