

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Special Meeting**

**August 27, 2008**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 8:25 pm on August 27, 2008 at the Township Hall.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** Members: Zeits, DeKuiper, Clous, Lowe, Fleis, Rademaker and Tharp. There were 3 guests present along with Jim Carroll – Fire Chief, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to approve the agenda with change: add amendment to item (b) 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to change the status of Marvel Mallory in the assessing department from part-time to full-time at 40 hrs per week and set her pay at \$11.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Tharp yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Tharp** to adopt the amended Rate Resolution # 2007-17 as presented with changes effective immediately upon adoption. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to pass Resolution # 2008-17 Establishing The Blair Township Fire Department & Creating The Blair Township Fire Administrative Board. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Fleis yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to empower the Fire Administrative Board with the following duties.

- (1) Establish and maintain a fire department, (2) appoint a fire chief and other fire officers required for the proper and efficient operation and maintenance of the fire department, (3) Make and establish rules and regulations for the government of the fire department, (4) Care and manage motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, property and buildings pertaining to the fire department, (5) Prescribe the powers and duties of the fire department employees and officers. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to set the wages for the Fire Administrative Board members, \$120.00 for the Chairman and \$75.00 for the members excluding the Supervisor effective with the September 2008 meeting. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Fleis yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to pursue the creation of a Blair Township Planning Commission. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Zeits supported by Rademaker** that the following: Agriculture; Natural Resources; Recreation; Education; Public Health; Government; Transportation; Industry; Commerce be important segments of the community to be represented by the Blair Township Planning Commission. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** that the Blair Township Planning Commission consist of (7) members who shall be appointed by the Supervisor, subject to approval by a majority vote the Blair Township Board of Trustees. The Planning Commission members shall serve until November 30 of their respective year.7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** that the Blair Township Planning Commission have the powers and duties as stated in Public Act 33 of 2008. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Zeits supported Clous** to adopt Blair Township Planning Commission Ordinance # 131-08 of August 27, 2008. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Fleis yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to adjourn at 8:36 P.M. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A. Tharp  
Township Clerk

Marilyn Fleis  
Township Supervisor