

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**December 9, 2008**

**Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on December 9, 2008 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, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe, Pahl, Zeits and Tharp were present. There were 8 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:** Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak thanked the Board for all of their business and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to approve the Agenda with change, to add the Minutes of the Special Meeting 12-2-08 to the consent calendar and add letter (H) under New Business Contract with Etna. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis discussed where the County Commissioner's meetings will be held for 2009, the parking deck and the misinformation that was in the newspaper. The County Commission appointed Dave Taylor to the County Road Commission as a new member.

**Sheriff's Report:** Not available.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker** to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the Minutes of November 11, 2008 for corrections and to pull the treasurer's report for discussion, to approve the following: General fund vouchers # 25905-26006, Ambulance fund vouchers # 11387-11452, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6596-6634, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1341-1343 for a Grand Total of \$192,603.17. To approve the Sewer Working Account Vouchers #1102-1103, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # none, and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2538-2544 for a total of \$40,485.25 to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor and Water Dept. Report for the month of November. To approve the Special Meeting Minutes for December 2, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Lowe, DeKuiper, Clous, Pahl, Tharp and Zeits. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Discussion to correct the proposed minutes of November 11, 2008 to read under Public Input: Mr. Rademaker asked the Fire Chief Jim Carroll about the status of the Fire Trucks. Mr. Zeits requested that Mr. Rademaker needs to be corrected to read Mr. Zeits for he is the one that asked the Fire Chief. The treasurer stated that she was thankful that she had a good deputy so she can be involved in other areas of the community. Mrs. DeKuiper stated that so she can be involved in other areas of the community be removed from her statement. **Motion by Zeits supported by Clous** to approve the corrected November 11, 2008 Minutes and accept the November Treasurer's report. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, Tharp, yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous** to pass Resolution # 2008-18 for Blair Township Identity Theft Policy as reviewed and recommended by the Township Attorney. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Clous yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to pass Resolution # 2008-19 to authorize Consumers Energy Company to install a street light at Blair Valley and US 31, to make changes in the street lighting service for the Township of Blair. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Zeits supported by Clous** to close the offices on December 25<sup>th</sup> and December 26<sup>th</sup> 2008. 6 yeas, 1 nay Rademaker. Motion carried.

Silver Lake Improvement Association representatives Russ Adams and Jim Lievense made a presentation on the Eurasian Watermilfoil that has infested Silver Lake. **Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to create a special assessment under Public Act 88 of 1954 for the residents on Silver Lake. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, Pahl yea, because there is a need to help with the lake problem. Clous

yea, Rademaker yea, this is a very important issue to see this process through. Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by DeKuiper** to decline the refund of \$2,701.08 for funds that are being held by Traverse City Library for Cherry Capital Cable Council to support Public T.V.7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous** to appoint a committee of Tharp, Pahl, DeKuiper, Case and Carroll to review the employee handbook and present it back to the board. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits** to accept the Grand Traverse County DPW Sewer Budget. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to allow the Township Supervisor to take the guideline and procedures to the Township Attorney and sign the Contract with Etna. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl  
Supervisor