

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting  
February 10, 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 February 10, 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 present: Lowe, Pahl, Zeits, Tharp, Clous, Rademaker and DeKuiper. There were 6 guests present along with the Township Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Assessor-Aaron Plowman and Medical Director-Daryl Case.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** Duane Sanford 621 Autumnview Lane Traverse City, Michigan thanked the board for the street light located at the entrance to Blair Valley Subdivision.

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

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS:** County Commissioner Larry Fleis stated to the board that the county hired a new resource recovery director, formed a sub committee for the septage plant to sort out financial issues, and a report was given on the dams where green money is available from the state and feds for dam removal.

**Sheriff's Report:** Sheriff Tom Bensley reported that Blair Township had 457 calls for the month of January which places Blair in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Pat Pahl announced receiving a letter from Sonya Sanford thanking the board in their support for the Senior Center. Michele Romain sent a letter requesting help with regards to the conditions of Rusch, Garfield, Potter and Hoch Roads. Paula Sagala is requesting the board to pass a resolution to Wolverine Power to move their power lines.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to accept the Consent Calendar as presented: to approve the following: General Fund vouchers #26083-26171, Ambulance Fund vouchers # 11514-11620, Fire & Police Fund vouchers # 6672-6744, Trust & Agency Fund vouchers # 1350-1353 for a grand total of \$426,929.50. To approve the Sewer Bill Fund vouchers # 1105-1106, Sewer Assessment Fund vouchers # none for the month, Water Assessment vouchers # none for the month and the Water Bill Fund vouchers # 2556-2572 for a grand total of \$47,864.14. To accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurers and Water Dept for the month of January 2009. To approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2009 regular Meeting for the Blair Township Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Tharp, Zeits, Pahl, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to table the curbside district recycling Map. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to accept the resignation of Dave Hamlin from the Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker** to appoint Nathan Bildeaux to the Zoning Board of Appeals as the board member and Bill Clous as the alternate. Roll Call

Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl nay, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 6 yeas, 1 nay, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits** to re-appoint David McGee to the Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker** to go into closed session at 6:47 p.m. for possible litigation. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Clous yea, Rademaker yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to come out of closed session at 7:42 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Pahl yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits** to table the sign issue. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker** to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment 104-05-08-08 Section 2.02 Definitions: to add Façade: The front of a building or any face of a building given special architectural treatment which may consist of false, superficial, or artificial appearance or effect. Surface Display Area: The entire area of any sign within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of lettering, representations, emblems or other figures, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the background against which it is placed, Structural members bearing no sign copy shall not be included. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Lowe supported by Tharp** to approve the Census Designated Places in Grawn and Chum's Corner. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Tharp** to approve the meter change out Motion that reads: This Motion shall only apply to premises within the Blair Township Water System having existing Township 5/8" or 1" Badger Water Meters which have been replaced with Township Sensus PMM Radio Read Water Meters. On accounts having a discrepancy greater than 7500 gal between the gallons registered on the old remote reader and the actual gallons registered on the old meter head: in the calculation of the water bill the 2008 base rate of \$1.40 per 1000 gallons shall be used and the tiered rates shall not apply. This shall occur one time and only apply to the water bill calculated for the 30 day billing period in which the meter change out had occurred. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Tharp** to accept the resignation of Eugene Baughan from the Fire Administrative Board. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to appoint Dan DeVau to the Fire Administrative Board. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to pass Resolution #2009-01 Performance Resolution for Governmental Bodies for use of State Trunkline Right of Way. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to appoint Chic Hanson as an alternate to the Board of Review. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to set the following dates for the budget workshops: March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2009. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to appoint Tom Spieles, Fred Schlegel, Dave Wineman, Dennis Fitzpatrick and Roger Zeits to the Blair Township Park Committee and

to place an ad in the Traverse City Record Eagle for two members at large. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Lowe supported by Rademaker** to allow having assessing, tax, special assessment and utility billing information available via a link to BS &A Software on the Website. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous** to accept the recommended changes to the Employee Handbook. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous** to approve the request for the Technical Service Support Agreement in the amount of \$ 2,308.00. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker** to amend the Ambulance Fund Budget to take from Fund Balance \$179,000.00 by increasing Capital Outlay expenditure line by \$177,000.00 and Medical Equipment Repair line by 2, 000.00. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Information was given to the board members on the time line for the Silver Lake Special Assessment District.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Pahl supported by Rademaker to adjourn at 8:17 P.M. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A. Tharp  
Township Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl  
Township Supervisor