

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Regular Meeting
January 13, 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 January 13, 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: DeKuiper, Lowe, Pahl, Zeits, Tharp and Clous. Rademaker was excused. There were 6 guests present along with the Township Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Medical Director-Daryl Case, Water Department-Martin Hisem and Engineer-Clyde Johnson.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to approve the agenda as presented. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS: County Commissioners Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis were present. They updated the board on the organizational meeting that was held on January 2, 2009 and Dick Thomas was appointed the Chair, Larry Inman as Vice Chair. They would like input from the townships on where the County Commissioners should hold their meetings.

Sheriff's Report: Officer Ben McManus reported that Blair Township had 421 calls for the month of December which places Blair in 3rd place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the Minutes of the special meeting December 24, 2008 for corrections and to pull the Zoning Report for discussion, to approve the following: General Fund vouchers #26007-26082, Ambulance Fund vouchers # 11453-11513, Fire & Police Fund vouchers # 6635-6671, Trust & Agency Fund vouchers # 1344-1349 for a grand total of \$111,002.27. To approve the Sewer Bill Fund vouchers # 1104, Sewer Assessment Fund vouchers # none for the month, Water Assessment vouchers # 1182 and the Water Bill Fund vouchers # 2545-2555 for a grand total of \$24,151.78. To accept the EMS, Fire Assessing, Supervisor and Water Dept for the month of December 2008. To approve the Minutes of the December 9, 2008 Regular Meeting for the Blair Township Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, DeKuiper, Clous, Pahl, Zeits, Tharp. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to correct and approve the minutes on the December 24, 2008 Special Meeting by adding to the Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to amend the Fire/Police Budget to take from Fund Balance by increasing Capital Outlay expenditure line by \$197,090.00 and Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to amend the Fire/Police Budget by increasing the Fire Equipment expenditure line by \$84,614.00. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Zeits, Clous, Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Sara Kopriva updated the board on zoning situations. **Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to accept the Zoning Report. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to table the Curbside district recycling map. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Assessor Aaron Plowman updated the board on the Cherryland Electric Tax Tribunal Case that dates back to the year 1999. **Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to have Attorney Thomas Grier to sign the Consent Judgment on behalf of Blair Township that applies to the 1999 tax year involving Cherryland Electric. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Lowe, Clous, Tharp, DeKuiper, Pahl, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to appoint the Township Supervisor Pat Pahl and the Assessor Aaron Plowman as liaison for the Township for all of Cherryland Electric Tax Tribunals. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to amend the General Fund Budget to create a specific line item under expenditures for the Tax Tribunals Refund Ordered for \$14,760.00. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, DeKuiper, Pahl, Clous, Zeits, Tharp, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to contract with Gosling Czubak for the test well on hilltop at \$8,260.00 and have the Supervisor sign the contract. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Tharp, DeKuiper, Pahl, Zeits, Lowe, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Clous to reappoint Carl Kucera to the Board of Review term ending 12/31/2010. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to participate in the Solid Waste Review at no cost. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to approve Amendment 104-05-08-07 Article 15, the schedule of regulation to match the recent amendment to the Agricultural Zoning District changes. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Lowe, Zeits, Clous, Tharp, DeKuiper, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Tharp to approve Amendment 104-05-08-05 Section 21.03 Standards for approval for site plan review as recommended by the Planning Commission Board. This removes text regarding storm water controls and clears up language about what types of roads the standards apply to. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, DeKuiper, Lowe, Pahl, Clous, Tharp, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: County Commissioner Larry Fleis commented on an accident starting in one township and ending up in another. Trustee Lowe commented on the Auditor's report on how well maintained the books were kept. Daryl Case updated the board on the final inspection on the new ambulance.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion by Pahl supported by Clous** to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A. Tharp
Township Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Township Supervisor