

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
May 12, 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 May 12, 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: Pahl, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe, Tharp, Zeits and Clous were present. There were 10 guests in attendance along with the Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Aaron Plowman-Assessor, Medical Director-Daryl Case and Maintenance Department-Carl Bearinger.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

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 REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: County Commissioners Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis were present. They updated the board on the ORV Ordinance that the County will be passing, the T.C. District Library will be cancelling contracts with the following Libraries: Interlochen, Fife Lake and Old Mission and BATA has a new executive director.

Sheriff's Report: Written report was given by supervisor Pahl. Blair Township had 481 calls for the month of April that places them 2nd highest in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the Minutes of April 14, 2009 for discussion. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 26365-26445, Ambulance fund vouchers # 11786-11887, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6839-6908, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1362-1364 for a Grand Total of \$173,762.77. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1111 the Sewer Assessment Voucher # 1024, the Water fund vouchers # 1183-1184 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2617-2628 for a total of \$277,853.93 to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Report for the month of April. To approve the Special Meeting Minutes for April 8 & 22, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Clous, Lowe, DeKuiper, Pahl, Tharp and Zeits. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Treasurer DeKuiper pulled the Minutes of April 14, 2009 for discussion. She questioned the word "need" under the statement that John Synch Planning Director for the Grand Traverse County made a presentation on the need of having a DDA, after much discussion **Motion by Pahl supported by Clous** to approve the Minutes of April 14, 2009 with the following change: to change the word "need" to the possibility of having a DDA. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to pass Resolution # 2009-06 to allow the acceptance of payment by credit cards. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Pahl, DeKuiper, Clous, Lowe, Tharp, and Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to send the Service Provider Agreement for charge cards to legal council for opinions and then back to the board. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to go into closed session for possible litigation at 6:35 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Zeits, Lowe, DeKuiper, Pahl, Tharp, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to come out of closed session at 6:45 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Tharp, Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe to support the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition for Independence Day Fireworks in the amount of \$1,322.96. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Tharp, Zeits, Pahl, Clous, Rademaker, DeKuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe to approve the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend a workshop in Gaylord on accounting, and the uniform chart of accounts for \$178.00. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Clous, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Zeits, Lowe, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to request proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants for our audit ending June 30, 2009. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to pass Resolution # 2009-07 to set Sewer Fees. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper, Lowe, Rademaker, Pahl, Tharp, Clous, Zeits, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to amend the March 25, 2009 Meeting Minutes for the State Metro Funds, to change the amount of \$36,000.00 to \$10,000.00 to pay for Street lighting and to add the word present to the Roll Call: Members: Lowe, Pahl, Zeits, Clous, Tharp, present, DeKuiper and Rademaker was excused. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Pahl, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Zeits, Lowe, Tharp. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Pahl supported by Tharp to close off the following roads in Blair Township to ORVs: Blair Town hall E. of M-37, Hoosier Valley Rd, Mill Rd. E of M-37, Vance Rd., Schneider Rd, Johnson Rd, Nimrod Rd. at the end of pavement, and Clous Rd end of pavement. Roll Call Vote: Zeits nay, DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Lowe nay, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, Rademaker nay, 4 yeas, 3 nays, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to approve amendment # 104-05-08-06 Streets and Trail Connectivity to create regulations for gates across roads. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Clous, Zeits, Tharp, Lowe, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Lowe to approve amendment # 104-05-09-01 amending Section 2.02 Definitions of the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance and add Sections 18.47 Wind energy Systems, 18.48 Small Wind Energy Systems 35 feet in height or less, and 18.49 Large Wind Energy Systems, Small Wind Energy Systems over 35 feet in height and Anemometer Tower to the Blair Township Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Rademaker, Pahl, Lowe, Tharp, Zeits, DeKuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to approve amendment 104-05-09-02 changes to Section 20.03.3 Development Entry Signs and add a new # 4 to Section 20.03 for real Estate Development Signs. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Lowe, DeKuiper, Clous, Pahl, Rademaker, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported Clous to send the Master Plan back to the Planning Commission Board. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to purchase EMS Electronic software not to exceed \$5,461.00 the monthly fee. Motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to move the EMS Electronic Software to the bottom of the agenda so the Medical Director can get more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to approve the purchase of a Physio Control Lifepak 15 Monitor Defibrillator in the amount of \$28,125.66 for the EMS Department. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Tharp, Zeits, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe, Pahl. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to amend Ordinance # 120-05 Emergency Services Charges Ordinance and to publish the Ordinance in its entirety. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Clous, Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe, Tharp, Zeits. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to pass Resolution # 2009-08 to set Fees for Blair Township Emergency Services Charge Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Pahl, Tharp, Clous, Rademaker, Zeits, DeKuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to send a member of the Fire Department to Fire Inspector School. for a cost of \$2,185.00. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, DeKuiper, Clous, Lowe, Tharp, Zeits, Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to promote Don Smith to 2nd Lieutenant. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to pass a Policy: Response to Reported Gas Leaks or Smell of Gas for the Blair Township Emergency Services. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to pass a Policy: Carbon Monoxide Detector Activation Response for the Blair Township Emergency Services. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to table the purchase of Electronic Documentation Software for the EMS Department for more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor