

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 9, 2008**  
**Approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on September 9, 2008 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Fleis.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Members: Fleis, Zeits, DeKuiper, Tharp, Rademaker, Clous and Lowe were present. There were 9 guests in attendance along with the Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Aaron Plowman-Assessor, Medical Director-Daryl Case and Water Department-Martin Hissem.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** Fran Schneider 1577 Ewing Street, Grawn, MI 49673 asked the board for help in getting street lights, traffic lights and speed limits signs in and around the village of Grawn for the safety of the residents in the area.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to approve the Agenda with change, to add item (E) Resource Recycle Report, add item (F) Water System Looping and remove item (C) re-appointment to fire board. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis discussed with the township issues concerning Resource Recovery, road improvement, the schedule for dropping off household waste, the cost of implementing 211 calls and the County's Budget is being worked on.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Ben McManus reported that there were 509 calls for the month of August which places Blair Township in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the county.

**Traverse City Chamber of Commerce Report:** Traverse City Chamber of Commerce made a presentation and what they had to offer to the township in services. They are the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the State of Michigan and they promote growth and jobs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Roseannah Keith 1700 County Rd 633, Grawn, MI 49637 expressed her concern on the basketball hoop that is on Ewing Street and the children that play in the Streets.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull item # 12 declare surplus for discussion, to approve the following: General fund vouchers # 256500-25726, Ambulance fund vouchers # 11156-11221, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6479- 6502, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1322-1332 for a Grand Total of \$248,229.04. To approve the Sewer Working Account Vouchers #1093-1095, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # 1178 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2490-2502 for a total of \$10,102.60 to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Water Dept. and Treasurers Report for the month of August. To approve the Special Meeting Minutes for August 14 & 27, 2008 and the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, DeKuiper, Fleis, Rademaker, Clous, Tharp, Zeits. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to declare the following items as surplus and discard as junk: Shop Vac series 921, and a calculator by victor brand name 1460. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Rademaker supported by Tharp to raise the mileage from \$9.50 per loaded mile to \$10.00 per loaded mile and raise the current rate for oxygen from \$25.00 to \$40.00 as recommended by the Medical Director. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Zeits, Lowe, DeKuiper, Fleis, Tharp and Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Fleis** to hire Shawn Bottomley and Edward Draper as full-time paramedics and firefighters as recommended by the interviewed committee. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker** to hire Becky Davis as the part-time pool paramedic. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to hire Ed Running as a full-time paramedic/firefighter when the budget will allow it. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to make adjustments and or amendments with the help from the auditor, to amend the Fire Budget by decreasing the revenues by \$2,750.00 and decreasing the expenditures by 4,775.00 to add to fund balance. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Resource Recovery Presentation:** Mike Fiebing made a presentation concerning Resource Recovery. A surcharge will be expiring at the end of the year. What will happen to recycling? There is a Public Act 69 that could place a charge up to \$24.99 per year on everyone tax bill. State requires that some sort of plan for recycling is in place in the County. Some townships are passing a resolution for curb side pick-up. There will be more information after the September 24, 2008 meeting. No action was taken.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to contract for services with Gosling Czubak to Design the water main on Vance Road from M-37 to Woodbury Estates and the Valley Truck loop for \$7,760.00 and include the MDEQ permitting process. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Fleis, DeKuiper, Tharp, Rademaker, Lowe, Zeits, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Larry Fleis 5237 Norton Road, Grawn, MI 49637 gave the board information on an area cemetery that leaves the Veterans Flag up from Memorial Day through Veterans Day and how breath taking it is to see the Flags blowing in the wind. He complimented the clerk on the services she has done for the community beyond her call of duty. He also complimented the treasurer on her treasurer's report that is always ready for the board meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Marilyn Fleis  
Supervisor