

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2008
Proposed

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on October 14, 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: Zeits, DeKuiper, Tharp, Rademaker, Clous, Lowe and Fleis 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 Clous supported by Tharp to approve the Agenda with change, to add under presentations Chris Buday and Rich Powell and add letter (N) under New Business Fire Department Patches. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT

County Commissioner's Report: Dick Thomas discussed the world's finances with the township and that the County is reducing their Budget to stay within the working of the budget.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Ben McManus reported that there were 498 calls for the month of September which places Blair Township in 3rd place in the county.

Mansfield and Associates: Rob from Mansfield and Associated updated the board on the future Land Use and Zoning Plan for Blair Township.

Grand Traverse County DPW: Chris Buday made a presentation on the Budget for the area (6) townships that are involved in a Sewer Budget with Grand Traverse County DPW. The Budget is on a calendar year January through December. A formula is used by the Townships, changes are made through the process of the (6) townships, Garfield, Acme, East Bay, Elmwood, Peninsula and Blair.

Web Master Report: Rich Powell, Blair Township Web Master presented to the board information on the use of the number of hits that our website receives in a year. MTA praised the website and recommends our site as a model website. Rich will be checking on some new ideas in up grading the website even more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: There will be a Keynote Speaker, Pat Zigarmi a leadership expert to talk with candidates at Molly's Café in Interlochen an open forum from 2-4 to meet local and state candidates in the area.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the treasurer's report for discussion, to approve the following: General fund vouchers # 25727-25811, Ambulance fund vouchers # 11222-11289, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6503- 6535, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1333-1339 for a Grand Total of \$149,670.72. To approve the Sewer Working Account Vouchers #1096, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # 1179 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2503-2517 for a total of \$16,433.30 to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor and Water Dept. Report for the month of September. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Clous, Zeits, Tharp, Lowe, Fleis, DeKuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits to accept the Treasurer's Report. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to continue to stay with the drop-off recycling station in Blair Township. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Lowe supported by Rademaker to waive the penalty in full for CTC Real Estate Associates for they never received their statement. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Tharp nay, this will be setting a precedent, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper nay same reason as stated by Tharp, Fleis nay same reason as stated, Clous yea, 4 yeas, 3 nays, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe to have the offices opened on November 3, 2008. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits to grant a (1) year extension to Belangers for fire hydrants. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to deny the request for Street Lights on the corner of Adam Lane and Blair Townhall Road for it is a private road and should have a special assessment as other areas have done. Rademaker nay, Tharp yea, DeKuiper nay, Clous yea, Lowe nay, Zeits yea, Fleis yea, 4 yeas, 3 nays Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Tharp to contact Cherryland Electric and MDOT about installing a Street Light on the corner of M-37 and Blair Valley. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to roll over the delinquent Water Bills, Water Assessments and Sewer Assessments to the Winter Tax Roll. Roll Call Vote: Fleis, DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Tharp, Clous, Rademaker, yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to amend Resolution # 2007-17 to remove Section C from the miscellaneous customer service fee. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Clous, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Fleis, Tharp, Zeits, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to table the electrical in the pole barn until the budget workshops. 2 yeas, Tharp, Clous 5 nays, Rademaker, Zeits, Fleis, Lowe, DeKuiper, Motion failed.

Motion by Lowe supported by Rademaker to approve the request for the electrical in the pole barn for \$3,706.89. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Tharp nay, Clous yea, Fleis yea, Rademaker yea, 1 nay, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Lowe to hire Chris Doombos as a paid on call member for EMS. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to accept the resignations of April Pierce, Amy Luther, Keith Fritz, Joe Babik and Bryan Snyder as recommended by the Medical Director. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by DeKuiper to table the Cherryland Electric Loan Agreement until the attorneys looks at it. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to add the following financial institutions to our list of Banks: Bank of Northern MI, Citizens Bank, m Bank, TBA Credit Union and East Traverse Catholic Federal Credit Union. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp, Rademaker, Fleis, Zeits yeas, Motion carried

Discussion on the Park Committee: DeKuiper would like to see the park committee more involved in the happenings in the park. They are a committee of (5) who recommends to the township board at the request of the supervisor. The board meets to discuss the items that are brought to their attention.

Motion by Fleis supported by DeKuiper to accept the Fire Chief recommendations for the new designs patches. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Daryl Case likes to keep the open communications with the boards. Duane Sanford commends Sherwin Williams on their establishments and the hard work going into Blair Township maintenance in keeping the open space of green grass and flowers.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Zeits supported by Clous to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Marilyn Fleis
Supervisor