

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2009
Approved

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 6:00 P.M. on March 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: Zeits, Clous, Pahl, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe, were present. Tharp was excused. There were 8 guests in attendance along with Medical Director-Daryl Case, Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Assessor Aaron Plowman, Webmaster Rich Powell, and Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits to approve the Agenda with change. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT

County Commissioner's Report: Dick Thomas stated that the City of Traverse City is discussing the possibility of having the police and fire taken over by the county. This would need to be approved by the sheriff. Dick Thomas stated that it was not a good thing in the past, Larry Fleis agreed. Larry Fleis stated there will be a special meeting on Thursday March 12, 2009 at 6 p.m. on the 2010 strategic plan. They are still working on the dams, Peterson who owns the hydro equipment wants to remove it.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Ben McManus stated there were 450 calls in February up from 386 last year. The calls included traffic accidents, drunk driving, and minor in possession, criminal and resulted in 45 arrests.

Sheriff Tom Bensley spoke about the cop grant program to add a second community officer for the township. This would be a four year program with yearly increases. Part of the cost would be received from federal stimulus money. The four year program would cost the township \$97,274.00, with annual payments of \$24,319.00. It would be possible to split this with another township. Applications for this program will be accepted March 16th through April 13th. He would prefer to have an answer or a strong indication of interest by April 6th. The county has agreed to similar program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Blair Township will hold a special meeting on March 25, 2009 at 6 p.m. concerning the special assessment for Silver Lake. We received a thank you note from Lori Snyder for allowing her to park at the township. Dale Hanson wants the township to create a disc golf course at the Pere Marquette Forest.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Lowe supported by Clous: to accept the Consent Calendar to approve the following: General fund vouchers # 26172-26264, Ambulance fund vouchers # 11621-11696, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6745-6793, Trust & Agency fund vouchers # 1354, for a Grand Total of \$368,436.11. To approve the Sewer Working Account Vouchers #1107-1108, and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2573-2608 for a total of \$79,886.87, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Water Dept, and Treasurer report. To approve the minutes of February 10, 2009. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, and Pahl yea. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker: to table online bill payment. 6 Yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Lowe: to adopt resolution # 2009-02 Hazard Mitigation Plan . Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, , DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Pahl supported by Zeits: to negotiate a split with TCAPS on Tax Collection Agreement Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker: to pass Resolution # 2009-03 on special assessment for Silver lake to control Eurasion Milfoil. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous: to declare the following items as surplus junk tag # 1492 generic computer, #1618 Compaq computer, #1377 paper shedder, #1515 Gateway computer, #1408 HP printer, #2006 Xerox copier, #1671 HP printer, S/N 21513371 HP computer, S/N 35189407 Gateway computer, S/N 35189408 Gateway computer, and S/N GFE022402 Xerox copier,. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Pahl supported by Zeits: to table declaring Roll top desk as surplus until policy is checked about putting it out for bids. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Special Use Gun Shop –Public hearing opened by Supervisor Pahl at 7:27. Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on February 23, 2009. Post cards were sent to all property owners within a 300’ radius of property on February 20, 2009. No verbal or written correspondence for or against have been received. Public hearing was closed at 7:40 by Supervisor Pahl. **Motion by Pahl supported by Zeits:** to approve **Case SU/SPR # 09-01-01** because it meets the conditions of section 22.04 as recommend by the planning commission, The same conditions that the planning commission approved shall be met with the addition that the special use shall be contained in the 10 by 12 foot accessory building that is currently on site, also he must meet Blair Township Fire chiefs site plan review Roll Call Vote: Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous: to accept Alpers bid on the Grouse Drive water main extension. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea,, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea,6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits: to accept Ramers bid on Hilltop test well. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea,. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Lowe: not to pay TC Talus bill for Grand Vision: Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe supported by DeKuiper: To accept the resignation of Becky Davis from EMS/ Fire 6 yeas, motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits: To terminate Melissa Wolf from EMS/Fire due to noncompliance. 6 yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Rademaker: to accept the resignation of Bill Tharp from the park committee. The Board would like to thank Bill for his many years of service. 6 Yeas, motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker: to grant Wuerful Park Fireworks Request. 6 yeas, motion carried.

Discussion on creating a DDA for Chums Corner: Sara Kopriva would plan a meeting with business owners to discuss their thoughts on the idea. If there are in favor would they be willing to pick up some of the cost.

Motion by Pahl supported by Clous: to table the sale of the International Ambulance until research is done on if it is legal to sell to another governmental agency without it going out for bids.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous: to accept Mesick Intercept Agreement, 6 yeas, motion carried.

OLD BUSSNESS: Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper: to keep Curbside District Recycling Map as it is. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker: to go into closed session. at 8:39 Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea. 6 yeas, motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker: To come out of closed session at 9:13 Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, 6 yeas, motion carried

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker: to have the attorney go into a negotiated settlement with Lamar. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, 6 yeas, motion carried .

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Zeits supported by Clous: to adjourn at 9:20p.m. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Emily A Weller
Deputy Clerk

Patrick Pahl
Supervisor