

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Regular Meeting
December 8, 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 December 8, 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, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker, Clous, and Lowe. Tharp was excused. There were 6 guests present along with the Township Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, and Medical Director-Daryl Case.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Was heard from Clyde Johnson, and John Sych.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Clous supported by Lowe to approve the agenda with a change in the order of presentation. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS: Sheriff's Report: Officer Ben McManus reported that Blair Township had 500 calls for the month of November which places Blair 3rd in the county.

County Commissioners Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis were present. They spoke on the Tart Trail Study. The county commissioners turned down their request for money to extend the trail. The City of Traverse City and Garfield Township have agreed to give money to the trail but without the county commissioners approval the extension will not happen. It is possible the commissioners could reconsider their decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from the Jon Brief family thanking the Township for the use of the park for a benefit for Jon. The park rental was paid by donation.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to accept the Consent Calendar: to approve the following: General Fund vouchers #26963-27033, Ambulance Fund vouchers # 12405-12460, Fire & Police Fund vouchers #7199-7227, Trust & Agency Fund vouchers # none for a grand total of \$147,487.63. To approve the Sewer Bill Fund vouchers # 1128, Sewer Assessment Fund vouchers # none, Water Assessment vouchers # none and the Water Bill Fund vouchers # 2723-2733 for a grand total of \$17,428.01. To accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Supervisor and Water Dept reports for the month of November, 2009. To approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2009 study workshop, and the November 10, 2009 regular Meeting for the Blair Township Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Rademaker, Clous, Pahl, Lowe, DeKuiper, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to go into closed session on the Lamar Proposed Settlement at 6:06 pm. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Lowe, DeKuiper, Zeits, Rademaker, Clous, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Pahl explained the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing and the Deputy Clerk stated that the Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on November 20, 2009, postcards were mailed to the property owners within 300'. There were no correspondences or phone calls for or against the Public Hearing on the Special Use Permit received as of the meeting. Public Hearing opened at 6:55 pm. Larry Hofmeister for A & E Crane and Sign presented his request for a Special Use Permit on the property located at 1230 M 37 S, Traverse City, MI 49684. There were no comments for or against the Special Use Permit. Public Hearing closed at 6:57 pm. **Motion by Pahl supported by Zeits** to grant the Special Use Permit for property # 28-02-008-001-30 on the outdoor display with the following conditions (1) only two changeable letter signs on display. (2) Display area to be 12' X 12' area adjacent to the Pole sign, with only changeable letter signs. (3) 5' maximum height on display's (4) No flashing or lighting of signs. (5) No advertising on signs. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker nay, Clous yea, Pahl yea, Lowe nay, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, 4 yeas, Motion carried. **Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous** to grant the Special Use outdoor storage area within a 6' high fenced area. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Zeits, DeKuiper, Pahl, Lowe, Rademaker, 6 yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to Transfer \$ 59,498.53 from Sewer Fund to the General Fund for money used from the General Fund for the Feasibility Study in 2004 and the money paid to Martec Land Services. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to have two SCBA Scott Air-Paks upgraded by West Shore Fire at the cost of \$ 2,932.20. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Pahl to deny request for forgiveness on water bill at 5473 Brentwood. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe supported by Clous to deny waiver request from A & E Crane and Sign on sewer connection as per Section 6 of Sewer Ordinance, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper To amend Sewer Ordinance 126-06 to add to the end of Section 4, Deferral, a through h. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits To amend Sewer Ordinance 126-06 Section 4 under Billing and under Enforcement. 6yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to amend Sewer Resolution #2009-07 Item (F) Billing Period, Item (G) Late fees, and Item (I) Delinquent amount to be rolled over. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Clous, Pahl, Lowe, DeKuiper, Zeits, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to amend Water Ordinance 128-07 Section 1116 (d) Interest 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe supported by Rademaker To declare old fence around dumpster surplus, 6 yeas, Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Was heard from Larry Hofmeister, Marilyn Fleis, and Larry Fleis.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Pahl adjourned the meeting at 7:53 P.M

Emily Weller
Deputy Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Township Supervisor