

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

April 13, 2010

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 April 13, 2010 at the Township Hall and was called to order by Supervisor Pahl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Members: Clous, Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker were present. There were 16 guests in attendance along with the Zoning Administrator - Sara Kopriva, Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Medical Director-Daryl Case and Fire Chief- Jim Carroll.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Public comment was heard from Glenn Lile East Bay Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to** approve the agenda with change. Add item (F) Boy Scouts Fire Works to the agenda, add Dave Taylor under Traverse City County Commissioners Report, Add Library Committee Report under Commission on Aging. 7 years, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: County Commissioners Thomas and Fleis indicated that the Grand Traverse County Parks and Rec will be taking over the Baseball league from the American Legion Baseball Organization. The County Board of Commissioners is not in favor of a special assessment for the septage plant.

County Rd Commissioner's Report: Dave Taylor reported that he is not in favor of the County taking over baseball from the American Legion. The County Rd Commission will be placing a request for 1 mill on the November ballot for road maintenance.

Community Police Officer's Report: Deputy McManus reported that Blair Township had 473 complaints for the month of March and places Blair 3rd in the County.

Grand Traverse Resource Recovery Presentation: Bob Osterhout Resource Recovery Manager made a presentation on GBB Solid Waste Services Study. It is an international management consulting firm that helps public and private sector organizations. **Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to get RFP's out to the haulers seeking prices for Solid Waste. 7 years, Motion carried.

Presentation for Eagle Scout Aaron Olsen. Supervisor Pahl presented a Certificate to Eagle Scout Aaron Olsen on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Cake and Punch was served on his behalf. The board recessed at 6:45 p.m.

The Board of Trustees reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Commission on Aging Report: Eugene Baughan 400 Heartland Dr. Traverse City, MI 49684 made a presentation on behalf of Commission on Aging for Grand Traverse County. They are asking for a renewal of 5 mills, they do not receive any State or Federal Funding and need to raise \$5,500.00 to be able to place this on the November ballot.

Blair Library Committee Report: Jim Pascoe president of the Blair Library Committee presented a brochure for the Board of Trustees to approve to place in with the Township Newsletter. **Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker** to approve the brochure with change: to read the proposed site is a portion of land located close to the Township, and the Library Committee will pay the difference in mailing the brochure with the newsletter and taxes. 6 years, 1 nay Lowe, Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Supervisor Pahl stated the Township published a notice of intent to file an application with Rural Development for Water System improvements on March 5, 2010. We did not receive any public comments and we plan to move forward with the application to fund the Water System improvement including a transmission water main and ground storage tank.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 27255-27338, Ambulance fund vouchers # 12689-12776, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 7349-7383, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1418-1438 for a Grand Total of \$461,466.26. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1143-1146, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # none and the Water Bill Working Account vouchers # 2777-

2790 for a total of \$17,933.00, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Reports for the month of March 2010. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2010 and to approve the Budget Workshop Meetings for March 3, and March 10, 2010. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp, Zeits, Rademaker, Clous and Pahl, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: **Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to approve Alternative B for Blair Township Sanitary Sewer System Expansion as recommended by the Sewer and Water Committee. RCV: DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Zeits yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to contract for service with Gosling Czubak for the East Silver Lake Sanitary Sewer Extension in the amount of \$56,200.00, with (2) changes Standard Insurance and after 40 hrs. of work at one job site then overtime. RCV: Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to waive the 5 REU's requirement and grant a deferral for Grand Traverse Investors parcel # 28-02-685-006-00 for the sewer Charges. The deferral is to follow all conditions that apply in the Blair Township's Sewer Ordinance. RCV: Clous yea, Tharp, yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to deny the requested change in the Sewer REU's on parcel # 28-02-685-006-00 on the advice of the Blair Sewer & Water Committee findings. RCV: Clous yea, Tharp yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe to appoint Jim Templin to the Township Board of Review. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to allow sending (3) employees of the Fire Department to training at a cost not to exceed \$975.00. RCV: Lowe yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker to allow the Boy Scouts to have fire works on May 1st, 2010 with conditions that the residents on Cone Tree be notified and signed signatures to be presented to the supervisor. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor