

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

August 11, 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 August 11, 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: Tharp, Pahl, Lowe, Zeits, Clous, DeKuiper, Rademaker, was present. There were 5 guests in attendance along with the Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator- Sara Kopriva, and Aaron Plowman-Assessor.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to approve the agenda as presented. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: County Commissioners Thomas and Fleis updated the board on the Public Hearing that will take place for the ORVs. Books were handed out for the Strategic Plan for the County. The County is now working on the budget for next year.

Sheriff's Report: Supervisor Pahl reported that Blair Township had 484 complaints for the month of July and places Blair in 3rd place in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Supervisor Pahl named Roger Zeits Trustee the unconfirmed mowing cop who is getting places in Blair Township mowed. Supervisor Pahl also thanked everyone who helped with clean up in Hoosier Valley.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 26618-26702 Ambulance fund vouchers # 12046-12137 Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6989-7049, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1374-1380 for a Grand Total of \$167,859.56, To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1120 the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # 1186 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2664-2684 for a total of \$110,870.55, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Report for the month of July. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Clous, DeKuiper, Lowe, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker and Tharp. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to table the fees for Wind Turbines for more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to repeal Ordinance NO. 134-09 of 2009 in its entirety. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Pahl yea, Zeits yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to pass the Right of Way Ordinance No. 135-09 of 2009. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to table the Right of way Ordinance for more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe to contract with Baird, Cotter and Bishop, P.C. for the Township Audit for (1) one year at the cost of \$7,800. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Tharp nay, Zeits nay, Lowe yea, Pahl nay, Rademaker yea, 4 yeas, 3 nays, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to grant the request for naming of a private road in Section 15 off Blair Townhall Rd to Nimrod Rd parcel # 28-02-015-009-50 to Bonfire TRL. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Clyde Johnson from Gosling Czubak made a presentation on the Water System Expansion.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to amend the Water Rate Resolution to establish an availability of \$25.00 per front foot fee on Grouse Drive West of M-37 and East of Northern Estates. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to terminate Josh Morgan and James Foley from the Fire Department due to lack of participation on calls and not fulfilling the training requirements. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to purchase fire gear in the amount of \$2,289.00 for a new employee as recommended by the Fire Admin Board. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to hire Geoff Miller as on call Fire Department Member. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Jim Carroll Fire Chief updated the board on the inspections that he did at the Northwestern Michigan Fair.

ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor