

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
January 12, 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 January 12, 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: Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker, Clous, Lowe, DeKuiper and Tharp were present. There were 12 guests in attendance along with the Zoning Administrator - Sara Kopriva, Fire Chief-Jim Carroll and Assessor-Aaron Plowman.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard from Larry Fleis 5237 Norton Rd, Grawn, MI and Brenda DeKuiper Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Tharp 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 stated that there is a committee studying on how the commissioners do things, example: instead of (4) committee meetings per month have (2), to make meetings pass quicker. Purchase of taser guns for \$58,000.00. Mr. Fleis stated that the City Board of Commissioners are howling about paying more for city taxes, need more police coverage, and that the County charges the city way less for taking care of central records.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy McManus reported that Blair Township had 463 complaints for the month of December and places Blair 3rd place in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 27034-27123, Ambulance fund vouchers # 12461-12541, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 7228-7266, Trust & Agency fund vouchers,(none) for a Grand Total of \$145,116.96. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1129-1131, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # 1189 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2734-2748 for a total of \$19,475.49 to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Reports for the month of December 2009. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for December 8, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Clous, Pahl, Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp and Zeits. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to pay \$125.00 toward creating a web site for the area business. RCV: Clous, Tharp, Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, and Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe supported by Rademaker to appoint Bill Clous to the Planning Commission Board to fill out the rest of term until 11-30-2012. RCV: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper nay because the existing board is not strong enough, Rademaker yea, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, 6 yeas, 1 nay Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to set the Budget Workshop Dates: March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, from 9: am to 12:00 noon. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to approve the request from Don Schmuckal requesting a 2% Tribal Grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians for Boots For Kids. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to approve Geocache at Schmuckal Ridge Nature Preserve and send a letter of appreciation to Aaron Olsen for all of his work at the site. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Discussion on the Capital Improvement Draft Plan that will be presented to the Planning Commission. Add a New Blair Complex under the project detail. The Zoning Administrator did a good job in preparing this presentation

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to send the Masonry Standards back to the Planning Commission for review. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to allow sending Jerry Heim to a required training not to exceed the cost of \$209.97. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to amend the Blair Township Fire Prevention Ordinance No. 124-06 in Section 103.1, 103.2, and Section 6. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to declare surplus the following equipment: 1 ProElite Treadmill, 1Tunturi exercise bike, and 1 Body press/lat machine. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard from Carl Kucera.

ADJOURNMENT: adjournment at 7:21 p.m.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor