

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2009
2:00 P.M.
Approved

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Blair Township Board of Trustees was held at 2:00 P.M. on July 14, 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: DeKuiper, Tharp, Pahl, Lowe, Zeits, Clous were present. Rademaker unexcused. There were 5 guests in attendance along with the Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, Aaron Plowman-Assessor and Medical Director-Daryl Case.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Duane Sanford 621 Autumn View Lane Traverse City, Michigan 49684 supports the supervisor 100% for having an investigation on the septage plant people need to be accountable. Russell Wothe 3288 Nimrod Road Traverse City, Michigan 49684 has seen the community develop and would like to see a speed limit posted on Nimrod where people can be safe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to approve the agenda as presented. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: County Commissioners were not present no report available.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Ben McManus reported that Blair Township had 512 complaints for the month of June that places them 3rd highest in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Supervisor Pahl received a letter from resident Sonja Sanford thanking the board for pursuing the Lamar sign issues.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to accept the Consent Calendar with change: to pull the Fire report for discussion. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 26527-26617 Ambulance fund vouchers # 11959-12045, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 6951-6988, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1368-1373 for a Grand Total of \$166,935.12 To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1117-1119 the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # 1185 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2647-2663 for a total of \$60,232.99, to accept the EMS, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Report for the month of June. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Clous, DeKuiper, Lowe, Pahl, Zeits. 6 yeas, Motion carried. Fire Chief Jim Carroll explained to the board that he filled out a grant application for a new station on the other side of the township. It may take up to a year for the grant to be awarded and what are the stipulations that the grant may want. Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to approve the Fire Department Report. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to have the Zoning Administrator distributes the final draft of the master plan to the area townships. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Supervisor Pahl updated the board on the Septage Plant investigation problems and the possibility of it affecting our residents with talk of a special assessment.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to grant the waiver exempt request for sewer hook-up from Don and Rita Smith parcel # 28-02-009-013-00. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to grant the waiver exempt request for sewer hook-up from Members Credit Union until the property is occupied. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to table the request on the naming of a road located North of Blair Townhall Road. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Lowe to hire Baird Cotter & Bishop for the annual audit for three years. No support, Motion died.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to continue with Tobin and Company for the year end audit. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, DeKuiper nay, Clous nay, Lowe nay, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, Motion was tied.

Motion by Clous supported by Lowe to deny the sewer hook-up waiver request from Ernie's RV Sales & Service Inc.6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to grant the waiver exempt request for sewer hook-up from L & L Enterprises on parcel # 28-02-009-012-00 and 28-02-008-001-30 until the properties have tenants occupying them. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to pass the Blair Township Group Insurance Plan Ordinance No. 132-09 as required by law. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, DeKuiper yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to pass the Blair Township Pension Plan Ordinance No. 133-09 as required by law with the correct changes. Roll Call Vote: Pahl yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to place a rock with a plaque by the tree that was planted in the memory of Dave Wineman for his many years of service. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits to grant final payment to Raymer Well Drilling in the amount of \$46,150.50 for the well site located on the Hill Top property. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to declare the surplus equipment list as junk and dispose of. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to close out the Contract with Atena Supply after the supervisor makes sure that everything is complete. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to grant the waiver exempt request for sewer hook-up at 985-B West Commerce Drive that is vacant. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Daryl Case Medical Director gave Jim Carroll Fire-Chief a ton of credit for writing a grant in request of a new fire station

ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor