

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

June 8, 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 June 8, 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: DeKuiper, Tharp, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker, Clous and Lowe were present. There were 14 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 Martin Hisem- Water Department Operations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Tharp to approve the agenda with change, to move item (C) A & E Remand to Old Business on the Agenda. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Rademaker indicated that he may have a conflict of interest on the naming of a Road, for his business is doing work for the owner. The Board felt that there was no conflict.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: County Commissioners Thomas and Fleis discussed the Liaison Officers in the schools, and the funding of the libraries. That the Veterans Affairs Board does a good job for their veterans.

Community Police Officer's Report: Deputy McManus reported that Blair Township had 521 complaints for the month of May and places Blair 3rd in the County. Deputy McManus stated that there has been an increase of houses not being locked in the area for crime to take place. So please keep your homes and garages locked up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Supervisor Pahl announced that Martin Hisem has accepted a job with East Jordan Iron Works and we all wish him well. Great Lakes Stainless was awarded the Hagerty Small Business award. Congratulations to them.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 27434-27513, Ambulance fund vouchers # 12873-12949, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 7449-7478, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1447-1465 for a Grand Total of \$236,730.74. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1154-1156, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # none and the Water Bill Working Account vouchers # 2803-2811 for a total of \$26,722.53, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Reports for the month of May 2010. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2010 and to approve the Special Meetings for May 20, 2010. Roll Call Vote: Clous, DeKuiper, Pahl, Lowe, Zeits, Rademaker and Tharp. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Rademaker supported by Tharp to go into close session at 6:23 p.m. RCV: Pahl, DeKuiper, Zeits, Clous, Rademaker Tharp, Lowe, 7 yeas, Motion carried. Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to come out of close session at 6:58 p.m. RVC: Lowe, Tharp, Rademaker, Clous, Zeits, DeKuiper, Pahl, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Pahl supported by DeKuiper to accept the settlement proposal for the Special Use Permit for A&E on parcel # 28-02-008-001-30 with the following conditions: (1) A&E may increase its main sign surface area to add a changeable led message display to its sign up to a maximum sign surface areas of 75 sq. ft. total. (2) A&E is allowed one portable, changeable letter sign inside the designated display areas. The height shall not exceed 6 feet and no lighting or flashing lights are allowed on the sign. (3) A&E is allowed two other signs inside the designated display areas. Types of permissible signs include, but are not limited to, metal framed "real estate" signs, "campaign" style signs, and banners, or other signs of similar size. (4) All signs may include lettering describing themselves, their price or rental terms, and other marketing information. They shall not include advertising for anything other than themselves. Acceptable lettering includes, but is not limited to, "Rent Me," "Buy Me," "More colors inside." "Rent Me for \$nn per Week," "Bulk pricing," etc. (5) The designated display areas shall be: 1) a 30x30 foot area adjacent to the NE property line and M-37 Row, and 2) a 15 foot wide area on the SE property and M-37 Row that runs north and south from the fence to the driveway pavement (approx. 15x30).

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe to amend Resolution NO. 2009-07, Resolution to set Sewer Fees as recommended by the Sewer and Water Committee and Mr. Clyde

Johnson of Gosling and Czubak. Section A. Reduce the unmetered rate from \$43.00 per REU per month to \$34.00 per REU per month. Section B. Reduce the metered rate from \$27.35 per REU per month plus \$4.30 per 1000 gallons of metered water to \$20.00 per REU per month plus \$2.00 per 1000 gallons of metered water. Section D. Reduce the Benefit Fee from \$4,700.00 per REU to \$3,500.00 per REU. Section H. Reduce the Availability Fee from \$43.00 per REU to \$34.00 per month per REU. RCV: Rademaker, Pahl, DeKuiper, Zeits, Clous, Tharp, Lowe, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Tharp to approve the road naming of a private road to Southpeak Dr., West off of S.M-37 located in Sec 8 T26N-R11W, in Blair Township. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 104-05-10-02 in Section 22.05 Township Board Action. To remove the following words in paragraph 1: The Township Board's decision shall state the findings of fact and specify the conclusions drawn from any conditions imposed on the special use. To add the following: The Township Board's decision shall state the findings and conclusions relative to the special land use and shall specify the basis for the decision and any conditions imposed upon the special use. To remove the Following words in paragraph 2: Any conditions imposed by the Planning Commission shall remain unchanged except upon the mutual consent of a majority of the Township Board and the landowner. To add the following: If approved with conditions by the Township Board, the conditions imposed upon approval of the special use shall be recorded in the record of the approval action and shall remain unchanged except upon the mutual consent of the Township Board and landowner. RCV: Rademaker, Clous, Zeits, DeKuiper, Tharp, Pahl, Lowe, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

A presentation on Roadway Safety Advocates was made to the Board by Fire Chief Jim Carroll.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to purchase and install docking stations from Grand Traverse Mobile Communications in the amount of \$5,152.00 RCV: Zeits, DeKuiper, Pahl, Lowe, Rademaker, Tharp, Clous, yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to approve the Blair Township Twitter Newsletter. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Supervisor Pahl informed the Public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing, the Clerk informed the public that the proper notice of the hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on May 29, 2010.

Public Hearing 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: 2.5 Mills Fire & Police Fund.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:34 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

Public Hearing 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: 1.5 Mills Ambulance Fund.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:35 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

Public Hearing 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget: Liquor Law Fund.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:37 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

Public Hearing 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget/Millage Rate Levied: .8250 Mills General Fund.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:38 p.m. Duane Sanford 621 Autumn View Lane Traverse City, Michigan 49684 commented on the fund balance amount and the amount of the park and cemeteries had in their budget centers. Mr. Sanford feels that the board should look at continuing to support the Senior Center. The Clerk stated that the General Fund balance will have to cover any emergency in any of the funds if we had a crisis and that the Treasurer's and Clerk's office took quite a budget cut by cutting deputies to 20 hrs per week and cannot justify supporting the Senior Center when employees are losing their jobs. Public Hearing closed at 7:46p.m.

Adoption of 2010-2011 Fire/Police Fund Budget: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to adopt the 2010-2011 Fire/Police Fund Budget at 2.5 mills levied by activity centers and passes the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Adoption of 2010-2011 Ambulance Fund Budget: Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to adopt the 2010-2011 Ambulance Fund Budget at 1.5 mills levied by activity centers and passes the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Adoption of 2010-2011 Liquor Law Fund Budget: Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to adopt the 2010-2011 Liquor Law Fund Budget by activity centers and passes the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Adoption of 2010-2011 General Fund Budget: Motion by Pahl supported by Rademaker to adopt the 2010-2011 General Fund Budget at .8250 mills levied by activity centers and passes the general appropriations act for the fund. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Lowe yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Supervisor's 2010-2011 salary: Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to pass Resolution # 2010-03 to set the Supervisor's 2010-2011 salary the same as the last (2) years at \$44,383. Roll Call Vote: Pahl yea, Tharp yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Clerk's 2010-2011 salary: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to pass Resolution # 2010-04 to set the Clerk's 2010-2011 salary the same as the last (2) years at \$44,407. Roll Call Vote: Tharp yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Pahl yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the Treasurer's 2010-2011 salary: Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to pass Resolution # 2010-05 to set the Treasurer's 2010-2011 salary the same as the last (3) years at \$38,844. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the 1st Trustee's 2010-2011 salary: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to pass Resolution # 2010-06 to set the 1st Trustee's 2010-2011 salary at \$7, 409 the same as the last (2) years.. Roll Call Vote: Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the 2nd Trustee's 2010-2011 salary: Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to pass Resolution # 2010-07 to set the 2nd Trustee's 2010-2011 salary at \$7, 409 the same as the last (2) years. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the 3rd Trustee's 2010-2011 salary: Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to pass Resolution # 2010-08 to set the 3rd Trustee's 2010-2011 salary at \$7,409 the same as the last (2) years. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the 4th Trustee's 2010-2011 salary: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to pass Resolution # 2010-09 to set the 4th Trustee's 2010-2011 salary at \$7,409 the same as the last (2) years. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Tharp yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Resolution to set the 2010-2011 salaries and wages for all other Township Employees: Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to pass Resolution # 2010-10 to set all other Township employee's salaries and wages for 2010-2011 as per the wage scale attached to these minutes. Roll Call Vote: Pahl yea, Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Authorization for Treasurer to invest and deposit Township Funds: Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to pass Resolution # 2010-11 to authorize the Treasurer to invest and deposit the Township Funds in the following depositories as designated by the Township Board: Chase Bank, Citizens Bank, East Traverse Catholic Federal Credit Union, Fifth Third Bank, First Financial Bank, Honor State Bank, Huntington Bank, mBank, MBIA Class, Members Credit Union, National City Bank, Northwestern Bank, TBA Education Credit Union, The Bank of Northern Michigan and Traverse City State Bank for the fiscal year 2010-2011. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Tharp yea, Lowe yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Authorize Supervisor to make purchases: Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to authorize the Supervisor to make purchases of up to \$2,500.00 and reporting to the Board at the next meeting. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Rademaker yea, Pahl yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

2010-2011 Meeting Schedule: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to set the 2010-2011 meeting schedule for all boards and commissions. A copy is attached to these Minutes. 7 yeas, Motion carried

PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard from Mike Stepka who is running for Judge and Medical Director Daryl Case.

ADJOURNMENT: adjournment at 8:02 p.m.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor

