

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

March 9, 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 March 9, 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: Rademaker, Clous, Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp, Pahl and Zeits were present. There were 9 guests in attendance along with the Zoning Administrator - Sara Kopriva, Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Medical Director-Daryl Case, Fire Chief- Jim Carroll and Water Dept-Martin Hissem.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to approve the agenda with change. Add item (L) Lamar Decision to the agenda. 7 years, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: County Commissioners Thomas and Fleis stated that the people do not want to put an assessment on their taxes but to give the sewer plant time and it will take care of itself. There will be a joint meeting on the restructuring of the DPW.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy McManus was on a call. Supervisor Pahl reported that Blair Township had 475 complaints for the month of February and places Blair 2nd place in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Treasurer DeKuiper announced a thank you letter was received from a resident thanking the Township Board for the nice newsletter. DeKuiper also announced that the last \$5,000.00 of a previous grant was received for the playground in the park.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 27185-27254, Ambulance fund vouchers # 12618-12688, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 7319-7348, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1396-1417 for a Grand Total of \$306,940.97. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1138-1142, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # none and the Water Bill Working Account vouchers # 2759-2776 for a total of \$25,400.41, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Reports for the month of February 2010. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2010. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp, Zeits, Rademaker and Clous. 7 years, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: **Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to sign the proposed contract for services on the preliminary engineering phase to extend the Sanitary Sewer along East Silver Lake Road in the amount of \$3,700.00. RCV: Lowe, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Clous, and Tharp, 7 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to sign the Utility Bill Audit Agreement with MyPro Audit. 7 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to approve the bid for \$85,405.70 from Physio Control for the purchase of (3) Lifepak 15 Monitor/Defibrillators and associated equipment. RCV: Clous, Lowe, Tharp, Pahl, DeKuiper, Zeits, Rademaker, 7 years, Motion carried. **Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous** to have Physio Control to broker the sales of the used Lifepaks 12 for the best price. 7 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to hire a Dangerous Building Inspector as a contracted service for \$120.00 per meeting. RCV: Rademaker, Zeits, DeKuiper, Pahl, Tharp, Lowe, Clous, 7 years, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: **Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to accept the bid from Windemuller for the 40HP VFD in the amount of \$4,698.00. RCV: Clous, DeKuiper, Tharp, Zeits, Lowe, Pahl, Rademaker, 7 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to accept the Capital Improvement Plan as presented. 7 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Lowe to deny the request from Deerfield Dog Lodging to waive the Special Use Fee. 6 yeas, 1 nay Zeits. Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits to grant Wuerful Park fireworks permit with condition of providing the Federal License and Insurance to the township. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to reduce the 40 REU's to 10 REU's for Wuerful Park during the closed period of the Winter months, to include the following Bullet points: (1) Must approach the Townboard and decision is ultimately the Boards Decision, (2) The property must be connected to the H2O- providing no business with lack of H2O usage during the closed months. (3) There is no opportunity for business – The doors are closed - -Not just reduced business over Winter months, (4) Reduce the sewer billing to one quarter (1/4) of total REUS for the months that the board states. Not to be less than (1) REU, (5) Reduction time limitations of; no less than 3 months & no longer than six month time period (6) When the doors open for business, the date specified by the board, the REUS billing goes back up to full REUS (7) Application with dates of closed & open dates (as stated by board) – only full months – signed by business requesting. RCV: DeKuiiper, Pahl, Lowe, Rademaker, Zeits, Tharp, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Lowe to approve the Township Treasurer to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Basic Institute classes and to follow the Policy for training and not to exceed \$928.00. RCV: Clous, Zeits, Lowe, Rademaker, DeKuiiper, Tharp, Pahl, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to grant the request for naming of a new private road West, off of Northland Blvd located in Sec.6, T26N-R11W, in Blair Township to Playa Kas Dr. 6 yeas, 1 nay Rademaker, Motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Rademaker to approve the request for \$1,322.96 for the Grand Traverse Area Veterans Coalition for Fire works on the Fourth of July. RCV: Rademaker yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiiper yea, Clous nay, Pahl yea, Tharp nay, we need to have more discussion, Zeits yea, 5 yeas, 2 nays, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by DeKuiiper to contract with attorney Bethany C. Warner not to exceed \$4,995.00, contingent upon USDA Rural Development. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to table the bond attorney for more information. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by DeKuiiper to terminate Keith Saum's employment with Blair Township. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiiper to let Lamar Signs keep the LED sign on until the appeal process on March 16, 2010. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor