

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**May 11, 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 May 11, 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: Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker and Clous were present. There were 15 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 Melanie Stanton and Carl Kucera.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to approve the agenda with change. Add item (L) Martec Land Service Agreement to the Agenda. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**County Commissioner's Report:** County Commissioners Thomas and Fleis commented on what was going to be on the August and November Ballot, discussion on the Weber injection well, Liaison Officers in the schools and still talking about the septage and finances.

**Community Police Officer's Report:** Deputy McManus reported that Blair Township had 499 complaints for the month of April and places Blair 2<sup>nd</sup> in the County.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Supervisor Pahl is calling a Special Board Meeting on May 20, 2010 to go over the Ballot Language to be put on the ballot.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 27339-27433, Ambulance fund vouchers # 12777-12872, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 7384-7446, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1439-1446 for a Grand Total of \$208,128.94. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1147-1153, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # 1026, the Water fund vouchers # 1191 and the Water Bill Working Account vouchers # 2791-2802 for a total of \$267487.79, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Reports for the month of April 2010. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 13, 2010 and to approve the Budget Workshop Meetings for March 17, 24, 31, and April 14, 16, 2010. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Clous, DeKuiper, Pahl, Lowe, Zeits, Rademaker. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Public Hearing on SU/SPR # 10-03-02 Gleason-Open Air Business Use located at 963 W Commerce, Traverse City, Michigan 49684. The Supervisor informed the public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing. The Clerk informed the public that proper notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on April 23, 2010 and the mailings were mailed out the same day to the surrounding property owners. There were no comments or letters received for or against the special use request. The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 6:26 p.m.. There were no public comments for or against at the Public Hearing. The Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 6:29 p.m. **Motion by Pahl supported by DeKuiper** to approve SU/SPR # 10-03-02 for David Gleason & Grand Bay Golf Carts based on the finding and conclusions of the Planning Commission. This SU/SPR is to operate a sales office & open air business for golf carts & minor golf cart repair. This use meets the standards for approval in Sec 22.04. The following conditions shall apply: (1) Any repair and/or replacement activity shall be conducted within a totally enclosed building. (2) All used and/or discarded parts shall be stored within a completely enclosed building. (3) There shall be no outside storage of any partially dismantled or inoperative vehicles. (4) There shall be no releasing of toxic gas, liquids, or materials in any form into the atmosphere, the water or sewer systems of the township, or on, or into the earth. (5) Golf carts shall only be displayed in areas delineated as display area on the site plan. (6) No flashing lights, balloons or pennants allowed on site. (7) Maximum of 25 carts in northern display area and 3 carts in display area by drive. RCV: Zeits, Rademaker, Lowe, DeKuiper, Pahl, Tharp, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker** to renew the Agreement for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes with Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District. RCV: Lowe, Pahl, Clous, Rademaker, Zeits, DeKuiper, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Lowe supported by Rademaker** to pass Resolution # 2010-01 of Support for Statutory Amendment to the Board of Public Works Act. RCV: Pahl, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Tharp, Clous, Lowe, Zeits, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to make a Budget Amendment for the Fire Department to transfer \$8,000.00 from Contingency into the following line items: Supplies, Other Services, Dues, Vehicle/Equip/Maint, Repairs/Maint (Build). RCV: Pahl, DeKuiper, Clous, Tharp, Lowe, Rademaker, Zeits, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Pahl supported by Rademaker** to pass Resolution #2010-02 Funds to be repaid from the EMS Fund to the General Fund. RCV: DeKuiper yea, Zeits nay, Pahl yea, Clous nay, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, Lowe nay, 4 yeas, 3 nays, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe** to agree to the engineering contract in principle and continue to move ahead with the transmission water main and ground storage tank per April 28,2010 letter from Gosling Czubak. RCV: Tharp, Clous, Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker** to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 104-05-10-01 to add the following definitions to Section 2.02, Animal Services and Kennel and more kennels from being a use by right to a special use in the AG, Agriculture, Zoning District as recommended by the Grand Traverse County Planning and Blair Township Planning Commissions. RCV: Clous, Rademaker, Pahl, Zeits, Tharp, Lowe, DeKuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to approve Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 104-05-09-06 to clarify the approval process for cell towers and collocation of antennas as recommended by the Grand Traverse County Planning and Blair Township Planning Commissions. RCV: Rademaker, Zeits, Pahl, Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to approve the Blair Township Emergency Services Policy and Procedure as recommended by the Fire administrative Board and Blair Township Risk Control Representative. RCV: Clous, Tharp, Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous** to hire Christopher Smith as a paid on call EMS member. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe** to allow Great Lakes Wilderness Fireworks request to hold a display on June 6, 2010 at Wilderness Crossing. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to approve the agreement with Martec Land Services Inc. on the Blair Township Sewer Project not to exceed \$2,500.00. RVC: Tharp, Rademaker, Clous, Zeits, Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Comments were heard from Carl Kucera and Daryl Case.

**ADJOURNMENT:** adjournment at 7:14 p.m.

Betty A Tharp  
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl  
Supervisor