

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2009
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 October 13, 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: Lowe, Zeits, Clous, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Tharp, and Pahl were present. There were 9 guests in attendance along with the Zoning Administrator - Sara Kopriva, Medical Director - Daryl Case, Fire Chief-Jim Carroll and Assessor-Aaron Plowman.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper 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 commented to the board on the Segal Study that was recommended for raises for County Employees and may be put on hold for another year. There are still some septage issues.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy McManus reported that Blair Township had 535 complaints for the month of September and places Blair 3rd place in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Supervisor Pahl welcomed the students that were here for their school.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Tharp to accept the Consent Calendar with change. To pull the Fire Report as requested by the Fire Chief. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 26780-26887, Ambulance fund vouchers # 12202-12312, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 7079-7132, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1388-1395 for a Grand Total of \$184,522.16, To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1122-1123, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # 1187 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2693-2713 for a total of \$23,998.35 to accept the EMS, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Reports for the month of September 2009. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker, Tharp, Clous, DeKuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried. Fire Chief pulled his report to ask the board to keep the park open for a fund raiser for a member of the department. **Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to accept the Fire Report. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to take over the Sewer Billing from the Grand Traverse County DPW. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Lowe to set up a committee of (2) Planning Commission members to create a plan for pathways and trails and to have the Planning Commission seek out Grants for these in Blair Township. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to amend the Water Ordinance in Section 403, 406, and 805 with the new wording changes effective (30) days after publication. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Lowe yea, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe to grant the waiver request on the mandatory sewer hook-up for a residence at 4249 US 31 South, if the current well or drain field fails they will hook-up immediately. 6 yeas, 1 nay Rademaker, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to approve the 2010 Grand Traverse County Department of Public works Budget. Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Pahl to pay \$600.00 from the proceeds received from the Family Fun Day in the Park to the General Fund for the playground debt. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to grant the waiver request for the sewer hook-up located at 67 US 31 South until such a time when the facilities are in need. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Traffic Code Ordinance # 130-08 that was adopted last year. The purpose of the ordinance is regulation of private roads included in site condominium projects.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to publish the Supplemental Notice of Adoption of Blair Township Traffic Code Ordinance 130-08 to include the regulation of traffic within private site condominium subdivision effective December 1, 2009. Roll Call Vote: Pahl yea, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to send Dale Hanson to attend a New Designs for Growth Learning Academy Workshop at \$80.00. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Zeits to remove the Wall Street Journal section on page 2 from the proposed Master Plan. 7 yeas. Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to pass Resolution # 2009-18 Township Board Resolution to Amend Master Plan. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Lowe yea, Zeits yea, DeKuiper nay, disagrees with the density, Tharp yea, Pahl yea, 6-1 Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to establish a fee for Temporary Signs at \$50.00. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard from Don Schmuckal and Larry Fleis.

ADJOURNMENT: adjournment at 7:22 p.m.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor