

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
September 8, 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 September 8, 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: Pahl, Lowe, Zeits, Clous, DeKuiper, Rademaker and Tharp were present. There were 5 guests in attendance along with the Zoning Administrator - Sara Kopriva, and Medical Director - Daryl Case.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard from Marilyn Fleis 5237 Norton Rd Grawn, MI.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker 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 how they would like to see double stop signs placed at the intersection of Co. Rd 633, Youker Rd and Hamlin Rd due to many accidents that occur there. The County is now working on their budget for the coming year. There is a freeze on purchasing vehicles.

Sheriff's Report: Supervisor Pahl reported that Blair Township had 549 complaints for the month of August and places Blair 3rd place in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: Supervisor Pahl announced that it is time to clean up Vance Road. Treasurer DeKuiper announced the number of businesses that donated for Family Fun Day in the Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 26703-26779 Ambulance fund vouchers # 12138-12201 Fire & Police fund vouchers # 7050-7078, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1381-1384 for a Grand Total of \$114,142.53, To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1121 the Sewer Assessment Voucher # none, the Water fund vouchers # none and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 2685-2692 for a total of \$19,514.08 to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurer and Water Dept. Report for the month of August. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2009 and the Special Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2009. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper, Lowe, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker, Tharp, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to set the permit fee for a small turbine tower under 35 feet at \$150.00 and the permit fee for a Commercial at \$15.00 per vertical foot with a minimum of \$1,000.00. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Pahl supported by Lowe to approve the Site Plan approval Amendment for 104-05-09-04 as recommended by the Township Planning Commission and Grand Traverse County Planning to be extended for (2) 2 year periods instead of (2) 1 year periods. It allows the Zoning Administrator to approve the extension if nothing on the site plan or in the Zoning Ordinance affecting the site plan has changed. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to set the Site Plan Extension Fee to zero (0) dollars for site plan extensions with no changes. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to pass the Township of Blair Public Right – Of – Way Ordinance No. 135-09 of 2009. Roll Call Vote: Clous yea, Lowe yea, DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Rademaker yea, Tharp yea, Zeits yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to grant the request from Blair Self Storage to allow the multiple connection with the following conditions: (1) that they run the service line into the house and through a single meter and then to the other building, (2) that they pay the additional required REU's for each unit (minimum of one REU each unit), (3) that if there is a change of use, they may be required to run separate lines at that time depending upon the use and the water requirements, (4) if there is a land division for the premise, a separate line must be run for each premise and (5) that if a fire line is ever required, that a separate service line be installed at that time.

Motion by Pahl supported by Zeits to pass Amendment # 104-05-09-03 to allow Temporary Signs with certain regulations and amend Section 2.02 to add the definition of a portable sign. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Pahl yea, Clous nay, DeKuiper nay, Tharp nay, Zeits yea, Lowe yea. Motion carried 4-3.

Motion by Tharp supported by Pahl to hire Gary McGhee and Keith Truax as part time Fire Fighter /Paramedic and Greg Johnson and Don Smith to be reclassified from paid on call to Part time Fire Fighter/EMT. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to hire Bendzinski & Co. for \$2,500 and ACI Finance, Inc for up to \$3,800 to do a financial analysis study of the Water System. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Rademaker yea, agrees with Joe in not being in a big rush in getting through this. Zeits yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea, Tharp yea, Lowe yea, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to declare the old water meters as surplus and sold for scrap. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Pahl to rollover the delinquent Water, Sewer and Special Assessments to the Winter Tax Roll. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard from Larry Fleis 5237 Norton Rd, Grawn, MI.

ADJOURNMENT: adjournment at 7:43 p.m.

Betty A Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor