

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Regular Meeting
November 10, 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 November 10, 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 present: DeKuiper, Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker, and Clous. Lowe, and Tharp were excused. There were 21 guests present along with the Township Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Sara Kopriva, and Medical Director-Daryl Case.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Was heard from Eugene Baughan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker to approve the agenda with a change in the order of presentation. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Rademaker removed himself from the Board during the request from Edgewater Holdings, LLC due to a conflict of interest.

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORTS: Sheriff's Report: Officer Ben McManus reported that Blair Township had 521 calls for the month of October which places Blair in 3rd place.

Ross Childs the interim DPW Director held an open forum on the Septage Plant. He is attending 14 meetings throughout the county to gather input on how to finance the operations of the plant. The flow is less than projected and the plant is not self sufficient at this time. One of the possible solutions is to place a special assessment on property taxes. They have looked at both a four year and a five year assessment plan. He stated the plant is leading edge technology with quality outflow to protect the natural water sources in the area. Public questions were answered by Mr. Childs.

County Commissioners Dick Thomas and Larry Fleis were present. They spoke on the Norm Jones show about the Boardman Dam and the removal of the equipment. Thomas stated that there is not enough flow to offset the cost of operation of the dam to produce electricity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Sgt. Chris Clark from the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office commending Nicole Blonshine for her conduct and professionalism during an emergency call in September.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to accept the Consent Calendar: to approve the following: General Fund vouchers #26888-26962, Ambulance Fund vouchers # 12313-12404, Fire & Police Fund vouchers #7133-7198, Trust & Agency Fund vouchers # none for a grand total of \$134,817.33. To approve the Sewer Bill Fund vouchers # 1124-1127, Sewer Assessment Fund vouchers # 1025, Water Assessment vouchers # 1188 and the Water Bill Fund vouchers # 2714-2722 for a grand total of \$724,931.18. To accept the EMS, Fire, Assessing, Supervisor and Water Dept reports for the month of October, 2009. To approve the Minutes of the October 13, 2009 regular Meeting for the Blair Township Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Zeits, Rademaker, Clous, DeKuiper, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to declare a roll top desk from EMS as surplus, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to accept the Township Newsletter as presented, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Zeits supported by Clous to reappoint Jake Jorns to the Planning Commission. 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to terminate agreement with Charter for Peg fees. Supervisor Pahl will send a letter to Charter to terminate the agreement. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, DeKuiper, Zeits, Clous, Rademaker, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to retain the monies in the PEG account for possible use by future Board of Trustees, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to adjust the sewer charges for PFB Holding, LLC to \$523.74, Roll Call Vote: Rademaker nay, DeKuiper yea, Zeits yea, Pahl yea, Clous yea. 4 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to amend Blair Township Traffic Code Ordinance #130-08 per Attorney's recommendations Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper, Pahl, Rademaker, Clous, Zeits, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits to grant waver request on fire code for Edgewater Holdings, LLC with the stipulation that they extend municipal water across M-37 to the site and install a fire hydrant in an area satisfactory to the fire department. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, DeKuiper, Zeits, Clous, Rademaker abstained, 4 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to approve Amendment 104-05-09-05 Section 25.02 duties of Zoning Administrator, Roll Call Vote: Clous, Zeits, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Pahl, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

Report was given by Zoning Administrator Sara Kopriva on the new Planning Enabling Act which requires the Planning Commission to create a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and update it annually. (MCL 125.3865)

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to adopt Dangerous Building Ordinance #136-09 Roll Call Vote Rademaker, Pahl, Zeits, Clous, DeKuiper, 5 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Pahl adjourned the meeting at 8:08 P.M

Emily Weller
Deputy Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Township Supervisor