

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 9, 2011**

**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 August 9, 2011 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: Zeits, Clous, Lowe, DeKuiper, Tharp, Pahl. Rademaker was excused there were 5 guests in attendance along with the Medical Director- Daryl Case, Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, and Zoning Administrator-Ron Akers.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to approve the agenda with change: Add under reports: John Sych update on Next Michigan. 6 years, Motion carried.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Mr. Fleis stated that the County is working on their Budget and there is talk about having to cut some service programs. Mr. Fleis also commented on how disappointed he is on the re-districting in the County by being reduced from 9 to 7 Commissioners.

**Sheriff's Report:** None available

**Grand Traverse County Planning Director-John Sych:** updated the Board on the Next Michigan Development Corporation. They are working on the Interlocal Agreement.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Treasurer DeKuiper updated the Board on the Family Fun Day that will be on September 10, 2011. Volunteers are needed and anyone that would like to sponsor to contact DeKuiper in the Treasurers Office.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 28569-28637, Ambulance fund vouchers # 13921-14006, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 8166-8236, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 1645-1667 for a Grand Total of \$242,140.32, To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1243-1248, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # -0-, the Water fund vouchers # -0- and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 3010-3023 and the Rural Development Operating Fund voucher # 1002-1006 for a total of \$469,692.08, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurers and Water Dept. Report for the month of July 2011. To approve the Minutes for July 12, 2011. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper, Clous, Pahl, Zeits, Tharp, Lowe, 6 years, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to table the request for the use of the park for youth football for no one was present to answer questions. 6 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to have the Supervisor apply for a grant for planting of trees in the park. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Clous, Lowe, Tharp, DeKuiper, Pahl, 6 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to re-appoint George Lombard to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term ending August 13, 2014. 6 years, Motion carried.

Public Hearing on Special Use # 11-07-01 Michigan Air Streamers Park 4860 US 31 South, Traverse City, MI 49685 requesting a special use permit to remove top soil from property. The Supervisor informed the public on the rules for speaking at a Public Hearing and the Clerk stated that the Public Hearing was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle on July 23, 2011 and 300 foot notices were mailed on July 22, 2011, that no letters or phone calls were received for or against the Public Hearing as of this meeting. The Supervisor opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. There was no one present representing the request for the Special Use. There were no comments for or against the Public Hearing. The Supervisor closed the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m. Board Discussion: The Board members had questions to ask the applicant that was not present. **Motion by DeKuiper supported by Zeits** to table the Special Use request until next month for someone from Elmer's Crane and Dozer to be here to answer the questions. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Lowe, Pahl, DeKuiper, Clous, Tharp, 6 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to approve payment in the amount of \$23,300.00 to Gosling Czubak on Blair Township Water Improvements contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Clous, DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Pahl, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous** to deny the economic hardship for Cherry Collective LLC because Mr. Saillor has not proven that he cannot use the property for other uses. The Moratorium does not have a permanent impact on the landowners' interest because Mr. Charles Saillor is a tenant. The value of the property is not diminished by the Moratorium. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper, Lowe, Clous, Pahl, Tharp, Zeits, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to approve payment #2 in Division A in the amount of \$177,422.14 to Central Michigan Contracting contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Pahl, Zeits, DeKuiper, Tharp, Lowe, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Tharp** to pass Resolution # 2011-14 Opposing Incorporation as a Charter Township. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Pahl, Clous, Zeits, Tharp, DeKuiper, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Lowe** to approve payment #2 Division B, Grand Traverse Construction in the amount of \$31,545.76 contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Tharp, Clous, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Daryl Case Medical Director updated the Board on the Cardiac Arrest Save that was made by the Department. He asked permission to use the Meeting Room for teaching classes. Mr. Duane Sanford asked a question about being a Charter Township.

**ADJOURNMENT:** adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Betty A. Tharp  
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl  
Supervisor

