

BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

December 13, 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 December 13, 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, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Tharp, Clous, Pahl. Lowe was excused. There were 2 guests in attendance along with the Medical Director- Daryl Case, Assessor-Aaron Plowman, Fire Chief- Jim Carroll, Zoning Administrator-Ron Akers, and Deputy Sheriff Ben McManus.

LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard from a resident Duane Sanford.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Clous supported by Tharp to approve the agenda with change: to move discussion on hiring a full time assessor under old business to letter (J) on the agenda. 6 years, Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:

County Commissioner's Report: Mr. Fleis stated that the new health building on LaFrainer should be ahead of schedule and should open in the fall.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy McManus reported that Blair Township had 424 complaints for the month of November and places Blair Township 3rd in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 28908-29002, Ambulance fund vouchers # 14276-14349, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 8396-8450, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, 0 for a Grand Total of \$159, 426.91. To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1273-1279, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # -1033-1034 the Water Assessment fund vouchers 0 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 3109-3137 and the Rural Development Operating Fund voucher # 1014-1022 for a total of \$811,616.00, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurers and Water Dept. Report for the month of November 2011. To approve the Minutes for November 10, 2011. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Rademaker, Pahl, Tharp, DeKuiper, Zeits.6 years, Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Tharp supported by Pahl to continue the Medical Marihuana Moratorium Resolution # 20-10-16 for (1) year while working on the Marihuana Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Zeits, DeKuiper, Pahl, Tharp, Clous, 6 years, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to approve Zoning Amendment #104-05-11-05 Top Soil Removal. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Pahl, Tharp, DeKuiper, Zeits, Rademaker, 6 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to approve payment in the amount of \$22,515.00 on invoices # 65690-65694 to Gosling Czubak for Blair Township Water Improvements Project contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Clous, DeKuiper, Pahl, Rademaker, Zeits, 6 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to approve payment #6 to Central Michigan Contracting for \$72,736.27 for Division A contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper, Rademaker, Clous, Tharp, Zeits, Pahl, 6 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to approve payment #6 to Grand Traverse Construction for \$180,249.96 for Division B contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Tharp, Clous, Zeits, Rademaker, DeKuiper, 6 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to approve the SCADA System for the Water Plant and the Sewer Lift Station not to exceed \$26,000.00 with Windemuller Electric. Roll Call Vote: Zeits, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Pahl, Tharp, Clous, 6 years, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to approve payment #3 for Windemuller Electric for \$9,500.00 for Divison C contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Pahl, Zeits, DeKuiper, Clous, Tharp, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Clous supported by Zeits to amend the General Fund Budget by creating a new fund called the Metro Act Fund # 211. To add revenues and expenditures. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Clous, DeKuiper, Pahl, Rademaker, Zeits, 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Clous that Blair Township exempts itself altogether from the requirement of Act 152 of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Act. Roll Call Vote: Pahl yea, Tharp yea, Clous yea, DeKuiper yea, because I feel the board has been very diligent and prudent on our spending with employees and the township as a whole, Zeits yea, Rademaker yea. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous to declare the 1994 Chevy Suburban as surplus and go out for bids. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper to place an ad in the Traverse City Record Eagle and MTA Township News and on the Web for a full time assessor with wages and benefits negotiable between \$32,000.00 and \$40,000.00. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

Motion by Tharp supported by Rademaker to deny the request for Marvel Mallory to return to work. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker yea, Zeits nay, Clous yea, Pahl yea, DeKuiper yea, Tharp yea, 5 yeas, 1 nay, Motion carried.

Motion by DeKuiper supported by Clous to go out for an RFP for a Human Resource Administrator. 6 yeas, Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Comments were heard from resident Larry Fleis.

ADJOURNMENT: adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Betty A. Tharp
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl
Supervisor

