

**BLAIR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting  
November 10, 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 November 10, 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: Pahl, Zeits, Lowe, Rademaker, DeKuiper, Tharp, Clous. There were 6 guests in attendance along with the Medical Director- Daryl Case, Assessor-Aaron Plowman, and Fire Chief- Jim Carroll.

**LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker to approve the agenda with change: Add under Presentations/Special Reports the Grand Traverse County Road Report. 7 years, Motion carried.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None

**PRESENTATIONS/SPECIAL REPORT:**

**County Commissioner's Report:** Mr. Fleis stated that the County passed their Budget and he voted against laying off 11 custodians.

**Sheriff's Report:** Deputy McManus was on a call. Supervisor Pahl read the report and places Blair Township in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the County with 544 complaints.

**Grand Traverse County Road Commission:** Dave Taylor would like the townships to set up a fund to maintain local roads.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCES:** Treasurer DeKuiper stated that Blair Family Fun Day was a success and made enough money to pay off the General Fund.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. To approve the following: General fund vouchers # 28823-28907, Ambulance fund vouchers # 14176-14275, Fire & Police fund vouchers # 8321-8395, Trust & Agency fund vouchers, o for a Grand Total of \$175,596.23, To approve the Sewer Working Account Voucher # 1263-1272, the Sewer Assessment Voucher # -1032, the Water fund vouchers # 1201 and the Water Fund Working Account vouchers # 3065-3108 and the Rural Development Operating Fund voucher # 0 for a total of \$832,817.76, to accept the EMS, Fire, Zoning, Assessing, Supervisor, Treasurers and Water Dept. Report for the month of October 2011. To approve the Minutes for October 11, 2011 and the Special Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2011. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Clous, Rademaker, Pahl, Tharp, DeKuiper, Zeits. 7 years, Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous** to purchase two pumps, a Control Panel and VFD drives for Silver Lake Road Sewer Lift station from the bonds through the County in the amount of \$61,123.00. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, DeKuiper, Zeits, Clous, Pahl, Tharp, Lowe, 7 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to reappoint Jerry Heim to the Planning Commission Board with term to expire on 11/30/14. 7 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to grant change order # 1 Raymer to reduce contract price from \$35,253.00 to \$33,033.00. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Tharp, Pahl, DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Rademaker, 7 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to approve payment to Raymer for \$33,033.00 contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Tharp, Clous, DeKuiper, Pahl, Zeits, Lowe, Rademaker, 7 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to approve payment in the amount of \$28,125.00 on invoices # 65532-65536 to Gosling Czubak for Blair Township Water Improvements Project contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Lowe, Tharp, Rademaker, Zeits, Pahl, DeKuiper, 7 years, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous to** approve payment #5 in Division A and Division D in the amount of \$56,954.40 to Central Michigan Contracting contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper, Clous, Tharp, Zeits, Lowe, Rademaker, Pahl, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by DeKuiper** to approve change order #3 for Central Michigan Contracting Divisions A & D a contract increase of \$4,591.50 contingent upon RD approval. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, DeKuiper, Zeits, Clous, Pahl, Rademaker, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by DeKuiper** to approve change order #2 to Grand Traverse Construction Company to modify day of completion to add 14 days to substantial completion from 11-28-2011 to 12-12-2011. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to approve payment #5 Division B to Grand Traverse Construction in the amount of \$192,477.60 contingent upon Rural Development approval. Roll Call Vote: Pahl, Rademaker, Lowe, Zeits, Clous, DeKuiper, Tharp. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Zeits** to go into closed session at 6:39 p.m. for Lamar litigation. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Clous, Pahl, Zeits, Tharp, DeKuiper, Rademaker, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Rademaker supported by Clous** to come out of closed session at 7:52 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Clous, Tharp, DeKuiper, Rademaker, Lowe, Pahl, Zeits, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to approve a negotiated settlement with Lamar Advertising to include removal of (4) faces of billboard, (2) faces in front of Save-A-Lot prior to December 31, 2011 and (2) faces at Taco Bell when the current lease expires by Dec 31, 2017 in exchange for the Digital Billboard to remain at the current site and to have the supervisor sign the agreement. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper, Lowe, Zeits, Rademaker, Tharp, Pahl, Clous, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by DeKuiper supported by Rademaker** to pay \$6,448.00 to TC-TALUS out of Fund Balance for the Memorandum of Understanding January 10, 2008. Roll Call Vote: Lowe, Rademaker, Zeits, Pahl, Clous, Tharp, DeKuiper, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Rademaker** to allow Recycle Smart to place their Newsletter in with the Blair Township Tax Bills and they will pay the extra postage. Roll Call Vote: DeKuiper yea, Pahl yea, Lowe nay, Tharp nay, Rademaker yea, Clous yea, Zeits yea, 5 yeas, 2 nays, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by DeKuiper** to have the supervisor send a letter in support of the grant application for FEMA Hazard Mitigation. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Clous** to table the hiring of an assessor until next month. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Clous supported by Lowe** to accept Marvel's Mallory request for a leave of absence. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by DeKuiper** to grant the request for a waiver of sewer charges to Ted and Marjorie Hayes at 273 US-31 South, Traverse City, MI. 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**Motion by Tharp supported by Zeits** to send Matt Tallman to Fire Inspector II class for a cost of \$300.00. Roll Call Vote: Rademaker, Pahl, DeKuiper, Zeits, Clous, Lowe, Tharp, 7 yeas, Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** Daryl Case asked permission to use the meeting room for PTL Training on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT:** adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Betty A. Tharp  
Clerk

Patrick R. Pahl  
Supervisor

