

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Blendon Township Board of Trustees

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held May 12, 20 2021

**Roll Call:** Mr. Flaherty, here; Mr. Welch, here; Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Smith, here.

The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the April 28, 2021 meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

**Administrator's Report:** **Mr. Rhoads** updated the Board on the following: On Monday, a quarterly JEDZ meeting noted a slight decrease in revenue. Mr. Smith and Mr. Rhoads discussion with our financial advisor noted nothing to worry about. Plans are to attend MORPC meeting virtually. A developer is interested in Emerick Road. Gov. DeWine is lifting all health orders as of June 2, 2021.

**Communications:**

1. *Update Reports to the Board –Emailed from the Directors*
2. *Tax Budget- is planned for next meeting- Mr. Smith*

**New Business:**

1. **Hire Senior/Community Center Driver- Mr. Rhoads** discussed the extensive experience of Ellen Cruz Byington and requested hiring immediately. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the hiring of Ellen Byington at the rate of \$17.00 per hour, starting immediately. Mrs. Heichel, second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; and Mr. Flaherty, yes.
2. **Resolution NU-01-21 3330 Reno Road- Mr. Rhoads** stated high grass and requested approval for a nuisance abatement. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve NU-01-21 at 3330 Reno Road. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; and Mr. Flaherty, yes.
3. **Resolution NU-02-21 2625 Claridon Road- Mr. Rhoads** stated high grass and requested approval for a nuisance abatement. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve NU-02-21 at 2625 Claridon Road. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; and Mr. Flaherty, yes.
4. **MORPC Intern Program – Mr. Rhoads** requested the Board hire Mr. Charles Van Leuven, third year OSU student and MORPC intern, as an intern for Blendon Township. Mr. Flaherty moved to hire Charles Ban Leuven, at \$17.00 per hour, effective May 10, 2021, as an intern for Blendon Township. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; and Mr. Flaherty, yes.
5. **Chief of Police Employment Status- Mr. Rhoads** requested the Board accept the retirement and re-hire of Chief Belford. Mrs. Heichel moved to accept Chief Belford's retirement effective May 31, 2021, and to rehire Chief Belford on June 1, 2021, at his current rate with compensation and benefits, for several more years to help with the building transition and his succession. Mr. Flaherty second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; and Mr. Flaherty, abstain.

**Old Business:**

1. **Rumpke Collection Update- Mr. Rhoads** updated the Board on the status of Rumpke's collection of trash. Collection is very much delayed due to lack of employees. They are eagerly trying to staff drivers with incentive pay and bonuses. Credit and rebates are being considered. The Board has not taken this problem lightly and is actively considering options. Rumpke was the only trash company to reply at bidding time, so there was no competition with one bidder. Communication is key when our plans of action happen.

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Director/Staff Updates:

**Chief Belford** discussed the governor's order and extensive training is in play at no cost to taxpayers. More training in handcuff safety is also being planned. The BMV has extended tags and licensing to July 1, 2021, so the police department will return to pre-pandemic protocols with warnings for the first month.

**Fire Chief Miller** discussed the recent fatal fire in Westerville and stated the cause to be a lit candle. He suggested LED scented candles for safety reasons. Covid vaccines are available for homebound residents with a call to 614-901-6605 to schedule. Only the Pfister vaccine will be available for Westerville City schools for 12 years and older.

**Mrs. Heichel** noted the Summer Newsletter is at the printers. A separate mailing regarding the Rumpke situation will come later.

Open Floor:

**Mrs. Cordray, 3734 Caracas**, thanked Chief Miller for letting them know about the details of the Brisbane fire, as it was a family friend who had died. She also appreciates the transparency and more planned response to the Rumpke issue. HRAA is willing to help get the word out.

**Ms. Ciannaco, 4531 E. Walnut Street**, asked the Board regarding the road conditions from the MI Homes being built. Mr. Rhoads noted a call to Franklin County Engineers will help her with her questions, since it is a county roadway.

Pay Bills:

**Mr. Flaherty** moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

**Mr. Welch** advised that the next zoom meeting will be on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 6:30pm.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Approved by

  
 Shawn S. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Approved by

  
 James F. Welch, Chairman