

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Blendon Township Board of Trustees

Minutes of

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

February 02,

2022

Held

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### Call to Order at 6:30pm by Chairman Heichel – Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Mr. Smith, here. Mrs. Heichel, here. Mr. Welch, here. Mrs. Shinaberry, here. Administrator Rhoads, Fire Chief Miller, and Chief Belford were also in attendance.

**Minutes** – Mrs. Heichel asked if the board was able to review the minutes for January 19, 2022. Mr. Welch moved to approve the minutes as presented and waive the formal reading. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. Mrs. Heichel, yes. Mr. Welch, yes. Mrs. Shinaberry, yes.

**Administrators Report-** Mr. Rhoads updated the board on a variety of topics including the new Sheetz gas station, JEDZ board meeting, and 4079 Executive Parkway building progress. Mr. Rhoads also asked the board to consider allowing the Westerville Public Library install a “story trail” at Ridgewood Park. The story in the signs will be changed out every three months. After some discussion Mrs. Heichel motioned to approve the project. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

**Communications** – No new communications announced.

### New Business

1. **Cemetery/Phelps Acre Mowing-** Mr. Rhoads presented quotes to mow the cemetery and Phelps Acre in 2022. Mr. Rhoads requested the board approve the proposal from Sanders Lawn Care for a total of \$24,500. Mr. Welch motioned to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

### Old Business

1. **Administrative Assistant** – Mr. Rhoads asked the board to authorize the advertisement of a full-time administrative assistant position. The position will cover cemetery operations, financial assistant to the administrator and fiscal officer, event planning, and assistance to the elected board. Mr. Welch motioned to approve the position as presented. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

**Director/Staff Updates-** Chief Belford informed the board that the Franklin County EMA has established their emergency operations center for the upcoming storm. They are very concerned about the ice on powerlines and high winds on the way. Chief Belford has directed officers to keep all fuel tanks full to prepare for potential power outages. Chief Belford also warned the board about the phone application called Citizen. The application has recently been reporting incorrect incidents which has caused concern and confusion by local law enforcement departments. Mr. Smith advised the board that the township finances have been posted to the Open Checkbook website. The last two years have been posted and data will be updated as they become available. Mrs. Shinaberry advised the board she received a document from resident Delana Ciamacco about property values and the ability to contest recent appraisals. Mr. Rhoads will post the document to the township website. Mrs. Shinaberry also advised the board that she attended the Ohio Township Association conference last week and enjoyed the various classes. Some of the topics included finance, conflict resolution, conflicts of interest, and budgeting. Fire Chief Miller advised the board that he has upstuffed their fire vehicles in preparation for the incoming storm. Chief Miller has also reached out to the community to establish warming centers should we have a power outage.

