

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held May 24

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Call to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Welch. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chair Welch.

Roll Call

Mr. Welch, here. Mrs. Shinaberry, here. Mrs. Heichel, here.

Also in attendance was John Giamarco, Interim Administrator, John Belford, Police Chief, Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer

Minutes

Mr. Welch moved to approve the minutes as presented and waive the reading for the May 10, 2023 minutes. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Mrs. Heichel voted yes, Mr. Welch voted yes. Mrs. Shinaberry abstained.

Approve Cemetery Deeds and Purchase Orders**Communications****Mr. Giamarco—**

Mr. Giamarco said that a letter was received from Pizzuti Solutions regarding an interest in helping us find a buyer for the 4079 Executive Parkway Building. The letter is an outline of what the township needs to follow as far as what the Ohio Revised Code may require to sell a property in the township and what services they can provide such as suggesting a broker.

Mrs. Heichel—

Mrs. Heichel discussed an email received from Jen Bartkus of Oakstone Academy thanking us for use of Ridgewood Park for their baseball practices and games, requesting use for the fall soccer season, and also continuing its use for their next season. Clarifications will be addressed with Oakstone Academy regarding what investments they expressed they wanted to put into equipment. All three trustees agreed this would benefit the township and are okay with it.

Director/Staff Updates**Chief Belford—**

Chief Belford discussed how last Wednesday, they had one of the Blendon Township Police Cruisers participate in the Light Ohio Blue caravan and it went very well.

Mrs. Shinaberry—

Mrs. Shinaberry informed everyone of the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29th. It will be in the Cemetery at 11am and there is a lunch following the ceremony at the Senior Center. She said there are posts on Facebook groups in the township with information regarding the event.

Mrs. Shinaberry emphasized what the fire chief discussed a couple meetings ago about lithium battery fires. She encouraged keeping them off the charger when they are not being charged.

Mr. Giamarco—

Mr. Giamarco emailed the state senator, Bill DeMora of District 25, on behalf of Blendon Township to make sure he knew we would still like to see local government funds increased to 2.5% from the proposed 1.8%. Bill DeMora kindly responded to Mr. Giamarco's email saying he amended it and wants to raise it to 3.68%.

Mrs. Heichel—

Mrs. Heichel sent a letter to PUCO to object the proposed rate increase of 12.87% on behalf of Blendon Township residents that have Aqua Water.

New Business**Mr. Welch—**

Item A. Amend open floor minutes from the July 20, 2022 Trustees Meeting.

Mr. Welch motioned to remove Eric Cordray's comment about remarks made about past officials from the open floor minutes from the July 20, 2022 Trustees Meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

Item B. Amend April 26, 2023 meeting minutes to reflect \$1,356.00 cash accepted from Shred-It Day, instead of \$1,346.00.

Mr. Welch motioned to amend April 26, 2023 meeting minutes to reflect \$1,356.00 cash accepted from Shred-It Day, instead of \$1,346.00, which was a typo. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Ms. Bury—

Item C. HR Butler quote for payroll for the township.

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

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Old Business

None to report

Open Floor

Time was provided for residents to discuss various items.

Executive Session

7:10p.m.: *Mr. Welch moved to go into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.*

7:31p.m.: *Mrs. Shinaberry moved to adjourn executive session and go back into the regular meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.*

Ms. Bury—

Mrs. Bury discussed the executive session. The Township has various vacant positions including Code Enforcement, Zoning Officer, and Township Administrator. We are looking at succession planning, as there are some retirements coming up. We are looking to combine the two part-time positions of Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer into one full-time position and also need to advertise for the Township Administrator position. It was suggested to bring in Clemons Nelson, who is on retainer, to get job descriptions together and ensure we are giving appropriate wages for these positions. *Mrs. Shinaberry motioned to approve Ms. Bury to contact Clemons Nelson to start working on job descriptions and salary wages. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.*

Mrs. Bury discussed the 4% raise suggested for Mr. Giamarco as the Interim Administrator, Code Enforcement, and Zoning Officer. *Mrs. Shinaberry motioned to provide an increase to Mr. Giamarco of 4%. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.*

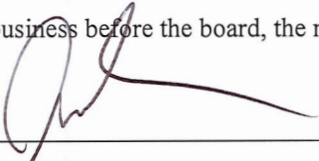
Bills

Mrs. Heichel moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 07, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved by: 
Jim Welch, *Chairperson*

Approved by: 
Joann Bury, *Fiscal Officer*