

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held March 27

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Heichel. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Heichel.

Present

Trustee Heichel, Trustee Ciamacco, Trustee Shinaberry

Also in attendance was John Belford, Police Chief; John Giamarco, Service Director; Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer; Pat Myers, Administrator; George Sorge, Deputy Fire Chief.

Fiscal Officer Report

Minutes—

Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the March 13 minutes as written. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

Approval of Purchase Orders—

Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve purchase orders as presented. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

Bills—

Trustee Shinaberry moved to pay the bills. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Approval Supplemental Appropriations—

Fiscal Officer Joann Bury presented Resolution 2024-13, which is for final budget adjustments for 2023, and requested approval from the Trustees. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

Fiscal Officer Joann Bury presented Resolution 2024-14, which is to amend the 2024 appropriations, and requested approval from the Trustees. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Administration

Commission and Board Appointment: Administrator Myers explained that we are re-establishing the Zoning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Parks Advisory Board.

Trustee Heichel moved to remove DeLena Ciamacco and John Giamarco from the Zoning Commission, effective March 27, 2024. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to remove Matt Newman from the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective March 27, 2024. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to accept the resignation of Kristy Meyers from the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective March 27, 2024. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to appoint Mark McNally to the Zoning Commission, with the term expiring on December 31, 2028. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to appoint Anthony Baker to the Zoning Commission, with the term expiring on December 31, 2029. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to appoint Tim Adkins as an alternate to the Zoning Commission. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to appoint Mark Haynes to the Board of Zoning Appeals, with the term expiring on December 31, 2026. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to appoint Rork Matthews to the Board of Zoning Appeals, with the term expiring on December 31, 2028. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to appoint Guna Thilak to the Board of Zoning Appeals, with the term expiring on December 31, 2029. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to appoint Matt Laufer as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Volunteer and Committee Assignments: Trustee Heichel moved to assign the following volunteers to the Parks Advisory Committee, with the term ending December 31, 2025: Susan Matthews, Sherry Chapin, Leah Adkins, Cheryl Wooten, Guna Thilak, Erin Monaco, Mark McNally, Anthony Baker, Emily Gerrick, Kerry Kalmbaugh, and April Zobel. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Heichel moved to assign Township Administrator Pat Myers as the liaison to the Parks Advisory Committee. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Administrator Myers explained the roles of the Zoning Commission, BZA and Parks Advisory Committee and will be communicating immediately to these groups to get the first meetings scheduled.

Approval of Revised Handbook: Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the new Blendon Township Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Human Resources

On-Board Jacob Endress, Police Officer: Administrator Myers discussed how Jacob Endress's onboarding is complete and went well.

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Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

Mr. Giamarco—

WARM—Kids Lunch Club at Ridgewood Park: Mr. Giamarco discussed a request received from WARM to use Ridgewood Park for their Kids Lunch Club during the summer. Trustee Heichel moved to allow WARM to use Ridgewood Park for their Kids Lunch Club as presented. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Police

Chief Belford—

Chief Belford thanked everyone for the new office upgrades, thanked John Giamarco and his crew for helping set everything up, and thanked Administrator Myers for negotiating with the flooring and office supplies vendors to bring the project under budget.

Fire

Deputy Chief George Sorge—

Chief Miller was out of town. Deputy Chief Sorge encouraged residents to clean lint traps when doing spring cleaning.

Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

Trustee Comment

Trustee Heichel— Trustee Heichel congratulated everyone who was appointed to the Boards and Committees. The trustees were pleased with the number of the applicants for the volunteer positions and glad they were able to place all applicants on one or more of their chosen committees or boards.

She also shared insights from attending the Franklin County Public Health annual meeting. Their comprehensive updates highlighted the vast array of services they offer to the community, including Immunization Clinics, Sexual Health, Dental Care, TB Testing, Women, Infants, and Children Services (WIC), Food Safety, Addiction Support, and more. Those seeking assistance can find information on their website at <https://myfcph.org>.

She stated dedication and expertise of the staff were evident in their commitment to serving the community with compassion. Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, they are adapting to establish a "new normal" routine.

Trustee Shinaberry— Trustee Shinaberry discussed that she attended the Franklin County Township Association meeting and had updates on speakers and information provided. She has slides from presentations if anyone would like copies. She spoke about a proposed omnibus bill that would allow Townships to use their website or social media for notifications instead of a newspaper, update fiscal officer codes, allow township designation on license plates, allow townships to use general fund money for road purposes, and reestablish the indigent burial fund. She also discussed local zoning and how the legislature has a push to take away zoning at the Township level. She stated that we do not want zoning removed and OTA supports townships and will fight on behalf of townships. The OTA is encouraging us to contact our legislators to support statewide or countywide water/sewer services as opposed to municipal controlled services. This is all part of Omnibus bill HB-315.

Trustee Ciamacco— Trustee Ciamacco thanked residents who were appointed/assigned to boards and committees. She encouraged everyone to continue to send Aqua bills and hardship letters.

Announcements

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 will be the next Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved by: 
Jan Heichel, Chairperson

Approved by: 
Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer