

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held April 10

20<sup>24</sup>

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

## Present

Chair Heichel, Trustee Ciamacco, Trustee Shinaberry

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

## Fiscal Officer Report

**Minutes**—Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the March 27, 2024 minutes as written. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

**Approval of Purchase Orders**—Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve purchase orders as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

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

## Administration

**Approval of new Cemetery Pricing and Guidelines:** Administrator Myers requested a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15, which is the new cemetery pricing and guidelines. This is amending Resolution 2014-06. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the amended resolution as presented. Chair Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

**Certified Code Enforcement Officer training discussion:** Administrator Myers explained an upcoming request for training and certification for Code Enforcement employee Adam Sears. He described training and testing to allow him to be a Certified Code Enforcement Officer. This is just preliminary and Administrator Myers will provide more information for the Trustees to review.

**Solar event update:** Administrator Myers stated that the Solar Eclipse Event that was hosted at the Senior Center went well. Krogers and Giant Eagle donated snacks for all in attendance.

**Zoning Commission, BZA, and Parks Advisory Committee meeting times:** Administrator Myers stated that the Zoning Commission will meet on April 16, 2024 at 6pm-8pm at the Senior Center. The first hour of the meeting, the legal council for the township will be present to provide training for the Commission members. The BZA will meet at the same place and time on April 23, 2024 with the legal council being present for training for the first hour. The Parks Advisory Committee will meet on April 29, 2024 in the same place and at the same time. Administrator Myers will provide guidelines for the Parks Advisory Committee.

## Human Resources

**Approval for Pat Myers to obtain SHRM-CP certification:** Administrator Myers requested approval for up to \$700.00 for HR certification with Strategic Human Resource Management-Certified Professional Training (SHRM-CP). The fee is \$410 for members and \$510 for non-members. Chair Heichel moved to approve the expense not to exceed \$700.00 to include the \$50.00 fee and membership for Administrator. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. Discussion: Trustee Ciamacco asked if there is a membership fee. Mr. Myers advised Yes, the membership fee is \$50. This training and membership will provide many resources and allow our administrator to stay abreast of all new laws, such as FMLA and labor laws on human resources. Being a member includes continuing education with no additional charges. All voted yes.

## Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

**Mr. Giamarco**— Mr. Giamarco discussed garbage found in storm sewers after the heavy rains. He stated the Service Department men were able to clean out the storm drains on Oslo Drive where they pulled out a huge boulder, totally blocking the water from going into the drainage system. A rug was pulled out of a storm drain on Magnolia Place. There was also flooding at the Senior Center. He contacted Blue Ring Residential and Commercial Services as an emergency to install new drainage against the wall to keep the water from coming into the Senior Center library. The work has been completed.

## Police

**Chief Belford**—

**Approval of obsolete items to be discarded:** Chief Belford requested approval to destroy a list of obsolete items. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the list as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

## Fire

**Chief Miller**—Chief reminded everyone the importance of bicycle helmets.

## Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

## Trustee Comment

**Trustee Heichel**— Chair Heichel reminded everyone of Community Clean-Up Days at the Blendon Complex, 6330 Hempstead Rd. There will be free dumpster use, tire disposal, and electronics drop off. The dates are: Friday, April 19., 7 AM to 3 PM. ; Saturday, April 20, 8 AM to 5 PM.; and Sunday, April 21, 8 AM to 5 PM. Please visit [www.blendontwp.org](http://www.blendontwp.org) for acceptable and unacceptable material/items. The free document shredding will be held at the Blendon Complex, 6350 S. Hempstead Rd., Saturday, April 20, from 10 AM to 2 PM. She also reminded everyone of the Blendon Blooms contest which begins April 15, 2024. More information about the contest is available on our website at [www.blendontwp.org](http://www.blendontwp.org).>Residents tab>Events>Blendon Blooms.

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**Trustee Shinaberry**— Trustee Shinaberry reminded everyone of ReUse-A-Palooza on Saturday April 27, 2024 from 8am-6pm. This is like a huge garage sale, but everything is free. More information for the event can be found at [www.sustainablewesterville.org/reuseapalooza](http://www.sustainablewesterville.org/reuseapalooza)

Trustee Shinaberry also mentioned the Repair Cafe on Saturday April 20th, 2024 from 9am-12pm. You can take any item and have it fixed for free. This event is at The Point at Otterbein College, 60 Collegeview.

**Trustee Ciamacco**— Trustee Ciamacco stated she continues to meet with Blendon Township vendors to evaluate costs as well as our township employees to know and understand their jobs. Trustee Ciamacco has continued to investigate the Aqua Ohio rates. There is a local attorney who has heard about her goal, and has also taken an interest in our situation. She stated the first step is to gather as much information as possible to figure out exactly what our residents are paying for water versus other municipalities. She thanked everyone who has provided bills so far but she needs many more to participate. On the bill, please make sure you are writing down how many people are in your household. Also, please provide a telephone number where you can be reached. If we can get a series of bills for the same user, (a year's worth of bills), that would be helpful.

Aqua's position is that if a consumer's bill is higher than average, it is because the consumer's use is more than it should be. Aqua stated there are possible leaks in the consumer's home and provided several other justifications. We don't know this to be true – which is why we are compiling information. We need to see average use and costs.

After compiling our own data, our next step will be gathering information from the PUCO. The PUCO is the agency that sets utility rates in the State of Ohio, and they would have to approve anything that Aqua is charging customers. What we do not know is when the rates were last set and what information was the PUCO looking at when approving the rates

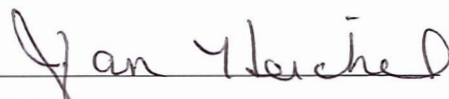
**Announcements**

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, will be the next Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at, the same location, 6330 Hempstead Rd., Westerville, Ohio.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business before the board, Chair Heichel made a motion to adjourn in the meeting at 6:58 PM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shinaberry, all voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved by:   
Jan Heichel, Chairperson

Approved by:   
Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer