

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held April 24

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

Present

Chair Heichel, Trustee Ciamacco, Vice-Chair 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—Vice-Chair Shinaberry moved to approve the April 10, 2024, minutes as written. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Vice-Chair Shinaberry moved to approve the April 22, 2024, minutes as written. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

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

Bills—Vice-Chair Shinaberry moved to pay the bills. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Bank Reconciliations— Vice-Chair Shinaberry moved to approve the bank reconciliations for January & February 2024. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Administration

Administrator Myers—

Acceptance of donation from Faith Covenant Church for \$25.00, acceptance of \$1,038.00 in donations from Community Clean Up Day, and acceptance of \$222.86 from metal recycling from Community Clean Up Day: Vice-Chair Shinaberry moved to accept the donations as presented. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Member changes: Administrator Myers asked that Matt Lauffer be moved to a full member of the BZA term ending 12/31/2025 and Diane Galliers be moved to the alternate position. Ms. Galliers requested this move due to possible schedule conflicts. Vice-Chair Shinaberry moved to accept the BZA member changes as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Board of Trustees Meeting Policy: Administrator Myers requested approval for the Board of Trustees Meeting Policy. Vice-Chair Shinaberry moved to approve the policy as presented. Chair Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

Human Resources

Approval of Certified Code Enforcement Training for Adam Sears: Administrator Myers provided the Board with materials for review and requested approval for up to \$1,500.00 for Adam Sears to gain Code Enforcement Certification/Designation and membership. Chair Heichel moved to approve the expense as presented. Vice-Chair Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

Mr. Giamarco— Mr. Giamarco presented two road projects to be performed by Decker Construction for \$24,037.00 and \$26,045.00, which will come out of the Road District Fund. Vice-Chair Shinaberry moved to approve the two expenditures as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Trustee Ciamacco asked Mr. Giamarco if there were any other areas in need of asphalt. Mr. Giamarco replied that he had not seen anywhere else in need. All voted yes.

Mr. Giamarco discussed the Spring Community Clean-Up event, stating it went very well. There were six dumpsters filled, and the shredding event had lines of cars all day. Chair Heichel clarified that documents shredding off-site are locked up and secure until they can be taken to be destroyed.

Police

Chief Belford— Chief Belford gave an update regarding the police department being featured in a news story on Channel 10 regarding Senior Tag. This is an end-of-the-school-year activity where the graduating seniors sometimes chase each other with soft pellet guns and super soaker water guns while driving or on foot. This poses a real danger to their safety as well as the safety of others. This year, their event began with a large gathering of about 50 individuals at Hoover Reservoir, where they staged their event to go to various places. Chief addressed the dangers of the seniors chasing moving cars, hiding in bushes, etc. He explained that Blendon Township Police try to discourage students from participating in senior tag due to the many potential dangers.

Fire

Chief Miller—Chief Miller stated that Battalion Chief Mike Ullam received an Ohio Fire Service Award and thanked him for his hard work.

Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

Trustee Comment

Chair Heichel— Chair Heichel reminded everyone of the Drug Take Back event on April 27, 2024 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. on the Blendon Complex, 6330 Hempstead Road, to help fight opioid epidemic and misuse of drugs. Details regarding the event can be found on the Blendon Township website.

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Vice-Chair Shinaberry— Vice-Chair Shinaberry reminded everyone of ReUse-A-Palooza Saturday April 27, 2024 from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. This is like a huge garage sale but everything is free. There is also an opportunity to enter addresses letting people know what's available on sustainable Westerville site.

Vice-Chair Shinaberry discussed there is a Clean Water Initiative for people who do not have public sewers. Blendon Township has brochures available for anybody who needs them in the lobby of our Administration building, 6350 Hempstead Road.

Vice-Chair Shinaberry talked about Blendon Township's partnership with Franklin Soil and Water and the Community Backyards program, allowing for vouchers to residents for rain barrels and compost sites.

Trustee Ciamacco— Trustee Ciamacco continues to meet with our township vendors in an attempt to understand the services they provide, negotiate, and research the best prices for the township, and is making headway.

Trustee Ciamacco said she has been hearing from many residents about how high gas, electric, and water bills have been lately. In looking for alternate solutions that might help our residents lower their utility costs, she came across a utility aggregator by the name of NOPEC. Trustee Ciamacco and Pat met with their representative this week. He said, on average, they are able to save those who "opt into" their service about 15% on their utilities. They work with many municipalities in the State of Ohio. They also educate on best practices for cutting costs. They will be coming to our 5/8 meeting to discuss their services and possibly work with our township in the near future. Trustee Ciamacco left booklets by the sign-in sheet.

While Trustee Ciamacco was campaigning, she walked on every street in our township and was fortunate enough to be able to talk to residents on every street of our township. She heard many concerns and suggestions. On numerous occasions she heard how the township should be more inclusive by having events in all areas of the township.

Pat and Trustee Ciamacco visited the Executive Parkway Building and discussed moving one of our concert series to the Executive Parkway Building. All Trustees seemed to concur that July would be the best month to hold it there.

Waypoint Consulting Staffing Presentation

Dave Rose from Waypoint Consulting did a presentation to the Board and audience regarding current and future staffing for the Police Department.

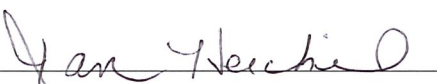
Announcements

Wednesday, May 8, 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 the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Shinaberry. All voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved by: 
Jan Heichel, Chairperson

Approved by: 
Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer