

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held May 22

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairperson Heichel. She welcomed everyone in attendance.

Trustee Heichel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Chair Heichel, Trustee Ciamacco, Vice-Chair Shinaberry

Absent: Fiscal Officer Joann Bury

Also in attendance was John Belford, Police Chief; John Giamarco, Service Director; Matt Newman, Service Department, Pat Myers, Administrator; and Dave Williams, Deputy Fire Chief.

Fiscal Officer Report -Introduced by Chairperson Heichel

Minutes—Trustee Heichel requested a motion to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting minutes on May 8, 2024.

Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the May 8, 2024; minutes as written. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Approval of Purchase Orders—Trustee Heichel asked for a motion to approve the Purchase Orders. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve purchase orders as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Bills—Trustee Heichel asked for a motion to approve the bills. Trustee Shinaberry moved to pay the bills. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Administration

Administrator Myers

Cell Tower update: A previous consensus from the Board was to look into the cell tower proposal from Crown Castle Inc. An agreement was received from them and forwarded to our attorneys for review.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2024-16 NUISANCE ABATEMENT: Trustee Ciamacco moved to approve Resolution 2024-16, declaring the property at 7250 Cabbage Road, in Blendon Township, Franklin County, Ohio, a nuisance pursuant to Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code. Trustee Shinaberry seconded.

Discussion: Trustee Ciamacco expressed her support for environmentally conscious residents and suggested exploring the option of allowing contained gardens for native plants and wildflowers attracting bees, hummingbirds, etc. This will help provide nourishing habitats for animals like birds and other insects. This proposal would need to be reviewed by the Zoning Commission. If approved, it would support sustainable practices while ensuring compliance with regulations. Trustees Heichel and Shinaberry agreed with her proposal.

Call for the vote for Resolution 2024-16. All voted yes.

Human Resources

Administrator Myers reported that Mitsu Andrews was offered full-time employment in Blendon's Service Department on May 8, 2024. After successfully passing his background screening, Mr. Andrews is set to start his new position on June 3, 2024.

Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

Mr. Giamarco noted that residents of the Sunbury Woods Subdivision on Valley Quail South lack safe access to the shopping center due to the absence of sidewalks, forcing them to walk in the street. He had received a call from a resident regarding this. Mr. Giamarco recommended using JEDZ funds to construct sidewalks with an ADA-accessible ramp and proposed finishing the incomplete curb and gutter work on the north side. He presented invoices amounting to \$21,046.00 for these projects.

Invoice and Purchase Order Approval: Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve a purchase order from JEDZ Funds for Jeff Beard Concrete Construction for \$21,046.00 to repair the curb, gutter, and sidewalk on Valley Quail South at Sunbury Plaza. The breakdown of the costs are as follows: Valley Quail South at the Sunbury Plaza: Remove and replace 173' of curb/gutter, \$8823.00. Install 88' of new sidewalk, \$5632.00. Remove and replace 24' of stand-up curb, \$1224.00. Install three 8'handicappADA ramps with mats, \$5367.00. Trustee Ciamacco seconded it. All voted yes.

Police

Chief Belford— Nothing to report.

Fire

Dave Williams, Deputy Fire Chief—Nothing to report.

Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

Trustee Comment

Chair Heichel— Trustee Heichel introduced Mr. Matt Newman, the new Service Director replacing John Giamarco upon his retirement on July 31, 2024. Matt has been with the Service Department for 13 years.

Monday, May 27, at 11:00 AM, the Trustees will host a Memorial Day Ceremony at the cemetery flagpole, followed by a free lunch at the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on June 5, 2024, marking the launch of our live stream on YouTube. To watch live and recorded Blendon Township Board of Trustee meetings online, please use this link: [HTTPS://www.youtube.com@blendontownship](https://www.youtube.com@blendontownship). There is also access on our home page at www.blendontwp.org.

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Trustee Shinaberry— Trustee Shinaberry stated she hopes to see everybody at the Memorial Day Ceremony and lunch on Monday.

Trustee Ciamacco— At our last meeting, we discussed energy aggregation with NOPEC.

Last week, Administrator Myers and I met with Kristy Meyer, a Clean Energy Aggregation Consultant and local resident, and Nolan Rutschilling from the Ohio Environmental Council to discuss the benefits of clean energy aggregation for our community. By choosing clean energy through aggregation, we can achieve a more stable energy source at a cost comparable to or lower than coal-fired power. At our next meeting on 6/5/24, Nolan, Kristy, and SOPEC will present on green energy aggregation.

Announcements

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, will be the next Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:30 PM at the same location, 6330 Hempstead Rd., Westerville, Ohio, and live streamed on YouTube.

Executive Session

Trustee Heichel moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:48 PM, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(4) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Trustee Shinaberry seconded the motion. All voted yes.

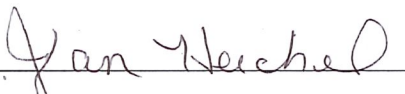
Trustee Heichel moved to return to the Regular Trustee meeting at 8:07 PM. Trustee Shinaberry seconded it. All voted yes.

There are no decisions to make. No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Trustee Heichel wished everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day, thanked attendees, and invited them to join or watch the Board of Trustees Meetings on YouTube, starting June 5, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Heichel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Trustee Shinaberry seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Approved by: 
Jan Heichel, Chairperson

Approved by: 
Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer