

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held June 5

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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.

Roll Call: Present

Chair Heichel, Trustee Ciamacco, Vice-Chair Shinaberry

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

Administrator Myers—

Administrator Myers stated that this meeting is being live-streamed on YouTube. The webpage is www.youtube.com/@BlendonTownship

Fiscal Officer Report -Introduced by Chairperson Heichel

Minutes—Trustee Heichel asked the other Trustees if they had reviewed the Minutes from the May 22, 2024 meeting. She then requested a motion to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting minutes on May 22, 2024.

Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the May 22, 2024; minutes as written. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Approval of Purchase Orders—Trustee Heichel asked the other Trustees if they had reviewed the Purchase Orders presented. She then 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 the other Trustees if they had reviewed the bills presented. She then asked for a motion to approve the bills. Trustee Shinaberry moved to pay the bills. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Administration

Administrator Myers—

Nuisance Abatement: Administrator Myers requested that the Board amend the NU-2024-16 and adopt NU-2024-17, which amends the Nuisance Abatement for 7250 Cabbage Road. This is being amended in order to meet the timeframe of resolving the issue with a 3rd party contractor to remedy the property. Trustee Ciamacco moved to adopt the new resolution as presented. Trustee Shinaberry seconded.

Discussion: Trustee Ciamacco stated that the Trustees are committed to understanding the needs and requests of the residents. She suggested that the Board explore and research what other local communities are doing to improve native, sustainable, and biodiverse growth within a residential setting. She has asked Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer Adam Sears to reach out to other local communities that have either already enacted these changes or are also in the exploratory phase. He has already contacted Grandview and The OSU extension and once we have a viable path forward, she suggested we draft a resolution and submit it before our Zoning Board for consideration. But, there are various things to consider, such as: How will any changes impact our current zoning code and our township as a whole? The size of the lot and amount of area that can be considered based on each planned district. Types of plants- being careful to exclude more invasive or destructive growth. How these areas will be contained and maintained.

All voted yes

Cell Tower Agreement Update: Administrator Myers discussed the township being approached by Crown Castle to put a cell tower in the cemetery. There is an agreement ready for review to put a cell tower by the salt barn instead of the cemetery. Crown Castle is offering \$2,500 per month with a 3% increase annually and a \$6,000 one-time fee upfront. Administrator Myers was able to negotiate that amount up to \$2,700 per month.

Trustee Ciamacco asked what happens if all trustees are in agreement and want to move forward. Administrator Myers stated that once the agreement is executed, surveying would begin. Construction would not start for about 18 months. Everything is paid for by Crown Castle.

Human Resources

Mitsu Andrew's onboarding: Administrator Myers reported that Mitsu Andrews started his new position with the Service Department on Monday, June 3rd. His onboarding has been completed.

Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

Mr. Giamarco noted that crosswalks were painted, and they mulched both parks.

Police

Chief Belford— Nothing to report.

Fire

Fire Chief Miller—Fire Chief Miller stated that they hired three full-time firefighters and created a new fire prevention position. They also had one retirement and one firefighter move to Columbus.

Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

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Ohio Environmental Presentation

Kristy Myer, Clean Energy Consultant & Blendon resident spoke to advocate for clean energy. She spoke about aggregation for 100% clean energy and explained it will provide a cleaner, greener future for our children and residents. It would eliminate approximately 25 to 30% of our communities CO2 pollution immediately, and she explained how our neighboring communities are currently benefiting from the clean energy CCA programs. There is a real potential for cost savings for our residents because of the collective buying power of our community. In addition, it is clean energy.

Luke Sulfridge, Executive Director SOPEC (Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council). (Natural Gas and Green Energy Programs). He reminded us that consumers have the right to shop for power as individuals and/or communities. He represents communities with collective buying powers. He presented the ideas to the Trustees to consider placing SOPEC on an up-coming ballot to ask the community to decide whether they would want these aggregation options for themselves.

Administrator Myers clarified these are two separate ballot issues.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Heichel— Trustee Heichel stated that the first free summer concert is coming up on June 15th at Ridgewood Park, Buenos Aires Blvd. from 6-8pm. The band playing at the concert is Stop, Drop, & Roll. The event includes free food, bounce houses, face painting, volleyball, and more. Additional information can be found on the website at www.blendontwp.org.

Trustee Shinaberry— Trustee Shinaberry stated she is excited to see everyone at the first summer concert and that the sponsors are Jeff Beard Concrete Construction, Aqua Water, and Murphy Petty LTD.

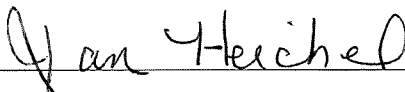
Trustee Ciamacco— Trustee Ciamacco stated she continues working on ways to save our residents money on utility bills. She has met with utility aggregators and had many discussions with Aqua. However, she needs the support of the residents. For our residents that have Aqua as their water provider, she urged them to please consider sending her your hardship letters along with as many bills as possible (1 year is recommended). Their contribution is crucial for us to move forward with a meeting. Please either email them to dciamacco@blendontwp.org or drop them off at our administrative office.

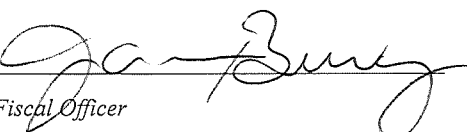
Announcements

Tuesday, June 18, 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. Wednesday, June 19th is a holiday, (Juneteenth) and the township offices will be closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Heichel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Trustee Shinaberry seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Approved by: 
Jan Heichel, Chairperson

Approved by: 
Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer