

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held November 20

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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 Shinaberry, Trustee Ciamacco.

Also in attendance were John Belford, Police Chief; Matt Newman, Service Department; Pat Myers, Administrator; and James Marra, Battalion Chief.

Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

Franklin County Soil and Water Working Agreement Presentation

Annabelle Spranger did a short presentation for the Board.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Ciamacco— Trustee Ciamacco stated that as part of the very long process of meeting with and creating manuals for all township staff members, she found it necessary to have floor plans for the senior center, administrative, and maintenance buildings. She stated there is no current or legible floor plan for any of them. It would be cost-prohibitive to have an architect prepare the drawings; so she had Pat contact a few 3D tour vendors for pricing. She said that with a 3D tour, the township would also get a digital floor plan. She doesn't think it is necessary for the township buildings to have the 3D tour hosted because all she thinks is needed is the floor plan.

She also wished everyone a happy and relaxing Thanksgiving.

Trustee Shinaberry— Trustee Shinaberry discussed that Rumpke is now accepting clear plastic containers, including "clamshells," in their recycling. "Clamshells" are the clear plastic containers used for packaging strawberries, blueberries, etc., when you buy them in grocery stores. Secondly, SWACO's "Convenience Center" at 2566 Jackson Pike (M-F 10:30-6, Sat 9-4:30) has dropped their \$1 charge for latex paint. They also accept prescription bottles and cardboard & Styrofoam egg cartons, none of which are accepted by Rumpke Recycling or the SWACO Household Hazardous Waste Center at 845 E. Fifth Ave. (9-5 M-F; 9-2 1st Sat). To clarify, Rumpke still accepts latex paint in the trash if it is already dried up, and the SWACO Household Hazardous Waste Center will still accept latex paints for \$1, but the Convenience Center will not charge for latex paint. Lastly, HB315, the township omnibus bill, which Trustee Shinaberry has spoken about twice in the past few months, had its 2nd Senate hearing yesterday. She watched the first hearing and said it was very interesting. HB315 now has 15 township provisions instead of the original nine and will probably get some more amendments added in the next hearing, which will be on December 3. She is hopeful this bill will eventually pass, as it has quite a few things in it that will benefit the township, such as altering the public notice requirement for townships, providing grant funding to modernize zoning regulations and processes, and reinstating the indigent burial reimbursement funding. She had Kyle Brooks, the Director of Governmental Affairs for the Ohio Township Association, send her a current version of HB315 with all 15 current provisions, so anyone can contact her if they want to see it.

Trustee Heichel— Trustee Heichel shared that the 2025 calendar has been mailed. Also, she shared that the township is partnering with Salvation Army again to support their Angel Tree Toy Drive. More information is available on the township website.

Fiscal Officer Report -Introduced by Chairperson Heichel

Minutes—Trustee Heichel asked the other Trustees if they had reviewed the Minutes from the November 6, 2024, meeting. Trustee Ciamacco made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes on November 6, 2024. Trustee Heichel seconded. Trustee Heichel voted yes, Trustee Shinaberry abstained, and Trustee Ciamacco voted yes.

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

Administration

Donation Acceptance— Administrator Myers asked that the Board accept a \$250.00 donation from the residents of Rolling Ridge neighborhood for the Service Department. Trustee Shinaberry moved to graciously accept the donation as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Comments: The Board expressed their appreciation for the donation.

All voted yes.

Resolution NU-2024-18 Nuisance Abatement— Administrator Myers presented a nuisance resolution to the Board for 3525 Canberra Court, Westerville, OH 43081. Trustee Heichel moved to approve the nuisance resolution as presented. Trustee Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

Commercial Building Department Discussion — Administrator Myers discussed how the Zoning Department has worked with Toole and Associates in the past for the Commercial Building Department. Due to recent interactions with the organization, Adam Sears in the Zoning Department did research surrounding switching organizations and to start working with a gentleman from the City of Westerville who will be going off on his own. The gentleman put together a proposal that is the same cost as Toole and Associates as ad hoc payments.

Street Sweeping Discussion — Administrator Myers discussed the recent street sweeping in the township. Matt Newman and Pat Myers drove around the township and found areas that were acceptable and other areas that were not acceptable. The areas that were not acceptable were requested to be swept again after he contacted the company. Administrator Myers stated he has gotten positive and negative feedback regarding the recent street sweeping. He also explained that there are residents who raised the question of having leaf pickup offered, and he stated that it is cost-prohibitive for the township to do that, whether it would be contracted out or done in-house. After a discussion with the Board, the general consensus was that although it is disappointing, it would cost the township too much money unless a levy would be put on a future ballot.

Human Resources

Administrator Myers has been studying to take the SHRM exam.

Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

Matt Newman stated that the winter equipment has been serviced.

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Police

Nothing to report.

Fire

Battalion Chief James Marra discussed ladder safety rules such as choosing the right ladder for the job, checking the ladder for damages, using the ladder during safe conditions/putting it in a safe place, and deferring the work to someone who is in appropriate shape to go up and down the ladder. He also provided informational handouts.

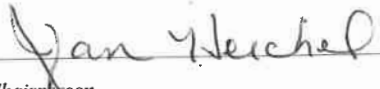
Announcements

Wednesday, December 4, 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Heichel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Trustee Shinaberry seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Approved by:



Jan Heichel, Chairperson

Approved by:



Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer