

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held January 15

20 25

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Trustee Shinaberry.

Trustee Shinaberry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present

Trustee Shinaberry, Trustee Ciamacco, and Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer.

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

Trustee Heichel was absent.

Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

Trustee Comments

Trustee Ciamacco— Trustee Ciamacco discussed the property taxes for Franklin County that were certified at the end of December. She received inquiries from a number of residents on what they could do to get their property taxes lowered. If you feel the Auditor's appraised value is too high, you can file a complaint with the Franklin County Board of Revision. Filing a BOR complaint entitles you to a hearing before the three-member Board of Revision. At the hearing, to support your complaint, you may present information such as recent appraisals, current sales data for similar properties in your neighborhood, or a closing statement if you have purchased your home recently. The BOR is accepting complaints about tax year 2024 until March 31, 2025.

How do you file a complaint? The fastest way to submit a complaint is by e-filing. Complaints may also be filed: By mail or in person (373 S. High St, 20th Fl, Columbus, OH 43215) postmarked no later than March 31, 2025; By email (bor@franklincountyohio.gov); or By fax (614-525-6252).

She also asked that residents continue to send her as many Aqua Water bills as possible, along with a hardship letter. She still does not have enough to take the next step.

Lastly, due to the holidays and staff being out of the office, she stated that they haven't been able to schedule another Blendon Beautiful Initiative cleanup since the last one. Adam heard back from Josh with Franklin County, and he confirmed they plan to be out this Saturday to clean up Cleveland Heights again, weather permitting.

Trustee Shinaberry— Trustee Shinaberry announced that The Salvation Army Angel Tree Drive for Central Ohio, which Trustee Heichel promoted during a meeting, and the Senior Center promoted, including during the Breakfast with Santa event, has put out their report from this year's holiday drive:

- 17,484 individuals were served from a total of 4336 households
- 12,621 gifts were given, with 10,208 of those gifts being to children

Thanks to anyone who generously supported this holiday drive.

HB315 was signed by Governor DeWine in the wee hours of the session that started the same day as the last Board of Trustees meeting. This bill, which Trustee Shinaberry reported on several times, includes 17 provisions that benefit townships.

The Executive Director of America250-Ohio, Todd Kleismet, started a monthly virtual "Todd Talk" on Jan 10, which Trustee Shinaberry attended. You're going to be hearing about initiatives all over the state, some of which have already kicked off, that celebrate Ohio's history and contribution to the United States of America, as we get closer to celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The website <https://america250-ohio.org/2024-annual-report/> has a concise overview of the whole project.

Since there are no more Board meetings before February, Trustee Shinaberry announced that The Ohio Revised Code recognizes Feb. 1 as Ohio Township Day every year. As the first form of government in Ohio, the 1308 townships across the state serve nearly 35 percent of Ohio's population. Road maintenance, police and fire protection, cemetery maintenance, zoning, and parks are just a few of our township responsibilities.

Administrator Myers and Trustee Shinaberry will be attending the Franklin Co. Township Association meeting Thursday evening (1/16), and some of the Trustees and staff will be attending the Ohio Township Association annual conference downtown later this month.

Trustee Heichel— Absent.

Fiscal Officer Report

Minutes—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the other Trustees if they had reviewed the Regular Minutes from the January 2, 2025, meeting. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes on January 2, 2025. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Approval of Purchase Orders—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the other Trustees if they had reviewed the Purchase Orders presented. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to approve Purchase Orders as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Bills—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the other Trustees if they had reviewed the bills presented. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to approve the bills. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Administration/Human Resources

Resolution 2025-04 To proceed with the submission of the question of levying an additional tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of police services pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J)— Administrator Myers asked the Board to approve Resolution 2025-04. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Resolution 2025-02 Amending the motion made May 8, 2024 for the promotion of Matt Newman to Service Director. Hourly rate shall be amended as follows: Effective January 1, 2025. Amend from \$31.00/Hour to \$31.93/Hour based on 2024 performance— Administrator Myers asked the Board to approve Resolution 2025-02. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Resolution 2025-03 Amending Resolution 2023-23, Hiring and establishing the terms and conditions of employment for the Blendon Township Administrator—Administrator Myers asked the Board to approve Resolution 2025-03, which includes adding HR duties. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Administrator Myers also shared that at the end of the Trustee meeting, there will be a public hearing for electric and gas aggregation at 7:00 PM. The same hearing will also occur on February 12th at the beginning of the Trustee meeting. Secondly, he mentioned he had a meeting with MORPC, in which they discussed a program for residents for the winterization of homes. He will provide more information once he receives it. He will be meeting with them again to discuss different grant programs. Lastly, The JEDZ board has been discussing working with the owner of the Glengary Shopping Center to finish the front of the center (he is talking about the building signage above the businesses) where Delaney's starts along with China House and Dominos.

Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

Matt Newman asked the Board for approval of a purchase order to Cargill Corporation not to exceed \$10,000.00. This is for 150 tons of salt at the contracted price of \$61.35 per ton, as part of the SWOP4G agreement effective 8/1/2024-7/31/2025.

Trustee Ciamacco asked if the price was lower this year. Matt Newman clarified that it is about \$18 less per ton, with a savings of around \$2,700.00. He also clarified that this is a budgeted item out of the gas tax fund. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the purchase order as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded.

Discussion: Trustee Ciamacco asked for clarification regarding the salt storage. Matt Newman stated that they have enough storage to hold about 800 tons.

Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

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Police

Chief Belford asked the Board for approval of a purchase order to Panasonic Connect in the amount of \$11,143.16 per year for a five-year lease of computers and printers for police cruisers. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the purchase order as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded.

Discussion: Trustee Ciamacco asked if it would save the Police Officers time to use it for e-tickets. Chief Belford said it would help with that as well as avoid other clerical errors, such as trying to read handwriting. Trustee Shinaberry asked if it included technical help. Chief Belford clarified that they have their contract through the Township's IT company, IT Made Real, as well as through the manufacturer, which is separate from this purchase order. He stated that they are covered if they have any technical issues.

Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Fire

Chief Miller stated that the new Medic 112 is in service. However, the cost and time it takes for new trucks to be built have increased, so they ordered a new engine 112, which will be ready in 3 years and 9 months. He also shared dangers during the winter months. He advised everyone on the dangers of space heaters by maintaining three feet around them. If you have any gas-burning fuel appliances, make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector. They are also seeing injuries from the ice.

Announcements

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 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.

SOPEC Aggregation 2nd Public Hearing is on February 12, 2025 @ 6:00 PM, 6330 Hempstead Rd., Westerville, Ohio.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Shinaberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM. Trustee Ciamacco seconded the motion. Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Approved by:



Cathy Shinaberry, Chairperson

Approved by:



Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer