

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held February 12

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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; Pat Myers, Administrator; and Brian Miller, Westerville/Blendon Fire Chief.

Trustee Heichel was absent.

Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

Trustee Comment

Trustee Ciamacco— Trustee Ciamacco discussed the Ohio Township Convention that she attended a couple weeks ago along with other members of the Township, stating that it was very informative. As a result, she will be working with Adam on updating and including additional code items such as Air B&B and other short-term rentals, Wind and solar. It is important that the zoning codes remain updated and reflect the changes as they occur. She also learned about some possible grants for our community that she will be looking into.

She also discussed some recent changes that are about to occur. She received notice from the Ohio Township Association on 2/7/25 that reads: SB 56, Revise Medical and Adult Use Marijuana Law (Huffman, S.) - The Senate has reintroduced the language of HB 86 as SB 56 in the 136th General Assembly. SB 56 also proposes to eliminate revenue sharing with local governments but would shift 100% of the excise tax to the state's general revenue fund.

What This Means for Your Township: If your Township has already opted to allow adult-use marijuana businesses, the proposed elimination of the community host fee will result in a loss of anticipated revenue. While your revenue would be eliminated by the General Assembly, you would not be permitted to revoke permits of already approved dispensaries.

Trustee Ciamacco also stated that when all three trustees voted to extend the previous marijuana dispensary moratorium, it was decided based on many weeks of research from all of the Board. In addition, the Board was unaware of any possible locations within the Township that could accommodate a dispensary that would be within the required distance away from schools, churches, daycares, parks & playgrounds. They were also informed, at that time, that the changes would continue, and nothing was set in stone. The Trustees will continue to monitor the details as they are made available. Their decisions will always be made for the benefit of the Township as a whole.

Trustee Shinaberry— Trustee Shinaberry announced that she attended the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference on Jan 29-31 and attended many informative sessions about townships and township government. Lastly, she wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Trustee Heichel— Absent.

Fiscal Officer Report

Minutes—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the Regular Minutes from the January 15, 2025, meeting. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to approve the Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes on January 15, 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 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 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.

Approval of December 2024 Bank Reconciliations— Trustees Shinaberry and Ciamacco asked that it be tabled until the next meeting because they had not been given the documents to review.

Administration/Human Resources

Resolution 2025-05 Approving the plan of operation and governance for the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) Electric Aggregation Program, and for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing an Electric Aggregation Program— Administrator Myers asked the Board to approve Resolution 2025-05. 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 2025-06 Approving the plan of operation and governance for the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC) Gas Aggregation Program, and for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing a Gas Aggregation Program— Administrator Myers asked the Board to approve Resolution 2025-06. 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 2025-07 Appointing Franklin County at-large Township Trustee to the Franklin County 911 Planning Committee— Administrator Myers asked the Board to approve Resolution 2025-07. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the resolution as presented, appointing Jessica Jessberger, Clinton Township Trustee, as an At-Large appointee to the Franklin County 911 Planning Committee as recommended by the Franklin County Township Association. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. Trustee Shinaberry voted yes. Trustee Ciamacco voted yes. Trustee Heichel was absent.

Administrator Myers also shared with the Board that the new hire, Eric Moore's start date will be March 1. He also shared that he recently took the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) exam and passed it.

Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

Matt Newman asked the Board for approval of a blanket purchase order to Miller Landscaping for 2025 services. Trustee Shinaberry moved to approve the purchase order as presented for \$50,371.15, with the funds coming from the following accounts: JEDZ—\$21,994.00, Administration—\$9,904.25, Parks- \$11,207.25, and Cemetery- \$7,266.25. Trustee Ciamacco questioned if the amount provided was lower than last year and Matt confirmed it was \$9,000 less.

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

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Police

Nothing to report.

Fire

Chief Miller stated that they have been busy with several fires in the Township. He reported that everyone could escape safely from the fires. He reminded everyone of the dangers of space heaters and grease fires. Trustee Shinaberry asked if the Fire Department still offers their free smoke detector program. Chief Miller stated that for replacement smoke detectors, call 614-901-6600, and they will install them for free. They will last about 10 years.

Announcements

Wednesday, February 26, 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Shinaberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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