

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held October 22

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

Also in attendance were John Belford, Police Chief; Pat Myers, Administrator; and Westerville Battalion Fire Chief.

### Public Comment

Time was permitted for meeting attendees to make comments.

### Trustee Comment

**Trustee Ciamacco**— Trustee Ciamacco discussed that many residents on the east side of Sunbury Rd have contacted her about the upcoming Central College Road closure. She received the following details from Russell Bowen (City of Columbus construction Project manager):

*The Central College and Lee/Ulry project is getting ready to begin with sanitary sewer work to start on 10/27. Central College will be closed until late spring of 2026, from the east side of the intersection to just west of Shreven Dr. Residents who live on this section of Central College, Sandimark, and Asherton Grove will still have access from Central College, but the direction from which they will have access will change based on where work is taking place during construction. Work should begin very near where the sanitary construction is currently taking place, as we pick up from a shaft that they installed and continue with construction heading west. In late winter/early spring, the intersection at Lee/Ulry and Central College will be closed for around 1 month, with high bedrock in this area possibly having a big impact on the length of closure. We won't know for sure until we begin working in that area. The first several months of work will be sanitary sewer work, and then we will turn to roadway, infrastructure, and intersection improvements beginning late spring/early summer of 2026. Central College will be westbound only for the majority of that work, with work taking about 1 year. Lee Road will have a short closure and a period of northbound-only traffic for some of this work, but we will have to relay the time and duration as we get closer to that taking place.*

The rest of the upcoming closures will be communicated through signage and press releases as they become closer and the township gets firm dates.

**Trustee Heichel**— Trustee Heichel informed everyone that Administrator Myers and she will be attending a JEDZ Board meeting next week regarding the Sunbury Road/Executive Parkway JEDZ project. They will provide updates at the next Board of Trustees meeting, and the information will also be posted on the website.

**Trustee Shinaberry**— Trustee Shinaberry made the following announcements:

National DEA Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, October 25th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the township complex parking lot.

The Ohio Township Association Scholarship Program is open through January 31st. Details can be found at: [www.ohiotownships.org/scholarship-program](http://www.ohiotownships.org/scholarship-program)

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Use strong passwords and a password manager, turn on Multifactor authentication, recognize and report Phishing, and update software.

There is a Veterans Day service at 6:30 p.m. on Veterans Day (Nov. 11th) at Faith Covenant Church (3607 Dempsey Rd). This is one of the initiatives in the America 250-Ohio grant that the township received, and all of the veterans in the Blendon Veteran Database will be receiving personalized invitations. The service was promoted in the recent township newsletter, but she reminded everyone that this is a great opportunity to come and honor the local veterans.

October is Fire Prevention month, and she asked the battalion chief to discuss proper disposal of fire ring and fire pit ashes since tonight's news mentioned increased fires in the fall from fire pit use.

### Fiscal Officer Report

**Minutes**—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2025. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

**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 Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

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

### Administration/Human Resources

**Resolution 2025-28**—Administrator Myers asked the Board for approval of Resolution 2025-28, which sets all event dates for 2026. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to approve as presented. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

**Resolution NU-2025-15**—Administrator Myers asked the Board for approval of Resolution NU-2025-15 declaring the property at 5915 Bangast Road a nuisance. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

**Code Enforcement updates**—Administrator Myers discussed some code enforcement updates:

301 complaints this year so far.

15 nuisance abatements and 3 of those are going through the court system.

He also discussed various properties in the township that have been cleaned up or are in the process of being cleaned up.

**Resolution 2025-29**— Administrator Myers asked the Board for approval of Resolution 2025-29 to partner with Westerville City Schools and any other schools that reside in Blendon Township as it relates to the promotion of school-sponsored community events. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to approve as presented. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

**Park grant discussion**— Administrator Myers discussed that at the last meeting, mulching the Ridgewood Park path was discussed, and it was recommended to look into grants for the project by Fiscal Officer Bury. He indicated that the grant they would have needed to apply for had a deadline of February 2024. He recommended that the Board approve one of the quotes that had been received for the mulching. He is also working with Matt on applying for a different grant. Fiscal Officer Bury stated that since the mulching won't occur until next year anyway, it can be included in the 2026 appropriations. Trustee Shinaberry motioned to accept the quote from Green Line Landscape for \$17,999.00 for this work to be appropriated in the 2026 appropriations for the work to be done in the spring. Trustee Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

**Beggars Night**— Administrator Myers announced that tents will be put up at the corner of Buenos Aires and Paris Blvd, as well as at the entrance of Sunbury Woods Commons. The tents will be manned by several people, who will be handing out candy to the kids.

### Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

None to report.

### Police

Chief Belford discussed the National DEA Drug Take-Back Day, which is for expired/unused medication disposal. This will be on Saturday, October 25th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the township complex parking lot. They are not accepting needles. Trustee Shinaberry asked for clarification on whether they accept over-the-counter medications. Chief Belford stated yes.

There were many car break-ins early Wednesday morning. They have identified 12 break-ins, but only 7 have filed police reports. He urged everyone not to leave valuables in the car and to file a report if they have not. The news stations will not use residents' pictures/videos of the suspects if they have not filed reports.

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The Westerville Battalion Fire Chief discussed burn pits and how there is a burn ban from 6 am-6 pm for the entire state for October and November. Make sure the pit is far enough away from the house and has a garden house nearby. Once you are done, make sure the fire is completely out.

Daylight Saving Time is a good day to check smoke detectors and replace batteries. Trustee Shinaberry reminded everyone about the program the fire department has for installing smoke detectors.

He gave praise to BTPD and how professional they are.

Trustee Ciamacco asked if they were in communication regarding the Central College Road closure. He wasn't sure, but clarified that they are notified about closures. Chief Belford also clarified that both the fire and police departments have computer dispatching that shows routes to go.

## Announcements

Wednesday, November 5, 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.

The Records Retention Meeting will be on November 5, 2025, at 6:15 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 6:58 PM. Trustee Heichel seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Approved by:



Cathy Shinaberry, Chairperson

Approved by:



Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer