

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held January 28

20 26

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

Trustee Zobel asked that anyone who wished to have a moment of reflection stay seated, or they could stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present

Trustee Zobel, Trustee Ciamacco, Trustee Adkins, and Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer.

Also in attendance were John Belford, Police Chief; Pat Myers, Administrator; and Brian Miller, Westerville/Blendon Fire Chief

Public Comment

Trustee Zobel read a statement regarding her opinion on Public Comment, stating she believes it is very important to hear from residents. Trustee Zobel made a motion to expand Public Comment at the beginning of each meeting to 5 minutes per person, no formal sign-in requirement, and to add a comment period of 3 minutes per person at the end of each meeting, specifically for items related to that meeting's agenda. Trustee Adkins seconded. All voted yes.

No one spoke during Public Comment.

Trustee Comment

Trustee Adkins—Trustee Adkins thanked everyone involved in the snow removal, given the amount of snow and the hours logged, stating they did a fantastic job.

Next, he gave a reminder about the Virtual Public Hearing for the Aqua rate case that will be taking place on 1/29 at 6PM via Microsoft Teams. The hearing can be accessed at puco.ohio.gov/events/Aqua-Virtual-Local-Public-Hearing. You can register for the meetings online at the puco.ohio.gov/events page, or you can call 800-686-7826. You must give your full name and contact information during the registration process if you would like to speak.

The in-person public hearing originally scheduled for Tuesday was postponed due to the weather and will now take place on February 9th at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, New Albany Branch.

Lastly, he they have made a big effort to stress "community-building" opportunities, to that effect. He has made several requests to local organizations for information about the possibility of hosting free community workshops at the Senior Center. As he starts to hear back, he will work with Administrator Myers and the team on scheduling. They will make announcements regarding this.

Trustee Ciamacco—Trustee Ciamacco thanked the snow warriors (the Service Department) for keeping roads cleared. She also thanked the Police Department and residents for checking on the townships' most vulnerable.

Next, she asked Administrator Myers to get in touch with the Franklin County partners to see when they plan to resume their cleanup efforts.

In regard to "The Keep Blendon Safe Initiative", she has called and emailed leaders from other cities, community watch organizations, and the National Sheriffs Association, but has not heard back from anyone. She will keep everyone posted on the progress. She also stated she was thinking this could be coupled with Trustee Zobel's suggested Neighborhood Advisory Committee.

Trustee Zobel—Trustee Zobel discussed some neighborhood asks she has seen such as a light trespass from 270, which she has requested an engineering review from ODOT. She encouraged people to continue sending concerns to township staff and the Board.

Next she discussed the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, stating it is not ready to be voted on yet, as they likely need an entire work session devoted to it first.

Next, she announced that Glengary Shopping Center dumpster corrals are coming in April/May. Mural Fest is coming June 28th, building on the strong relationship township staff already has with the property owner and manager. She hopes to do similar things in other neighborhoods.

Lastly, she proposed a Snow Melt Contest for a snow pile in the township as a fun community contest.

Fiscal Officer Report

Minutes—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the January 14, 2026 Minutes. Trustee Zobel motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Adkins seconded. All voted yes.

Approval of Purchase Orders—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the Purchase Orders presented. Trustee Adkins motioned to approve the purchase orders as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Bills—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the bills presented. Trustee Adkins motioned to approve the bills as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

December 2025 Bank Reconciliation—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees for approval of the December 2025 Bank Reconciliation. Trustee Ciamacco moved to approve as presented. Trustee Adkins seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2026-02 Amend Permanent Appropriations—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees for approval of Resolution 2026-02. Trustee Ciamacco moved to approve as presented. Trustee Zobel seconded. All voted yes.

2025 Unaudited Basic Financial Statements (update) - Fiscal Officer Bury gave an updating stating they closed out 2025 and prepared the unaudited basic financial statements which were filed with the Auditor of State's Office as required. They will be posted to the website.

Administration/Human Resources

Administrator Myers made everyone aware that there have been issues with the audio throughout the meeting, and those issues will be addressed.

Purchase Order Request—Administrator Myers asked the Board for approval of a purchase order for Deyo Garage Doors in the amount of \$11,288.00 for the purchase of two new garage doors for the Maintenance Garage. Trustee Zobel moved to approve as presented. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Resolution 2026-03 AEP Ohio Rate Increase Opposition—Administrator Myers asked the Board for approval of Resolution 2026-03, which opposes the AEP Ohio rate increase and requests that the Public Commission of Ohio deny the utility's request. Trustee Ciamacco moved to approve as presented. Trustee Adkins seconded.

Discussion: Trustee Ciamacco has been working on getting lower utility bills. Trustee Adkins stated there is a lot of opposition to this. Trustee Ciamacco said it may be good to check with SOPEC on how rates compare. Trustee Zobel recommended residents check out Columbus Stand Up and the Ohio Environmental Council to get involved with this issue.

All voted yes.

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Snow event—Administrator Myers discussed the recent snow event, giving props to the Service Department, who worked long hours to get the roads cleared and salt put down. He also discussed a group of residents who sent pizza to the township staff as an act of appreciation. Trustee Zobel gave a shout-out to Administrator Myers and Val for calling all Senior Center members to check on them.

OTA Winter Conference—Administrator Myers announced that the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference will be held next week, with himself and the trustees attending.

Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery

None to report.

Police

Chief Belford discussed that since the big snowfall, their primary focus has been on the vulnerable in the community, motorist safety, traffic crashes, vehicles stuck, and weather-related alarms. Their messaging is focused on informing people that if they are ever worried about checking on someone, they should call the police department, and they will stop by. He also asked that everyone not forget about their companion animals. If someone sees any animals left outside, please let them know.

Fire

Chief Miller stated they were prepared for the weather and had two utility trucks with snow plows available. He also emphasized the importance of having working carbon monoxide detectors and checking pipes to make sure they don't freeze. Don't heat frozen pipes with flames.

Announcements

Wednesday, February 11, 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.

Public Comment (Meeting Related)

P. Clegg (Makassar Dr.)—She suggested microphones for the meetings because there are sound issues. The Board stated that they are aware of the audio issues and agree.

Executive Session

Trustee Zobel stated that Executive Sessions are not secret meetings, but a portion of a public meeting that the law requires to be held privately when discussing very specific topics such as the discipline of a public employee. Any action taken (if any) will occur once the Board returns to the public portion of the meeting.

Trustee Zobel moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:56PM pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the discipline of a public employee and taking any action deemed necessary and desirable in connection with those purposes. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Zobel moved to return to the Regular Trustee Meeting at 7:07PM. Trustee Ciamacco seconded. All voted yes.

Trustee Zobel moved to reinstate Officer Connor Grubb to active duty, subject to the completion of a fit-for-duty evaluation and any applicable certifications. Trustee Ciamacco seconded.

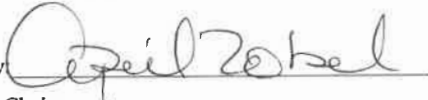
Discussion: Trustee Zobel read a personal statement regarding the decision to bring Officer Grubb back.

All voted yes.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Trustee Zobel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Trustee Ciamacco seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Approved by



April Zobel, Chairperson

Approved by:



Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer