

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Blendon Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held February 25

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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**

Jan Heichel commented on the work session that occurred prior to the meeting. She stated that the Sunbury Woods park is considered a common area and has a deed with deed restrictions. She also commented on a mulch quote and a donation to a group called Friends of Alum Creek.

A Senior Center member commented on the phone call he received after the last large snowstorm and how he appreciated that check-in. He also suggested that the Senior Center have a TV that displays the senior's art.

**Trustee Comment**

**Trustee Ciamacco**— Trustee Ciamacco announced that Franklin County Auditor Mike Stinziano agreed to come to discuss property reevaluation. She proposed that he come to the next work session, which occurs on March 25th at 5:30PM, and the Board agreed.

**Trustee Adkins**—Trustee Adkins brought up how he gets a lot of energy supplier questions and came up with the idea of having a public session discussing it. He also discussed data centers and how the new one being proposed in Sunbury should have them thinking about it and the downstream effects, since it is close to the township. Lastly, he discussed the abolish property tax initiative and stated that residents may start to see more information about what the township offers with respect to property taxes.

**Trustee Zobel**— Trustee Zobel piggybacked on Trustee Adkins's comments on property taxes. She also announced the NexTrex Recycling Challenge, which is a recycling effort to collect plastic bags, produce bags, ziplock bags, and more. Once 1 ton of plastic has been collected, Wilder Elementary will get a donated bench through NexTrex. The drop-off bin is located behind the Senior Center. Lastly, she gave an update on the snow pile contest. The winner will receive a gift card donated by a local business.

**Fiscal Officer Report**

**Minutes**—Fiscal Officer Bury asked the Trustees if they had reviewed the February 11, 2026, Minutes. Trustee Adkins motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Trustee Ciamacco 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 Zobel 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 Zobel seconded. All voted yes.

**Administration/Human Resources**

**Community Garden/Cemetery discussion**— Administrator Myers discussed proposed changes to the community garden. He stated there will be an official proposal in the future regarding decreasing the number of lots offered, changing rules, pricing, and more. He also stated that land will be needed for the cemetery in the near future, which is why lots need to be decreased now for future infrastructure. There will also be a proposal for selling the cremation plots that were discussed at the last meeting.

**Employee Spotlights**—Administrator Myers discussed an idea from Trustee Zobel to start implementing employee spotlights in the email blasts, newsletters, and Facebook posts. He has begun working on collecting bios from staff. The Board agreed on two spotlights a month.

**Maintenance/B&G/Parks/Cemetery**

Matt Newman discussed a report he received back from Franklin County Soil and Water regarding NPDES is up to date. The reports looked good, and they are in compliance with the EPA.

**Police**

Chief Belford discussed the body cameras they received with the Translate program, which supports 59 languages. They are going through the training on those now. The VR headset packages are coming in, and officers are being trained with different scenarios in an AI-driven program.

**Fire**

Chief Miller discussed community risk reduction and reflected on the last 12 months of fires. The main thing they noticed is that people leave items on top of the stove. Kitchen fires are the leading cause of fires they see.

**Announcements**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 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 Zobel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56PM. Trustee Ciamacco seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Approved by:

April Zobel, Chairperson

Approved by:

Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer