

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2017

1. Bill Vanden Berg, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Invocation by Bill Vanden Berg.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. Roll call. PRESENT: Phil De Lange, Robin Overway, Bill Vanden Berg,
Don Vander Kuyl, Arrived at 7:15: Jim VanderVeen
5. Motion to amend Agenda Item No. 1 to reflect Bill VandenBerg giving the invocation made by Overway, supported by De Lange. Motion carried
6. Motion to add a discussion regarding the prairie and approve the Agenda by Vanden Berg, supported by Vander Kuyl. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve the minutes of the Blendon Township Board meeting held on July 20, 2017, made by Vanden Berg, supported by De Lange. Motion carried.
8. Motion to approve invoices dated July 21, 2017 through August 17, 2017, including an addendum, made by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway. Motion carried.
9. Treasurer's Report submitted by Vander Kuyl.
10. Clerk's Report given by Overway.
11. Supervisor's Report given by Vanden Berg.
12. Opportunity for Public Comment - No public comment was given.
13. Monthly Reports.
 - A. Fire Department Activity Report – Recapped by Chief Gernaat.
 - B. Police Activity Report – No report submitted.
 - C. Assessor's Report – Recapped by Vanden Berg.
 - D. Building Permit Reports – Submitted for review by Cindy Humphrey.
 - E. Building and Grounds Report – Reviewed by Kurt Gernaat.
 - F. Zoning Administration Report – Reviewed by Kurt Gernaat.
 - G. Planning Commission Minutes – Reviewed by VanderVeen.
 - H. Safety Services – Meeting minutes from 7/27/17 reviewed by Vander Kuyl.
 - I. Cemetery Sexton's Report – Submitted by Chad Ward for review.
14. Tabled Business – None.
15. New Business
 - A. Motion by Vander Kuyl, seconded by VanderVeen to approve the purchase of 6 Minitor vi pagers not to exceed \$3,868.90. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Vander Kuyl, seconded by VanderVeen to approve the purchase of a new pick-up truck not to exceed \$52,700 as budgeted and costs to be split \$25,000 from Fire capital fund, \$5,200 from Building & Grounds, and \$22,500 from Ordinance Enforcement & Zoning Administration.

Motion Carried

C. Motion by Vander Kuyl supported by Overway to purchase new NFIRS Software contingent on being able to cancel our current contract with Firehouse.

Motion carried.

16. Correspondence and Information - None

17. Public Comment

A. Trustee VanderVeen took this opportunity to thank the Fire Department for their "all-night" support to the community through the recent big storm.

B. A member of the public spoke and also thanked the Fire Department for being up all night and keeping our residents safe.

18. Trustee De Lange began discussions stating that it has been two years since, he, Don Vander Kuyl and Bill Vanden Berg began work on creating the prairie. It has since been overtaken by Queen Anne Lace and should be controlled.

Motion by De Lange, supported by Vander Kuyl to rent a cycle-type cutter which will gently cut, lay, then bail the field, and once established, every other year burn half the field to keep under control.

Motion carried.

19. Upcoming Events.

A. Planning Commission - 09/05/17

B. Township Board - 09/21/17

C. Safety Services Committee - 10/26/17

20. With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion made by Vander Kuyl, seconded by De Lange to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.

Recorded by Cindy Humphrey, Administrative Assistant
Submitted by Robin Overway, Blendon Township Clerk