

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 21, 2017**

1. Robin Overway, Township Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Invocation by Don Vander Kuyl.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. Roll call. PRESENT: Phil De Lange, Robin Overway,  
Don Vander Kuyl, Jim VanderVeen  
ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Bill Vanden Berg
5. Motion to appoint Robin Overway as meeting moderator made by Vander Kuyl and seconded by De Lange.
6. Motion by VanderVeen, supported by Vander Kuyl to approve the Agenda with the following changes:
  - A. Amend the date in Item #6 to 08/17/17
  - B. Amend the date range in Item #7 to 08/18/17 – 09/21/17 Motion Carried.
7. Motion to approve the minutes of the Blendon Township Board meeting held on August 17, 2017, made by De Lange, supported by Jim Vander Veen. Motion carried.
8. Motion to approve invoices including an addendum dated 08/18/17 through 09/21/17, made by Vander Kuyl, supported by VanderVeen. Motion carried.
9. Treasurer’s Report submitted by Vander Kuyl.
10. Clerk’s Report submitted by Overway.
11. Supervisor’s Report – No report submitted.
12. Opportunity for Public Comment

Joe Bush, Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner, addressed the Board. Joe discussed the maintenance performed on the drains which serve our community, as well as his proactive approach of the spray program, which kills invasive species and retards the growth of trees over time in the County Drains. He also advised the Board that he has hired GIS programmers to review and correct the exact location of every drain on the County GIS mapping system. This will ensure the best accuracy when it comes time to assess property owners benefiting from drain maintenance.
13. Monthly Reports submitted for review.
  - A. Fire Department Activity Report – No report submitted.
  - B. Police Activity Report – No report submitted.
  - C. Assessor’s Report – No report submitted.
  - D. Building Permit Reports
  - E. Building and Grounds Report – No report submitted.

- F. Zoning Administration Report – No report submitted.
  - G. Planning Commission Minutes
  - H. Safety Services – No meeting in September
  - I. Cemetery Sexton’s Report – No report submitted.
14. Tabled Business – None.
15. New Business
- A. Motion by Vander Kuyl, seconded by De Lange to approve an Application for PA116 by River Ridge Farms. Motion carried.
  - B. Motion by Vander Kuyl, seconded by VanderVeen to approve Resolution # 2017-09.1 to authorize and direct the Township Supervisor to amend the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget. The amendment shall be an addition to account 101-445-965 and for the amount of \$27,263.41
- Roll Call: De Lange, Yes; Vander Kuyl, Yes;  
 VanderVeen, Yes; Overway, Yes Resolution Adopted
- C. Discussion regarding a request by the Planning Commission for a joint meeting between the Township Board and the Planning Commission. It was decided that the Township Board would attend the Planning Commission October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 7 pm. VanderVeen to notify the Planning Commission Chairman.
16. Correspondence and Information - Mika Meyers News Bulletin.
17. Public Comment
- A. Trustee VanderVeen gave the Board an update on the status of the Post Family Farm, Special Land Use request.
  - B. Mr. VanderVeen thanked Phil DeLange, his son and grandson, for their hard work in cutting, bailing and removing the prairie grasses.
  - C. Mr. De Lange gave a brief update on the prairie status.
18. Upcoming Events.
- A. Planning Commission - 10/03/17
  - B. Township Board - 10/19/17
  - C. Safety Services Committee - 10/26/17
19. With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Vander Kuyl, and seconded by De Lange to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

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