

# BLENDON TOWNSHIP BOARD

## MINUTES

November 17, 2011

1. Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Phil De Lange offered the invocation.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. Roll call: Present; Paul Blauwkamp, Phil De Lange, Larry Ver Hage, Don Vander Kuyl, Absent with notice; Bob Hop.
5. The Agenda was approved without objection.
6. The minutes of the October 20, 2011 Board meeting were presented by the office of the Clerk for approval. The minutes of the October 20, 2011 Board meeting were approved without objection.  
The minutes of the November 4, 2011 Special Board meeting were presented by the office of the Clerk for approval. The minutes of the November 4, 2011 Special Board meeting were approved without objection.
7. Treasurer Vander Kuyl presented the invoices of October 17, 2011 through November 14, 2011 for approved by the Board. The designated invoices were approved for payment without objection.
8. Treasurer's Report – A brief report regarding the disposition of Township funds and accounts was presented to the Board.
9. Supervisor's Report
  - A. Rush Creek Crossings – MHP Zoning. The supervisor announced that on November 22, 2011 there will be a meeting at the Township office to discuss the disposition of Rush Creek Estates. The Township Supervisor and three members of the Planning Commission will be meeting with representatives from West Michigan Bank, the Rush Creek Estates Association and Township Planning Consultant, Andrew Moore of Williams & Works.
  - B. STC – Inflation Rate Multiplier 2012, The Supervisor reported that the Inflation Rate Multiplier for use in the 2012 capped value

formula and the 2011 “Headlee” Millage Reduction Fraction (MRF) formula is 1.027. All parcels will receive the annual adjustment to the “Capped Value” for 2012 of +2.7%

- C. MMMA – Bill Schuette, MI Attorney General Seminar. The Supervisor reported that the seminar was attended by the Supervisor, Larry Ver Hage, the Treasurer, Don Vander Kuyl and the Zoning Administrator, Jim Scholma on November 16, 2011.

#### 10. Opportunity for Public Comment

- There were members of the public present. No comments were presented to the Board.

#### 11. Monthly Reports

- A. Blendon Township Emergency Board – The minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting were presented for information.
- B. Fire Department Activity Report – A written report was presented by Fire Chief, Kurt Gernaat.
- C. Police Activity Report – A writer report from Deputy Bob Jewell was previously received and presented by the Supervisor.
- D. Building Inspector’s Report – A written report was presented by the Building Inspector.
- E. Zoning Administrator’s Report – A written report was presented by the Zoning Administrator.
- F. Building & Grounds Report – A written report was presented by the Building & Grounds manager.
- G. Planning Commission – The minutes of the November 3, 2011 were presented for information.

#### 12. Preliminary Public Hearing on 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. Special Assessment District tentative proposal.

##### A. Public Hearing

1). The Supervisor presented an introduction to the proposal that was the subject of the hearing and a brief explanation of Michigan PA188 regarding the procedures for the establishment of special assessment districts.

2). The Supervisor opened the public hearing

3).Public comments:

- Harvey Wolters, 1722 92<sup>nd</sup> Ave. – Against the project, too expensive, don't need the road improvement, more speed, more accidents, doesn't live on the road don't need it paved.
- Paul Kloosterman, 6861 88<sup>th</sup> Ave, – Accidents have happened because of the gravel road, have been living with the existing road conditions too long, fairest way to assess the cost, won't ever get it done cheaper, in favor of project.
- Randy Meppelink, 7130 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Asked how many dollars were in the road fund, would like to have the road paved.
- Rick Vernon, 8814 Tyler – The pricing is fair, there is no road millage we would use the remaining balance in the road fund, in favor of the project.
- Brian Wolters, 8761 Port Sheldon – Against project, dollar amount too much.
- Grayson Wilson, 6915 88<sup>th</sup> Ave, - In favor of project, good opportunity, would be foolish not to take advantage of this opportunity.
- Joe Krol, 7021 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. – In favor of project, numerous ditch accidents have occurred, cost fair, won't decrease property values.
- Joe Bosch, 6975 88<sup>th</sup> Ave, - Against project, road doesn't cause accidents, should not go forward.
- Nancy Blauwkamp, 6825 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Lived 35 years on 88<sup>th</sup> Ave, time to pave the road, all land owners would benefit for resale of their property.
- Nancy Krol, 7021 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. – I rescued several children from bus ditch accident, dangerous for children and bus transportation.
- Paul Kloosterman, 6861 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Ditches close to edge of road, paving would provide road safety.

4). Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by De Lange to close the public hearing. Motion approved.

5). Board Discussion

- Two residents withdrew their names from the petition.
- One resident added his name to the petition.
- Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by De Lange to proceed with a public hearing on a resolution to establish a special district as proposed by the petitioners. The public hearing on the resolution should held at the next scheduled Board meeting on December 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm and that these actions be commenced on the condition that it is confirmed that sufficient road frontage within the proposed district is in assent to the adaptation of a resolution creating a special assessment district.
- Roll call on the motion: Yes, Blauwkamp; Yes, De Lange; Yes, Ver Hage; Yes, Vander Kuyl. Absent: Hop. Motion approved.

### 13. New Business:

#### A. Consideration proposals for the 2012 Dust Control Program

- Great Lakes Chloride, Inc.
- Michigan Chloride, Inc.
- Motion by De Lange, supported by Blauwkamp to table for further study a decision on the dust control program until the December 15, 2011 Board meeting. Motion approved without objection.

#### B. Consider various budget line item adjustments

- General Fund Items - The following resolution was offered by Vander Kuyl, and supported by De Lange, Be it resolved that the Township Supervisor is hereby authorized to amend the 2011-2012 General Fund Budget for the following line items and amounts specified for the purpose of bringing these line items into positive balance. The appropriations for these funds shall be in the amounts per account as listed below and be derived from the contingent fund in the amount specified.

101-171-860-000 Supervisor - Transportation - \$100.00

101-209-828-000 Assessor – Membership & Dues - \$125.00  
101-265-930-000 Building & Grounds –Repair & Maintenance - \$300.00  
101-265-970-000 Building & Grounds – Capital Outlay - \$2,500.00  
101-276-930-000 Cemetery – Repairs & Maintenance - \$1,500.00

101-890-955-000 Contingent Fund Miscellaneous -\$4,525.00

Roll call: Yes, Blauwkamp; Yes, De Lange; Yes, Ver Hage;  
Yes, Vander Kuyl. Absent: Hop. Resolution adopted.

- Fire Operations Item - The following resolution was offered by De Lange, and supported by Vander Kuyl, Be it resolved that the Township Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2011-2012 Fire Operations Fund Budget for the following line item and amount specified for the purpose of bringing this line item into positive balance. The appropriation for this amount as listed below and be derived from the contingent account line item in the amount specified.

206-336-862-000 Fire Operations – Travel \$2,000.00

206-336-890-000 Contingent -\$2,000.00

Roll call vote: Yes, Blauwkamp; Yes, De Lange; Yes, Ver Hage; Yes, Vander Kuyl. Absent; Hop. Resolution adopted.

C. Consider BTESB recommendations to commence purchase of items within the budget.

- Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by De Lange to approve the purchase three narrow band compatible portable radios in the amount of \$2, 548.14. Motion approved without objection.
- Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Blauwkamp to approve the purchase of fire hydrant markers in the amount of \$750.00. Motion approved without objection.
- Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Blauwkamp to approve the purchase of keyless entry systems at each Fire Station in the amount of \$6,129.00. Motion approved without objection.

D. Remediation of ice problem at the Borculo Fire Station.

- Motion by De Lange, supported by Blauwkamp to approve the purchase and install two Air Vent Model #ASRWW roof mounted ventilators in the amount of \$3,000.00 to remedy the ice problem. Motion approved without objection.
- E. Planning Commission recommendation pertaining to the Ottawa County Development Property Rights resolution.
- Motion by Blauwkamp, supported by Vander Kuyl to approve the Planning Commission recommendation not to adopt the resolution to support the Ottawa County Farmland Preservation Program regarding the purchase of developmental rights. Roll call: Yes, Blauwkamp; Yes, Ver Hage; Yes, Vander Kuyl; No, De Lange. Absent; Hop. Motion carried.
- F. Review of Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013
- Supervisor Ver Hage led the Board through a review of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. A budget workshop session will be added to the December 15, 2011 agenda.

14. Correspondence: No additional correspondence was reported

15. Upcoming Events:

- A. BTESB – November 24, 2011
- B. Planning Commission – December 1, 2011
- C. Ottawa MTA Christmas Banquet – December 5, 2011
- D. Township Board – December 15, 2011

16. Adjournment – There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, the Chairman called for adjournment of the Board until the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Hearing no objection the Chairman declared the Board meeting adjourned. The time of adjournment was 9:40 pm.

Recorded by Jim Scholma, Zoning Administrator

Phil De Lange, Clerk

