

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 18, 2017**

1. Bill Vanden Berg, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Invocation by Robin Overway.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. Roll call. PRESENT: Phil De Lange, Robin Overway, Bill Vanden Berg,  
Don Vander Kuyl  
ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Jim VanderVeen
5. Motion to approve the agenda with the amendments below made by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway. Motion carried.
  - Addition of New Business Item K – Resolution 2017-05.2 Support of and participation in the evaluation of M-231.
  - Strike New Business item D – Approval of corrections to Road Millage language.
  - Remove the sentence “Change must be approved at a later date.” From New Business Item G.
6. Motion to approve the minutes of the Blendon Township Board meeting held on April 20, 2017, made by Vander Kuyl, supported by De Lange. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve invoices dated April 21, 2017 through May 18, 2017 including an addendum, made by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway. Motion carried.
8. Treasurer’s Report given by Vander Kuyl.
9. Clerk’s Report given by Overway.
10. Supervisor’s Report given by Vanden Berg.
11. Opportunity for Public Comment
  - Ron Wind addressed the Board with two questions:
    - When is the dust control scheduled? Vanden Berg replied with Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - Who should be called regarding having ditches dug. Vanden Berg replied with Joe Bush.
12. Monthly Reports.
  - A. Safety Services Committee Minutes – Reviewed by Vander Kuyl.
  - B. Fire Department activity report – Presented by Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief.
  - C. Police activity report – Submitted by Deputy Jewell for review.
  - D. Assessor’s report submitted by Tyler Tacoma for review.
  - E. Building Permit reports Submitted by Cindy Humphrey for review.
  - F. Building and Grounds report – Presented by Kurt Gernaat.
  - G. Cemetery Report – Submitted by Chad Ward, Township Sexton, for review.
  - H. Zoning Administration report – Presented by Kurt Gernaat, Zoning Administrator.

I. Planning Commission Annual Report and Minutes dated April 4, 2017, were reviewed by Trustee/Planning Commission Member VanderVeen.

13. Tabled Business – None.

14. New Business

A. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway, to add Zeeland Lumber and Active 911 to early payment schedule. Motion Carried

B. Motion by Vander Kuyl, Supported by Overway, to approve Resolution #2017-05.1 to adopt a revised Employee Manual.

Roll Call Vote: De Lange, Yes; Overway, Yes;  
Vanden Berg, Yes; Vander Kuyl, Yes. Resolution Adopted.

C. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by De Lange to approve Ottawa County Road Commission's estimate to gravel 5 miles New Holland Street at a cost of \$30,000 to Blendon Township. Motion Carried.

D. Approval of corrections to Road Millage language Struck from the Agenda.

E. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway to approve Eagles Landing Lighting District to provide for the payment of electrical and any improvement costs. Motion Carried.

F. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway to purchase four thermal imaging cameras not to exceed \$8,000. Motion Carried.

G. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway to change the officer pay structure as presented by Chief Gernaat, effective first payroll in June. Motion Carried.

H. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by De Lange to change the Fire Department's uniform policy, and purchase nine new uniforms as needed. Motion Carried.

I. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway to send a draft copy of the Master Plan to our neighboring municipalities for review. Motion Carried.

J. Motion by Vander Kuyl, supported by De Lange to grant the request for Township to purchase back cemetery sites West 119 # 5-8 in accordance with the Cemetery Ordinance. Motion Carried.

15. Correspondence and Information

A. Ottawa County Sheriff's Office 2016 Annual Report.

B. Information regarding Medical Marijuana Dispensary Discussion.

16. Public Comment - None

17. Upcoming Events.

A. Planning Commission 6/6/2017

B. Emergency Services 7/27/17

C. Township Board 6/15/2017

18. With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion made by Vanden Berg, seconded by Vander Kuyl to adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm.

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