

BLENDON TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Bill VandenBerg, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Invocation by Jim Vander Veen
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
3. Roll Call: Present were Phil De Lange, Robin Overway, Bill Vanden Berg, Don Vander Kuyl, Jim Vander Veen
4. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Don Vander Kuyl, supported by Robin Overway. Motion Carried.
5. Motion to approve the minutes dated January 18, 2018, with a change to item #17 to change word discussed instead of approved, made by Phil De Lange, supported by Don Vander Kuyl.
Motion carried.
6. Motion to approve the Invoices dated 01/19/18-02/15/18 made by Don Vander Kuyl. Supported by Robin Overway.
Motion carried.
7. Treasurer's Report submitted by Don Vander Kuyl.
8. Clerk's Report given by Robin Overway.
9. Supervisor's Report given by Bill Vanden Berg.
10. Opportunity for Public Comment:
 - A. **Greg Golembiewski**, of 6874 Bingham St, commented on the staff change in the office. He inquired as to what happened to the other administrative assistants. He also asked about the cleaning position at the Township office building and the Community Center. He wondered if the opening were being published in the paper so that residents may have an opportunity to apply. It was stated by Board members that the Township office cleaning job was filled in house but that the Community Center cleaning position would be published on the Township Website. He inquired about the upcoming dust control schedule. Bill VandenBerg stated the Township is using a new company this year to spray. Greg was also concerned about the article in the paper about the Bovine TB outbreak in the Blendon Township area.
 - B. **State Representative Jim Lily** thanked the board for allowing him to utilize the Township office to conduct meetings with residents of Blendon Township. He spoke about the current tax reforms that have passed in the House and the Senate and various proposals that are currently in appropriations.
11. Monthly Reports
 - a. Safety Services Committee minutes – Report submitted
 - b. Fire Department Activity Report – Verbal Report given by Chief Gernaat
 - c. Police Activity Report – No report submitted
 - d. Assessor Report – No report submitted
 - e. Building Inspector Report – No report submitted
 - f. Building and Grounds – Verbal report submitted by Kurt Gernaat
 - g. Zoning and Administration Report – Verbal report submitted by Kurt Gernaat
 - h. Planning Commission Minutes – Recapped by Trustee Jim VanderVeen
 - i. Election Commission Minutes – Report Submitted by Robin Overway

12. Tabled Business – Motion to order the new LED street light at 56th and Port Sheldon made by Don Vander Kuyl and supported by Robin Overway. Motion carried.

13. New Business –

A. Kirk Scharphorn of PCI spoke about his proposal to service all Blendon Township's building inspections. The Board asked various questions. A date for a special board meeting will be decided upon on Monday, February 19, 2018 to further discuss the PCI Proposal. Motion was made to hold a special meeting within 2 weeks made by Jim Vander Veen. Supported by Phil De Lange.

Motion carried.

B. Motion for Stan Taylor to replace Chuck Koning on the Board of Review for the remainder of Chuck's term which expires 12/31/2018 was made by Don Vander Kuyl. Supported by Robin Overway.

Motion carried.

C. Motion to adopt Ordinance No Z2018-02.1 to amend the Blendon Township Zoning Ordinance to rezone Parcel # 70-13-26-400-023 from AG to R1 made by Phil De Lange. Supported Don Vander Kuyl.

Ordinance Adopted.

Roll call: Phil De Lange Yes. Robin Overway Yes. Bill Vanden Berg Yes. Don Vander Kuyl Yes. Jim Vander Veen Yes.

D. Motion to adopt Ordinance No Z2018-02.2 to create Agricultural Support Services SLU made by Phil De Lange. Supported by Don Vander Kuyl.

Ordinance Adopted.

Roll call: Phil De Lange Yes. Robin Overway Yes. Bill Vanden Berg Yes. Don Vander Kuyl Yes. Jim Vander Veen Yes.

E. Motion to adopt Resolution #2018-02.02 Line Item Reconciliation made by Bill Vanden Berg. Supported by Don Vander Kuyl.

Resolution adopted.

F. Water main discussion led by Jim Vander Veen. Motion to expend \$5,000 from water services account and be allocated to water study for 56th avenue with Georgetown. Motion made by Jim Vander Veen. Supported by Don Vander Kuyl.

Motion carried.

G. Discussion on the proposed 2018-2019 Budget. Phil De Lange motioned to move a total of \$40,000 from various line items and allocate to different areas. Phil De Lange also requested that a line item be added for sidewalk expense for the future Borculo sidewalk addition. Jim Vander Veen supported.

Motion carried.

14. Information/Correspondence

15. Public comment on the Agenda

A. Greg Golembiewski had concerns regarding the PCI proposal. He is concerned that turning all Blendon Township inspections over to PCI will put people out of work. He asked the board to act with due diligence concerning their decision on this. Greg again asked that job openings in Blendon Township be posted for the public see.

16. Upcoming Events

A. Emergency Services – 04/26/2018

B. Planning Commission – 03/06/2018

C. Township Board – 03/15/2018

17. Adjournment – With no other business to be brought before the board, a motion was made by Jim Vander Veen and seconded by Robin Overway to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm. Motion carried.

Kristi Simmons and Dyanna Solis, Administrative Assistants, Recorder

Presented by Robin Overway, Clerk