

Blendon Township
Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2019

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 7:00 pm by Township Supervisor, Bill Vanden Berg.
2. **Invocation** was given by Supervisor, Bill Vanden Berg.
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Roll Call: PRESENT:** Bill Vanden Berg, Supervisor
Robin Overway, Clerk
Greg Golembiewski, Treasurer
Jim Vander Veen, Trustee
Phil DeLange, Trustee
ATTENDING: Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief
5. **Motion to approve the agenda** was made by Phil DeLange, with the addition of the following items:
 - a. 6a-Special Board Meeting Minutes dated December 27, 2018
 - b. 7a-Addendum to Paid Invoices
 - c. 15b-Correspondence from Mika Meyers pertaining to the Marijuana Opt-Out Ordinance
 - d. 14b-Parks Packet.Support by Robin Overway.

Motion Carried
6. **Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes**, dated December 17, 2018, was made by Phil DeLange, support by Robin Overway.

Motion Carried

 - a. **Motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes**, dated December 27, 2018, was made by Phil DeLange, supported by Robin Overway.

Motion Carried
7. **Motion to approve the invoices** dated December 18, 2018 through January 21, 2019, was made by Jim VanderVeen, support by Phil DeLange.

Motion Carried

 - a. **Motion to approve the Addendum to Paid Invoices** was made by Phil DeLange, supported by Robin Overway.

Motion Carried

8. Treasurer's Report submitted by Greg Golembiewski

- As submitted.
- Presented information on the current balances in the township's accounts and CD's
- Noted that we are currently working with the County to get an updated statement as a form of verification to what has been paid on the Tyler Street project and also a statement showing what the remaining balance on the account currently stands at.
- Once received, the updated information will be shared with the Board via email.

9. Clerk's Report submitted by Robin Overway.

- As submitted.
- Discussion was had on the following items that made need to be addressed going forward.
 - Creating another precinct and possible voting locations for that new precinct. Precincts need to be <3000 residents.
 - Parking is always an issue
 - Discussion on election workers and monitoring wait times.

10. Supervisor's Report submitted by Bill Vanden Berg.

- As Submitted
- Supervisor Vanden Berg recapped items that were covered at a Hudsonville Public School Future Expansion planning meeting.
 - Supervisor Vanden Berg, Treasurer Golembiewski and Clerk Overway will be attending a second meeting on January 23, 2019.
- Discussion was had concerning the possibility of adding a street light to the corner of 64th Avenue and Tyler. The Board would like the following information submitted at the February 18 meeting in order to make an informed decision:
 - Total Cost for the Street Light including: Purchase Price, Installation Cost and the Monthly Cost of Operation.
- 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget:
 - A working draft of the budget was handed out by Supervisor Vanden Berg for the Board to review.
 - There was no discussion.

11. Opportunity for Public Comment that is not listed on the Agenda:

- a. Bruce Costen, of 7407 Forestview Dr, addressed the Board wondering if there was any cost incurred by the township due to the 'Emily-FOIA request' concerning ballots-results.
 - Robin Overway stated that the only cost incurred was man hours to prepare the cost estimate and organize the appropriate paperwork for the request.
 - The cost estimate was sent to the applicant.
 - Applicant has never responded.

12. Monthly Reports:

a. Fire Department Activity Report:

- Chief Kurt Gernaat submitted the year-end 'Incident Summary Report'.

- Chief Gernaat explained the way the report was laid out in the new system and some classification changes that will be taking place as the officers become more familiar and efficient on the new system.
- b. **Police Activity Report:**
 - Deputy Jewell submitted reports for both November and December.
 - c. **Assessor Report:** None submitted
 - d. **Cemetery Sexton Report:** None submitted
 - Chief Gernaat noted that the current Sexton, Chad Ward, has officially turned in his resignation. He has agreed to remain on staff until a new sexton can be found. Information has been of the job opening has been placed on the website and we are actively looking for his replacement.
 - e. **Building Permit Report:**
 - Included in packet, both for the month of December and the full end of year report. Submitted by PCI.
 - f. **Building and Grounds Report:** None submitted
 - g. **Zoning Administration Report:** None submitted
 - h. **Planning Commission Minutes:** Reviewed by Jim Vander Veen
 - Highlighted the following items:
 - South Blendon Vista has received final site plan approval from the Planning Commission.
 - There are continuing discussions with the developers of 48 West, the property directly to the south of South Blendon Vista.
 - The language-wording of the Outdoor Events Ordinance is very close to being complete.
 - i. **ZBA Minutes:** None submitted

13. Tabled Business:

- a. Marijuana Opt-Out Ordinance 95:
 - *Motion made by Jim Vander Veen, supported by Phil DeLange, to take the discussion of the Marijuana Opt-Out Ordinance 95 off from the table.*
Motion Carried
 - *Supervisor Vanden Berg proposed the passing of Ordinance 95 for Blendon Township. Supported by Robin Overway.*
 - Discussion was had by the Board that the Planning Commission would have to amend the current zoning ordinances to make sure they comply with Ordinance 95.
 - Trustee Vander Veen stated that the new ordinance and information should be sent directly to the township's planner, Andrew Moore and then he can consult the township's attorney, Jim Scales, as needed.

AYES: Vanden Berg, Overway, Golembiewski, Vander Veen, DeLange
NAYS: None

Approved

b. Supervisor Vanden Berg's Committee and Board Nominations:

- *Motion made by Greg Golembiewski, supported by Phil DeLange, to take the discussion of Supervisor Vanden Berg's committee and board nominations off from the table.*

Motion Carried

- Supervisor Vanden Berg nominated the following people for the Compensation Committee:

- Lee Padding
 - Lee will replace Ginger Meurer.
 - Term ends 12/31/2024
- Stan Taylor
 - Stan will finish out the term of the current committee chairman, Randy Meppelink.
 - Term ends 12/31/2021

- *Motion made by Bill Vanden Berg, supported by Greg Golembiewski, to approve the nomination of Lee Padding to the Compensation Committee.*

Motion Carried

- *Motion made by Bill Vanden Berg, supported by Greg Golembiewski to approve the nomination of Stan Taylor to the Compensation Committee.*

Motion Carried

14. New Business:

a. Line Item Reconciliation Resolution 2019-01.1:

- Trustee Vander Veen questioned the expenditures that make up the \$3000 need for the Fire Operations account transfer.
 - Chief Gernaat explained the current need to restock expired medical supplies and the requirements of multiple sizes of AED pads that are now required in all units and are very expensive.
- *Motion made by Bill Vanden Berg, supported by Greg Golembiewski, to approve Line Item Resolution 2019-01.1.*

Ayes: Vander Berg, Overway, Golembiewski, Vander Veen, DeLange
Nays: None

Approved

b. Parks Packet:

- Jim Vander Veen presented preliminary ideas/drawings for the new Tyler Street Park.
 - Discussion was had by the Board on location, potential cost, liability, bathrooms, parking and other potential details of the park.
 - First installment of donation for the skate park portion has been received.

- Fire Chief Gernaat expressed concern of the park being located between the driveways of the Fire Station.
- Trustee Vander Veen noted that this is in the very beginning stages and there was much planning yet to be done.

15. Information/Correspondence:

- a. Mlive – Advance Newspaper Closing Notice
 - Included in packet
 - Grand Rapids Press will be honoring the price of publication from the Advance until 01/26/2020.
 - After 01/26/2020 the price will jump considerably.
 - We will be looking at other avenues of publishing going forward.
- b. Mika Meyers – Information pertaining to the adoption of Marijuana Opt-Out Ordinance 95.

16. Public Comments:

- Mary Vanden Berg addressed the Board concerning how the township was going to fund the maintenance, care and repairs of the new park.
 - Jim Vander Veen stated that the township was planning on setting up an endowment fund that residents could make contributions to that would be used to cover the costs of the maintenance, care and repair.

17. Upcoming Events:

- a. Planning Commission Meeting: February 5, 2019
- b. Township Board Meeting: February 18, 2019

18. Adjournment:

- a. With no other business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Recorded by Tina Vander Schuur
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk