

Blendon Township
Board Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2021

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 7:00 pm by Supervisor, Kevin Peters
2. **Invocation** was given by Treasurer, Greg Golembiewski
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by attendees.
4. **Roll Call:** PRESENT: Kevin Peters, Supervisor
Greg Golembiewski, Treasurer
Jeff Meyer, Trustee
Don Vander Kuyl, Trustee
ABSENT: Robin Overway, Clerk
ATTENDING: Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief
Kirk Scharphorn, Zoning Administrator
5. **Motion to approve the agenda** with the following changes was made by Greg Golembiewski, support by Support by Don Vander Kuyl:
 - *New Business: Move (e) to (a) and move all other items down one.*
 - *New Business: Add (g) American Recovery Plan Funds Discussion*Motion Carried 4-0
6. **Motion to approve the June 21, 2021 meeting minutes** was made by Greg Golembiewski, support by Don Vander Kuyl.
Motion Carried 4-0
7. **Motion to approve the invoices dated June 22, 2021 to July 19, 2021**, was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Jeff Meyer.
Motion Carried 4-0
8. **Public Comment for items on the agenda:** None
9. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - As Submitted
10. **Clerk's Report:**
 - As Submitted
11. **Supervisor's Report:**
 - Verbal
12. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. Fire Department Activity Report
 - None Submitted
 - b. Building Permit Report
 - As Submitted
 - c. Building and Grounds Report
 - None Submitted

- d. Preliminary Planning Commission Minutes
 - o As Submitted
 - o Highlighted by Jeff Meyer

13. **New Business:**

a. **Wyoming Water:**

- o Patrick Staskiewicz addressed the board explaining the new contract.
 - Renewal of the existing 2009 \$3M bond, for a better rate.
 - Adding a new bond for the repair of the existing line and a new transmission main that will be run down Barry St.
- o ***Motion to approve Resolution 2021-07.01, granting Ottawa County permission to renew the 2009 bond and add a new bond for the repair and new main, was made Greg Golembiewski, support by Don Vander Kuyl.***

Roll Call: Yes: Peters, , Golembiewski, Meyer, Vander Kuyl
No:

Motion Carried 4-0

b. **Schreur Rezone Request:**

- o Trustee and Planning Commission Liaison, Jeff Meyer, explained the request.
- o Rezone AG to R1
- o ***Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-07.01, the rezone of parcel #70-13-36-400-011, was made by Jeff Meyer, support by Don Vander Kuyl.***

Roll Call: Yes: Peters, Golembiewski, Meyer, Vander Kuyl
No:

Motion Carried 4-0

c. **Bonzelaar Rezone Request:**

- o Trustee and Planning Commission Liaison, Jeff Meyer, explained the request.
- o Rezone AG to R1
- o ***Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-07.02, the rezone of parcel #70-13-16-100-019, was made by Greg Golembiewski, support by Kevin Peters.***

Roll Call: Yes: Peters, Golembiewski, Meyer, Vander Kuyl
No:

Motion Carried 4-0

d. **Sheldon Meats Discussion:**

- o Supervisor Peters highlighted the events that took place concerning Sheldon Meats and the reason for the Board discussion.
- o Zoning Administrator, Kirk Scharphorn, was present to answer questions from the Board.
- o Discussion ensued concerning the applications submitted, decisions that were made and the fees that were incurred as a result of that process.
- o ***Motion to refund Sheldon Meats the monies spent on the ZBA application fee and escrow fee; minus the amount owed for the Planning Commission fees and write off the invoice from Williams & Works, was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Greg Golembiewski.***

Roll Call: Yes: Peters, Golembiewski, Meyer, Vander Kuyl
No:

Motion Carried 4-0

e. **Line Item Reconciliation:**

- Resolution 2021-07.02
- ***Motion to approve Resolution 2021-07.02, a resolution to amend the 2021-2022 to reconcile multiple line items, was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Greg Golembiewski***

Roll Call: Yes: Peters, Golembiewski, Meyer, Vander Kuyl
No:

Motion Carried 4-0

f. **Consumers Energy Lighting Agreement:**

- Amendment to the existing resolution from 2015 for the South Blendon Vista lights.
- ***Motion to approve the resolution to enable Consumers Energy to make changes – additions to the South Blendon Vista complex was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Jeff Meyer.***

Motion Carried 4-0

g. **American Recovery Plan Funds:**

- Grant to be issued to municipalities
- Blendon to receive roughly \$700K
- Board to decide:
 - Accept the funds
 - Decline - release funds to the State
 - Decline – release funds for disbursement to other municipalities
- Decision and signed paperwork due by July 27, 2021
- ***Motion to accept the funds being offered to the township through the American Recovery Plan Grant was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Jeff Meyer.***

Motion Carried 4-0

14. **Old Business: None**

15. **Public Comments for items that were not on the agenda:**

- Bruce Costen:
 - Applauded the Board for moving forward on their meetings and planning in relation to municipal water
 - Inquired if we have received another deputy, to replace Deputy Jewel, from OCPD.
 - Inquired if there is anything that can be done about the rapidly growing Purple Loosestrife that is clogging the ditches.
- Joel Hoving:
 - Happy we were able to come to a resolution concerning Sheldon Meats.
 - Expressed his disappointment over the tree removal happening at the cemetery.
 - Feels he was misled by the board as to what was going to take place.

16. Correspondence for Information Purposes:

- a. Notice from NutriGro Environmental Solutions

17. Upcoming Events:

- a. Planning Commission Meeting – **August 3, 2021**
- b. Township Board Meeting – **August 16, 2021**

18. Adjournment:

- a. With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn at 815 pm was made by Greg Golembiewski, support by Jeff Meyer.

Motion Carried 4-0

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