

Blendon Township
Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2022

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 7:00 pm by Clerk, Robin Overway
 - a. ***Motion to appoint Treasurer, Greg Golembiewski, as the moderator of tonight's meeting due to the absence of Supervisor, Kevin Peters, was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Jeff Meyer.***

Roll Call: Yay: Overway, Golembiewski, Vander Kuyl, Meyer
Nay:

Motion Carried 4-0

2. **Invocation** was given by the Clerk, Robin Overway
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by attendees

4. **Roll Call:** PRESENT: Greg Golembiewski, Treasurer
Jeff Meyer, Trustee
Don Vander Kuyl, Trustee
Robin Overway, Clerk
ABSENT: Kevin Peters, Supervisor (with notice)
ATTENDING: Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief

5. ***Motion to approve the agenda with the following addition was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Robin Overway.***

13. **New Business:**
 - (e) Election Trailer

Motion Carried 4-0

6. ***Motion to approve the December 20, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Jeff Meyer, support Don Vander Kuyl.***

Motion Carried 4-0

7. ***Motion to approve the invoices dated December 21, 2021, to January 17, 2022, was made by Robin Overway, support by Don Vander Kuyl.***

Motion Carried 4-0

8. **Public Comment for items on the agenda:**

- None

9. **Treasurer's Report:**

- As Submitted
- Tax season is going well
- By next month, there will be a decision on which financial institution the Township will be banking with

10. Clerk's Report:

- As Submitted
- Precincts 2&3 will be voting at Bauer CRC starting in May
 - Everyone will be notified with a new Voter ID card and letter explaining the changes
- Precinct lines are being adjusted
- Budget for the Clerk's and Election office have been submitted
- There will be a proposal from Hudsonville Public Schools for the May Election

11. Supervisor's Report:

- None

12. Monthly Report's:

- a. Fire Department Activity Report
 - As Submitted
 - Total runs for 2021
- b. Building Permit Report
 - As Submitted
- c. Buildings and Grounds Report
 - Verbal
 - Waiting on more bids for lawn care service
- d. Preliminary Planning Commission Minutes
 - As Submitted
 - Highlighted by Trustee, Jeff Meyer
- e. Emergency Safety Services Board
 - None
- f. Joint Work Session Meeting Minutes
 - Highlighted by Trustee, Jeff Meyer

13. New Business:

a. Board and Commission Appointments

- The Board was unaware, per the Michigan Zoning & Enabling Act, a Firefighter cannot serve on the Planning Commission or ZBA
 - The Board must find a replacement for the Firefighters serving on the Planning Commission and ZBA
- There are several other vacancies the Board must fill
 - Planning Commission
 - ZBA
 - Safety Services
- Supervisor, Kevin Peters, recommended the renewal of Dave Postma's term and the appointment of Paul Blauwkamp for the Safety Services Board. Kevin also recommended the appointment of Brian Tacoma to fill in Sean Miller's place in the Planning Commission
- ***Motion to approve the renewal of Dave Postma and appoint Paul Blauwkamp to the Safety Services Board and appoint Brian Tacoma to***

the Planning Commission was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Jeff Meyer.

Motion Carried 4-0

b. **Allendale Water Contract**

- The Board discussed the possibility of signing a contract to connect with Allendale Township's water for future development in Blendon.
 - Signing a contract does not mean the Township will take water, but state how it will work if we do decide to.
- ***Motion to authorize Kevin Peters and Kurt Gernaat to work with Pat from the Ottawa County water to get on a contract with Allendale was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Jeff Meyer***

Motion Carried 4-0

c. **Resolution 2022-01.01 (Budget Amendments)**

- Budget Amendments – Line-item Adjustments
- ***Motion to approve Resolution 2022-01.01 was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Robin Overway.***

Roll Call: Yay: Overway, Golembiewski, Vander Kuyl, Meyer

Nay:

Motion Carried 4-0

d. **2022-2023 Budget**

- The Board will receive the budget soon
- No new discussion

e. **Election Trailer**

- \$5,000 was allocated in 2019-2020 to purchase a trailer from Grandville Trailer
- Prices have doubled in 2022
- Sales Representative, Rick, strongly suggests the Township purchase a tandem axel trailer vs a single axel trailer
- Trailer will include the following for a total of \$10,500
 - Transition flap
 - Rear stabilizer jacks
 - 20ft of e-track on the walls
- ***Motion to purchase the tandem axel trailer from Grandville Trailer for \$10,500 was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support Jeff Meyer.***

Motion Carried 4-0

14. Old Business

a. **Door Estimates**

- The Board needs more clarification on the quotes that were given
- Discussion will be held at the next meeting

b. **Township Manager:**

- Discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant to help with the hiring process

c. **ARPA Funds:**

- Discussed the funds distribution to the Fire Department
- Decision was made to wait until the 1st of April, when the new payroll system is in place, to move forward

d. **Employee Appreciation:**

- Discussion was held on the options available for the employee appreciation program
- Part-time and full-time employees will be eligible
- Separate program will be created for the Fire Department
- ***Motion to approve the employee appreciation program was made by Don Vander Kuyl, support by Jeff Meyer***

Motion Carried 4-0

e. **Lawncare and Maintenance:**

- Treasurer Golembiewski is waiting on more quotes to be submitted
- Discussion will be held at the next meeting

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

- None

16. **Correspondence for Information Purposes:**

- None

17. **Upcoming Events:**

- a. Planning Commission Meeting – **February 1, 2022**
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – **February 7, 2022**
- c. Township Board Meeting – **February 21, 2022**

18. **Adjournment:**

- a. With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm was made by Robin Overway, support by Jeff Meyer.

Motion Carried 4-0

Recorded by Dyanna Solis
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk