

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 20, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

1. **Call to Order:** Don VanderKuyl, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Invocation** by Trisha Henderson
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **Roll call.** PRESENT: Trisha Henderson, Robin Overway, Jeff Meyer  
Don VanderKuyl, Greg Golembiewski
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** *Motion by Greg, supported by Robin to approve the agenda.*  

Motion Carried 5-0.
6. **Approval of the Board meeting minutes dated February 20, 2023:** *Motion by Greg, supported by Trisha to approve the minutes as presented.*  

Motion Carried 5-0.
7. **Review of paid invoices dated February 21, 2023, to March 20, 2023:** *Motion by Greg and supported by Jeff to approve invoices.*  

Motion Carried 5-0
8. **Public Comment on Items ON the Agenda** – Comments were heard from the public on several different items including the upcoming interview of Greg Golembiewski.
9. **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Golembiewski gave his report.
10. **Clerk’s Report** – Clerk Overway gave the clerk’s report.
11. **Supervisor’s Report** – Supervisor VanderKuyl gave the supervisor’s report.
12. **Monthly Reports**
  - a. Month End Financials
  - b. Fire Department activity report – No report given.
  - c. Police Activity report
  - d. Building permit report
  - e. Building and Grounds report
  - f. Preliminary Planning Commission minutes

13. **New Business**

a. **Meeting Schedule**

*Motion by Greg, supported by Robin to approve the next fiscal year meeting schedule by approving Resolution #2023-03.02* Roll call vote: Greg-yes, Robin-yes, Don-yes, Trisha-yes, Jeff-yes

Motion Carried 5-0

b. **Budget Amendment**

*Motion by Robin, supported by Greg to approve several line-item budget amendments for 2022-2023 budget year by approving Resolution #2023-03.03* Roll call vote: Greg-yes, Robin-yes, Don-yes, Trisha-yes, Jeff-yes

Motion carried 5-0

c. **Committee appointments**

Supervisor VanderKuyl recommended Mark Leathead to fill the vacant position on the planning commission (a 3-year term starting 4-1-23) and recommended re-instating both commissioners Lyn Peters & Brett Huizenga to additional 3-year terms beginning 4-1-23. *Motion was made by Greg and supported by Robin to appoint all of the supervisor's recommendations for the planning commission as presented.*

Motion carried 5-0

He also recommended re-instating David Hovingh to another 3-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals beginning 4-1-23. *Motion was made by Greg and supported by Trisha to appoint David to the Zoning Board of Appeals*

Motion carried 5-0

d. **2023-2024 Budget**

At 7:47pm supervisor VanderKuyl opened the public hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 budget.

1. The public was given opportunity to ask questions on the budget.
2. Several questions were asked of the board and answered
3. At 8:05 Supervisor VanderKuyl closed the public hearing
4. Discussion was held by the board members.

*Motion by Jeff supported by Trisha to table the budget awaiting some answers to corrections that are needed.*

Motion carried 5-0

e. **Lawn Maintenance Proposal**

Supervisor VanderKuyl presented the board with a proposal from Patriot Outdoor Services to provide service of lawncare of the township grounds

*Motion by Greg supported by Robin to authorize the work per the contract presented.*

Motion carried 5-0

f. **Public water supply contract** – received as information only.

g. **Master Plan**

A new revised Master plan was presented to the board from the planning commission for adoption. Trustee Meyer gave the board some insight to the process and an overview of the proposed changes. *Motion by Trisha and supported by Greg to adopt the master plan. A resolution will need to be approved to officially adopt it, and that should happen at the next board meeting.*

Motion carried 5-0

14. **Old or Ongoing Business**

a. **Manager**

Supervisor VanderKuyl shared with the board that per consultant Dan Carlton, it will take approximately \$130,000 to get a qualified candidate. Shortly after that the consultant notified the supervisor that he had been contacted and that he had an interested party that was an internal candidate. The consultant then shared that it was Treasurer Greg Golembiewski and that the township should consider interviewing him, and that is why the supervisor added the interview of Greg to the Agenda tonight.

The board then took some time to interview & ask Greg some questions.

*Motion by Jeff supported by Don to negotiate with Greg to hire him as the township manager. Roll call vote: Robin-yes, Jeff-yes, Trisha-no, Don-yes*

Motion carried 3-1

15. **Public Comments on items NOT ON the agenda** – A couple of questions were asked in regard to some drilling along 48<sup>th</sup> Ave, and also if the board knew the status of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ave corridor improvements.

16. **Correspondence for Informational Purposes** – information was shared on the county tree sale and limb trimming by consumers energy.

17. **Upcoming Events**

a. **Planning Commission** – April 11, 2023

b. **Township Board** – April 24, 2023

18. **Adjournment**

Motion by Jeff, seconded by Robin to adjourn at 9:01 PM.

Motion Carried 5-0

Recorded by Kurt Gernaat  
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk