

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

1. **Call to Order:** Don VanderKuyl, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Invocation** by Robin Overway
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 Golembiewski, supported by Jeff Meyer to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried 5-0.

6. **Approval of the Board meeting minutes dated March 20, 2023 & the Special Board meeting dated March 28, 2023:** Motion by Greg Golembiewski, supported by Jeff Meyer to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Carried 5-0.

7. **Review of paid invoices dated March 21, 2023, to April 24, 2023:** Motion by Trisha Henderson and supported by Greg Golembiewski to approve invoices.

Motion Carried 5-0

8. **Public Comment on Items ON the Agenda** – Jason VanderKodde (Planning Commission chair) shared that he would be here to discuss any concerns that the board may have regarding the PC meeting held earlier in the month.
9. **Treasure’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. Fire Department activity report – No report.
  - b. Police Activity report
  - c. Building permit report

- d. Building and Grounds report
- e. Preliminary Planning Commission minutes – Jeff Meyer gave an overview.

13. **New Business**

- a. **New Firefighter Hire:** Chief Gernaat presented information about Ryan Ellis and asked the board to hire Ryan as a station 1 firefighter. Motion by Greg Golembiewski, supported by Don VanderKuyl to Hire Ryan Ellis as a firefighter.

Motion Carried 5-0

- b. **Emergency Services Schedule:** The meeting schedule for the current fiscal year was submitted for information.

- c. **Cemetery Fees:** Information was presented by Sexton Alan Finnie regarding an increased fee by Busscher’s Septic, and a recommendation was given to raise our grave opening fees. Motion by Don VanderKuyl, supported by Jeff Meyer to adopt the new fees of \$680 for residents and \$950 for non-residents for grave opening and closing.

Motion Carried 5-0

- d. **Replacement of Generators:** Quotes were presented by Don VanderKuyl from Wolverine Power and from Wolters electric. Discussion was held on which quote made more sense. Motion by Don VanderKuyl, supported by Greg Golembiewski to accept the quote from Wolters electric and hire them to install new generators at both Fire stations and the township hall.

Motion Carried 5-0

- e. **OCRC Project estimate:** Supervisor VanderKuyl presented an estimate from the OCRC to the board to re-gravel 2.5 miles of roads in the township (64<sup>th</sup> Ave from Port Sheldon to Tyler St, 76<sup>th</sup> Ave from Bingham to Barry St., and Bingham St. from 72<sup>nd</sup> to 76<sup>th</sup>). Motion by Trisha Henderson, supported by Robin Overway to move forward with the estimate.

Motion Carried 5-0

14. **Old or Ongoing Business**

- a. **Township Manager:** Supervisor Don VanderKuyl presented a contract for township manager. The board reviewed the contract. Motion by Jeff Meyer and supported by Robin Overway to ask Greg Golembiewski to leave the room for discussions regarding the contract.

Motion Carried 4-0

Discussion was held. Motion by Robin Overway, supported by Jeff Meyer to approve the contract between Greg Golembiewski and Blendon Township to hire Greg as the township manager subject to any minor changes that the twp. attorney may recommend.

Motion Carried 4-0

15. **Public Comments on items NOT ON the agenda** – no comments were heard
16. **Correspondence for Informational Purposes** - nothing presented
17. **Upcoming Events**
  - a. **Planning Commission** – May 8, 2023
  - b. **Township Board** – May 15, 2023
18. **Adjournment**

Motion by Greg Golembiewski, supported by Robin Overway to adjourn at 7:54

Motion Carried 5-0

Recorded by Kurt Gernaat  
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk