

Blendon Township
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 17, 2023, 7:00 PM

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 7:00 pm by Township Supervisor, Don Vander Kuyl
2. **Invocation** was given by Don Vander Kuyl
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Roll Call:** PRESENT: Don Vander Kuyl, Supervisor
Robin Overway, Clerk
Steve O'Connell, Treasurer
Jeff Meyer, Trustee
ABSENT WITH NOTICE:
Trisha Henderson, Trustee
ATTENDING: Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief
Greg Golembiewski, Manager
5. ***Motion to approve the agenda*** was made by Meyer supported by Overway to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
6. ***Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, dated June 19, 2023, was made by*** Overway supported by Meyer Motion carried 4-0.
7. ***Motion to approve the Invoices dated June 20, 2023, to July 17, 2023, was made by Meyer*** support by Overway Motion carried 4-0.
8. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** 1 resident question was raised about the map for future land use. 1 resident question asked about the land surrounding the map. Would the township consider the land to be put up for sale?
9. **Treasurer's Report submitted.**
10. **Clerk's Report** – Clerk Overway gave the Clerk's report.
11. **Supervisor's Report** – Supervisor Vander Kuyl gave the Supervisor's report.
12. **Manager's Report** – Manager Golembiewski gave the Manager's report.
13. **Monthly Reports**
 - **Fire Department Activity Report-** no report
 - **Police Activity Report-** as submitted in the packet.
 - **Building Permit Report-**as submitted in the packet.
 - **Building and Grounds Report** – no report.
 - **Preliminary EMS Minutes** – Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief gave an overview.
 - **Preliminary Planning Commission Minutes** – Jeff Meyer, Trustee gave an overview.

- **1st Quarter Financials** – submitted for review by Melissa Veldheer

14. **New Business**

- a. **Farmland Preservation Presentation** – Becky Huttenga with Julie Lamer from Ottawa County came to talk about the Farmland Preservation Programs.
- b. **Streetlight 72nd and New Holland** – Motion by Meyer, supported by O’Connell to approve a streetlight at the corner. Motion carried 4-0
- c. **Map Of Tyler Street Property** – Motion by O’Connell, supported by Meyer approve the map for future land use at Tyler Street Property. Motion carried 4-0
- d. **Appointment for Board of Review** – Motion by Meyer, supported by Overway, to approve Ben Van Zweden for the Board of Review. Motion carried 4-0
- e. **Fire Truck** – Motion by O’Connell, supported by Overway to approve the purchase on Toyne bid for a new fire truck engine. Motion Carried 4-0
- f. **Ottawa County Assessing Contract** – Motion by Meyer, supported by O’Connell to approve a contract with Ottawa County Property Assessment Services. Motion carried 4-0

15. **Old Business: No old business.**

16. **Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:** 1 resident spoke about the police coverage.

17. **Information/Correspondence:** None

18. **Upcoming Events:**

- a. ZBA – July 24, 2023
- b. Planning Commission – August 7, 2023
- c. Township Board – August 21, 2023

19. **Adjournment:**

- With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion made by O’Connell, seconded by Overway to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Recorded by Jennifer Mokma, Deputy Clerk
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk