

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday October 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

1. **The Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 pm by Don Vander Kuyl, Township Supervisor
2. **Invocation** was given by Trisha Henderson
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Roll call.**   PRESENT:     Trisha Henderson, Trustee  
                                  Jeff Meyer, Trustee  
                                  Don Vander Kuyl, Supervisor  
                                  Steve O'Connell, Treasurer  
                          Absent with Notice:   Robin Overway, Clerk  
                          ATTENDING:    Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief  
                                  Greg Golembiewski, Manager
  
5. ***Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item F) New Fire Fighter Hire under new business, was made by O'Connell, supported by Meyer to approve the agenda.***

Motion Carried 4-0.
  
6. ***Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, dated September 11,2023 and Special Meeting September 25,2023, was made by Meyer supported by O'Connell***

Motion Carried 4-0
  
7. ***Motion to approve the Invoices dated September 11, 2023, to October 16, 2023, was made by Meyer and supported by Henderson***

Motion Carried 4-0
  
8. **Opportunity for public Comment:** One resident spoke about the website minutes.
9. **Treasurer's Report** - submitted. O'Connell gave an overview of MI Class investment. Summer taxes collection update.
10. **Clerk's Report** – submitted.
11. **Supervisor's Report** – Vander Kuyl gave a summary of the Supervisor Conference.
12. **Manager's Report** – Manager Golembiewski gave the Manger's report.
13. **Monthly Reports**
  - Fire Department activity report – verbal from Chief Gernaat. Station 1 is functional and secure after an incident. Received a grant from the State of Michigan for \$10,000 for gear.
  - Police Activity report – as submitted in the packet.

- Building and Grounds report – Cemetery work of tree removal for better access for trailers, sprinkler turned off at Township and Community Center.
- Building Permit Report – as submitted in the packet.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report – as submitted in the packet.
- Preliminary Planning Commission minutes – Jeff Meyer, Trustee gave an overview of the meeting, a lot of carry over to next month.

14. **New Business**

- a. **Consumers Energy Contract** – A contract to install the streetlight at the corner of 72<sup>nd</sup> and New Holland ‘at large’. Motion by Meyer, supported by O’Connell to enter the contract. Motion Carried 4-0

- b. **Consumers Energy Resolution** – Resolution 2023-10.01 for authorization of a streetlight on 72<sup>nd</sup> and New Holland. Motion by Meyer and seconded by Henderson. Roll Call Vote: Vander Kuyl - Yes, Meyer- Yes, Henderson-Yes, O’Connell-Yes Motion Carried 4-0

- c. **Budget Amendment** – A motion was made by O’Connell and seconded by Meyer to approve additional compensation for Robin Overway for non-statutory duties. Roll Call Vote: Vander Kuyl - Yes, Meyer- Yes, Henderson-Yes, O’Connell-Yes Motion carried 4-0

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-10.02 Budget Amendment was made by O’Connell and seconded by Vander Kuyl.

Roll Call Vote: Vander Kuyl - Yes, Meyer- Yes, Henderson-Yes, O’Connell-Yes Motion carried 4-0

Organizational Chart was distributed.

- d. **Presentation on Capital Improvement Plan** – Manager Golembiewski went over preliminary CIP for the Board to evaluate and prioritize list for the 2024/25 Budget. Meyer had a question about water and Henderson had a couple questions about allocation of funds using it for roads and water.
- e. **ACH Policy** – A policy to allow the payment of electronic payments through Grand River Bank. Motion by Henderson, supported by Vander Kuyl to have the new policy. Motion to approve **Resolution 2023-10.03** to Authorize Use of Automated Clearing House Arrangements and Electronic Transactions of Funds was made by Meyer and seconded by Henderson.

Roll Call Vote: Vander Kuyl - Yes, Meyer- Yes, Henderson-Yes, O’Connell-Yes Motion carried 4-0

- f. **New Firefighter Hire** – Chief Gernaat recommends and requests the hire of Jim Green, a new firefighter at Station 2. The board accepts the hire with a motion by O’Connell and supported by Vander Kuyl. Motion Carried 4-0

15. **Old or Ongoing Business:** Non-Truck route update – The road in question is not listed as a truck route road.

16. **Public Comments on items NOT ON the agenda** – A resident commented on insurance advantages with the protection class from the Fire ISO Rating.

Draft minutes

17. **Correspondence for Informational Purposes** – None

18. **Upcoming Events**

- **Planning Commission** – November 6, 2023
- **Emergency Service Board** – November 8, 2023
- **Township Board** – November 20, 2023

19. **Adjournment:**

- With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by O’Connell, seconded by Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:10

Motion Carried 4-0

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