

Blendon Township
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 19, 2023, 7:00 PM

1. **The meeting was called to order** at 7:00 pm by Township Supervisor, Don VanderKuyl
2. **Invocation** was given by Trisha Henderson
3. **The Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Roll Call: PRESENT:** Don VanderKuyl, Supervisor
Robin Overway, Clerk
Trisha Henderson, Trustee
Jeff Meyer, Trustee

ATTENDING: Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief
Greg Golembiewski, Manager

5. ***Motion to approve the agenda*** was made by Jeff Meyer, supported by Trisha Henderson to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 5-0.

6. ***Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes***, dated May 15, 2023, and May 24, 2023 was made by Jeff Meyer, supported by Robin Overway

Motion carried 5-0.

7. ***Motion to approve the Invoices*** dated May 16, 2023, to June 19, 2023 was made by Trisha Henderson, support by Jeff Meyer

Motion carried 5-0.

8. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** One resident spoke about the cell phone tower.

Questions were asked who is handling the application right now and where is this in the process?

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**-verbal report given by Fire Chief, Kurt Gernaat
- **Police Activity Report**- as submitted in the packet.
- **Building Permit Report**-as submitted in the packet.
- **Building and Grounds Report** – no report.
- **Preliminary Planning Commission Minutes** – Jeff Meyer gave an overview.

14. New Business

a. Appointment for Emergency Services Board

Motion by Don Vander Kuyl, supported by Jeff Meyer to appoint Nick Engelsma to the emergency services board. Motion carried 5-0

b. Appointment as Board Liaison to Emergency Services Board

Motion by Jeff Meyer, supported by Don Vander Kuyl to appoint Trisha Henderson to serve as a liaison between the Board and the Emergency Services Board.

Motion Carried 5-0

c. New Fire Fighter Hire

Motion by Don Vander Kuyl, supported by Robin Overway to hire Josh Vollink as a new fire fighter. Motion Carried 5-0

d. Cemetery Tree Removal

Motion by Don Vander Kuyl, supported by Trisha Henderson to approve quote from Advantage Tree Service to remove small trees and brush east of the maintenance building from north to south garage doors and back to cherry tree in the Blendon Township Cemetery. Motion Carried 5-0

e. Resolution 2023-06.01 – Master Plan

Motion by Robin Overway, supported by Jeff Meyer to approve Resolution 2023-06.1 to approve the Draft Master Plan for Distribution and Asserting the Township Board's Right to Adopt Such Master Plan Motion Carried 5-0

f. Ordinance No. 2023-06.1 – Compensation Commission

Motion by Trisha Henderson, supported by Don Vander Kuyl to approve Ordinance No. 2023-06.1 to abolish the local official's compensation commission due to reduced roles in the Supervisor and Treasurer's office and having a Township Manager.

Motion Carried 5-0

g. Spectrum Proposal for Office Communications and Wi-Fi –

Motion by Jeff Meyer, supported by Don Vander Kuyl to approve the Spectrum proposal for office communications and Wi-Fi. Motion Carried 5-0

h. Discussion on used township generators –

Discussion was had on what to do with the old generators that are going to be replaced at the Borculo Community Center, Blendon Township Hall, and Blendon Township Fire Stations 1 & 2. We are going to post these for sale on the website once the new generators are all installed. Motion Carried 5-0

i. Enzyme Based Dust Control –

Discussion was had on what the findings were for the enzyme-based dust control. Nothing was decided at this time.

j. Township Treasurer -

Motion by Don Vander Kuyl, supported by Jeff Meyer to appoint Steve O'Connell to serve as the Treasurer of Blendon Township for the remaining term of Greg Golembiewski.

15. Old Business: No old business.

16. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:

Two residents spoke. One resident spoke regarding the cell phone tower. Chairman of the Planning Commission asked the board for approval to spend up to \$1,000 to have William and Works draw up a plan for the proposed cell phone tower.

17. Information/Correspondence:

Sidewalk Email

Ottawa County Sheriff Annual Report – Supervisor Summary

Cell Tower Letter

18. Upcoming Events:

- a. Planning Commission – July 11, 2023

- b. EMS – July 12, 2023
- c. Township Board – July 17, 2023
- d. ZBA – July 24, 2023

19. Adjournment:

- With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion made by Jeff Meyer, seconded by Robin Overway to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Motion carried.

Recorded by Robin Overway
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk