

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday January 15, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

1. **The Meeting was called to order** at 7:00 pm by Supervisor, Don Vander Kuyl
2. **Invocation** was given by Robin Overway.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Roll call.** PRESENT: Trisha Henderson, Trustee
Robin Overway, Clerk
Jeff Meyer, Trustee
Don Vander Kuyl, Supervisor
Steve O’Connell, Treasurer
5. **Also Attending:** Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief
Greg Golembiewski, Manager

6. ***Motion to approve the agenda*** was made by Meyer, supported by O’Connell to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 5-0.
7. ***Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, dated December 18, 2023, was made by Meyer supported by O’Connell*** Motion Carried 5-0.
8. ***Motion to approve the Invoices dated December 18, 2023, to January 15, 2024, was made by O’Connell and supported by Meyer*** Motion Carried 5-0.
9. **Opportunity for public Comment and communication of business on the agenda:**
 - a) None.
10. **Treasurer’s Report** - Submitted. Steve spoke on taxes thus far collected.
11. **Clerk’s Report** – As Submitted.
12. **Supervisor’s Report** – No Report.
13. **Manager’s Report** – As Submitted.
14. **Monthly Reports**
 - A) Fire Department activity report – Chief Gernaat stated calls were down thirty calls last year from previous years. Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for Friday.

- B) Police Activity report – as submitted in the packet.
- C) Building and Grounds report – no report given.
- D) Building Permit report – as submitted in the packet.
- E) Zoning Enforcement report – Manager Golembieski give report.
- F) 3rd Quarter Financial Reports – as submitted in the packet.
- G) Preliminary Planning Commission Minutes – Jeff Meyer, Trustee gave an overview.
- H) Emergency Safety Service Board Minutes – Chief Gernaat gave an overview.

15. **Presentations** – None

16. **Board & Commission Appointments & New Hire** – None

17. **Public Hearing** – None

18. **Old Business** – None

19. **New Business**

- a. **Resolution 2024-01.01** – Resolution for maintenance and repair of the Dys Drain motion by O’Connell, supported by Henderson to approve Ottawa County Resolution for Dys Drain.

Roll Call: Yes: Meyer, Vander Kuyl, Overway, Henderson, O’Connell

No:

Motion Carried 5-0

- b. **Cemetery Ordinance Changes** – Motion by O’Connell seconded by Overway to approve Ordinance 67C-2024 for the addition of Baby Land marker measurements.

Roll Call: Yes: Meyer, Vander Kuyl, Henderson, Overway, O’Connell

No:

Motion Carried 5-0

- c. **Cemetery Rates** – Proposal to increase rates for purchase of adult size plots for non-residents, while the resident price remains the same, and the foundation of Monuments increase to .50 cents a square foot. Motion by Meyer seconded by O’Connell.

Motion Carried 5-0

- d. **Community Center** – Discussion was had about the community center rentals and the fire station, most importantly the fire fighters need for the bathrooms during rental. Motion by Vander Kuyl, seconded by Meyer, for there to be no rentals for Calander year 2024.

Motion Carried 5-0

20. **Public Comments on items NOT ON the agenda** – 1 resident asked about a house on Tyler St with no windows will be checked on by PCI.

21. **Board or Staff Comments** – Manager Golembiewski passed out the budget for the future Budget Workshop.

22. **Correspondence for Informational Purposes –**

23. **Upcoming Events**

- **Planning Commission** – February 5, 2024
- **Budget Workshop** – January 30, 2024, 7:00 pm
- **Township Board** – February 19, 2024
- **Public Hearing on Budget** – February 19, 2024, 7:30pm

24. **Adjournment:**

- With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by O’Connell seconded by Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm

Motion Carried 5-0

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