

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday February 19, 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 Steve O'Connell.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Roll call.** PRESENT: Don Vander Kuyl, Supervisor  
 Robin Overway, Clerk  
 Steve O'Connell, Treasurer  
 ABSENT W/Notice: Trisha Henderson, Trustee  
 Jeff Meyer, Trustee
5. **Also Attending:** Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief  
 Greg Golembiewski, Manager  
 Melissa Veldheer, Accountant Consultant
6. ***Motion to approve the agenda was made by O'Connell, supported by Overway to approve the agenda.*** Motion Carried 3-0.
7. ***Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, dated January 15, 2024, was made by O'Connell supported by Overway*** Motion Carried 3-0.
8. ***Motion to approve the Invoices dated January 16, 2024, to February 19, 2024, was made by O'Connell and supported by Overway*** Motion Carried 3-0.
9. **Opportunity for public Comment and communication of business on the agenda:**  
 a) None.
10. **Treasurer's Report** - Submitted. Steve spoke on Tax collection thus far.
11. **Clerk's Report** – As Submitted.
12. **Supervisor's Report** – Verbal Report given.
13. **Manager's Report** – As Submitted.
14. **Monthly Reports**  
 A) Fire Department activity report – verbal report on track with calls.  
 B) Police Activity report – as submitted in the packet.

- C) Building and Grounds report – Borculo station paint and camera’s done
- D) Building Permit report – as submitted in the packet.
- E) Zoning Enforcement report –as submitted in the packet.
- F) Preliminary Planning Commission Minutes – Manager Golembiewski gave an overview.
- G) Township Board Workshop Minutes – as submitted in the packet. Motion by O’Connell seconded by Overway to approve the Budget Workshop minutes. Motion Carried 3-0

15. **Presentations** – None

16. **Board & Commission Appointments & New Hire** –

- Recognize Brett Huizenga for service on Planning Commission
- Jordan Dekker was appointed to the Planning Commission motion by O’Connell, seconded by Overway. Motion Carried 3-0
- Jason Vander Kodde was reappointed to the Planning Commission motion by O’Connell, seconded by Overway. Motion Carried 3-0
- Bruce Costen was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals motion by O’Connell, seconded by Overway. Motion Carried 3-0
- Brett Huizenga was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, alternate, motion by O’Connell seconded by Overway. Motion Carried 3-0
- Approval of Firefighter Jeff Molnar, Indiana Fire Fighter who moved here, waiting on reciprocity, and Mitchel Meyer to be assigned to station 1 motion by O’Connell seconded by Overway. Motion Carried 3-0

17. **Public Hearing** – At 7:30 pm Supervisor Vander Kuyl opened the public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

1. The public was given an opportunity to ask questions on the Budget.
2. At 7:31 pm Supervisor Vander Kuyl closed the public hearing.

18. **Old Business** – None

19. **New Business**

- a. **Resolution 2024-02.01** – Resolution 2024-02.01 Blendon Township Appropriations Act motion by O’Connell, supported by Overway to approve the 2024-2025 Budget.

**Roll Call:** Yes: Vander Kuyl, Overway, O’Connell

**No:**

**Motion Carried 3-0**

**b. Resolution 2024.02.02 Meeting Schedule**– Motion by O’Connell seconded by Overway to approve the 2024-2025 Fiscal year Township Board meeting schedule.

**Roll Call:** Yes: Vander Kuyl, Overway, O’Connell

**No:**

Motion Carried 3-0

**c. Ordinance #Z2024-02.01 Rezone Parcel #70-13-16-300-007**– Motion by O’Connell seconded Overway to approve the rezone from Ag to R-1.

**Roll Call:** Yes: Vander Kuyl, Overway, O’Connell

Motion Carried 3-0

**d. Resolution 2024-02.03 MTPP Grant Application Submission.** Motion by O’Connell seconded by Overway to approve the submission of the Grant for cameras at the Tyler Street Fire Station.

Motion Carried 3-0

20. **Public Comments on items NOT ON the agenda** – Sarah Matwiejczyk and Eric DeBoer from the County introduced themselves to the Board.
21. **Board or Staff Comments** – Spoke to Undersheriff DeBoer about an additional quarter deputy on in Blendon.
22. **Correspondence for Informational Purposes** – Planning Commission meeting schedule, letters submitted from Meyer and Henderson in support of the passing of the 2024-2025 Budget.
23. **Upcoming Events**
  - **Planning Commission** – March 4, 2024
  - **Township Board** – March 18, 2024
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 7:34 pm

Motion Carried 3-0

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