

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday April 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 Trisha Henderson, Trustee.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Roll call.** PRESENT: Don Vander Kuyl, Supervisor
Robin Overway, Clerk
Trisha Henderson, Trustee
Jeff Meyer, Trustee
Steve O’Connell, Treasurer
5. **Also Attending:** Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief
Greg Golembiewski, Manager
6. ***Motion to approve the agenda*** was made by O’Connell, supported by Henderson to approve the agenda with the addition of item 12 e. Purchase of Fire Equipment – Rescue Truck. Motion Carried 5-0.
7. ***Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, dated March 18, 2024, was made by O’Connell supported by Henderson*** Motion Carried 5-0.
8. ***Motion to approve the Invoices dated March 19, 2024, to April 15, 2024, was made by Henderson and supported by O’Connell*** Motion Carried 5-0.
9. **Opportunity for public Comment and communication of business on the agenda:**
None
10. **Monthly Reports – Consent Items-** Motion by O’Connell, seconded by Meyer to approve the Consent Items with discussion on Monthly reports.
 - **Treasurer’s Report** - Submitted
 - **Clerk’s Report** – Submitted
 - **Supervisor’s Report** – None
 - **Manager’s Report** – Submitted. A discussion was had about the Township having a logo.
 - **Department Reports**

- Fire Department activity report – None.
- Police Activity report – as submitted in the packet.
- Building and Grounds report – None
- Building Permit report – as submitted in the packet.
- Zoning Enforcement report – None
- Preliminary Planning Commission Minutes – as submitted in the packet. Meyer highlighted the Key Capture Energy – Proposed Renewable Energy Ordinance that was submitted by Williams & Works. Meyer discussed the Planning Commission request for some Board guidance. The Board recommends the Planning Commission propose a moratorium, motion by O’Connell and supported by Vander Kuyl. Motion Carried 5-0
- **Presentations** – Cheryl Clark, Treasurer of Ottawa County, came to introduce herself and give the Ottawa County Annual Report.
- **Board & Commission Appointments & New Hire** – None

11. **Old Business** – None

12. **New Business**

- Ordinance # Z2024-04.01** – Rezone parcel 70-13-18-300-020 from Ag to R-1. Motion by Henderson, supported by O’Connell to approve Ord # Z2024-04.01.

Roll Call: Yes: Vander Kuyl, Overway, Meyer, O’Connell, Henderson
No: Motion Carried 5-0
- Discussion on Joel Hoving Land Proposal** – A discussion was had about the proposal from Joel Hoving for the purchase of land behind his house that is township owned. Members of the Board discussed putting a fence around the area of the cemetery property line. Vander Kuyl will get quotes to install the fence and Mr. Hoving will get the quote for excavation. Motion by Meyer supported by Overway to be tabled till next month. Motion Carried 5-0
- Ordinance # Z2024-04.02 AG Support Services** – Motion by O’Connell seconded by Henderson to approve changes.
Roll Call: Yes: Vander Kuyl, Henderson, Meyer, Overway, O’Connell
No: Motion Carried 5-0
- Request for Consumers Energy streetlights at Port Sheldon and 64th Street and at Tyler and 64th Street** – There was a discussion about putting some criteria for streetlight request and putting in a budget item for future streetlight request. Motion by O’Connell seconded by Henderson to approve Consumers Energy Streetlights at the 2 locations. Motion Carried 4-1

- e. **Purchase of Fire Equipment** – The Fire Department would like to purchase a rescue truck to replace the 1997 GMC Box Utility Vehicle. Motion by Meyer, supported by O’Connell to approve the purchase of the rescue truck for \$139,000 contingent on the Safety Service Board approval. Motion Carried 5-0

- 13. **Public Comments on items NOT ON the agenda** – A Resident brought concerns about a neighboring property to his. Asking the question about what the township is doing to remedy the blight and noncompliance on 64th street. Chief Gernaat addressed this and stated PCI has been working on a solution. The Resident stated the junk and burned-out building needs to be cleaned. Chief Gernaat and Manager Golembiewski stated that Zoning Enforcement needs to be pursued and the Township needs to work with PCI to get a resolution moving forward.

Mr. Derek Dalman came to introduce himself to the Township Board. He will be running for Probate Court Judge.

- 14. **Board or Staff Comments** – Meyer announced the change of the Planning Commission Chair to Mark Leathead and Vander Kodde to Vice- Chair.

- 15. **Correspondence for Informational Purposes** – as submitted.

- 16. **Upcoming Events**

- **Planning Commission** – May 6, 2024
- **Township Board** – May 20, 2024

- 17. **Adjournment:**

- With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Henderson, seconded by O’Connell to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Motion Carried 5-0

Recorded and Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk