

**BLENDON TOWNSHIP**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday September 16, 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, Clerk.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Roll call.** PRESENT: Don Vander Kuyl, Supervisor  
Jeff Meyer, Trustee  
Steve O’Connell, Treasurer  
Robin Overway, Clerk  
Trisha Henderson, Trustee
5. **Also Attending:** Greg Golembiewski, Manager  
Kurt Gernaat, Fire Chief
  
6. ***Motion to approve the agenda*** was made by O’Connell, supported by Overway to approve the agenda. Motion Carried 5-0.
7. ***Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, dated August 19, 2024, was made by Meyer, supported by Henderson.*** Motion Carried 5-0.
8. ***Motion to approve the Invoices dated August 20, 2024, to September 16, 2024, was made by Meyer, supported by Overway.*** 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 Henderson to approve the Consent Items with discussion on Monthly reports. Motion Carried 5-0.
  - **Treasurer’s Report** - Submitted
  - **Clerk’s Report** – Submitted
  - **Supervisor’s Report** – None
  - **Manager’s Report** – Submitted
  - **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.
  - Preliminary EMS Meeting Minutes – None
  - **Presentations – None**
  - **Board & Commission Appointments & New Hire –**
11. **Old Business** – Motion by O’Connell and seconded by Overway to untable Joel Hoving request. – Mr. Hoving asked the Board to consider if he could purchase land from the Township Cemetery to help with the trespassers on Township Property. The Board discussed and decided that the land is not for sale. Supervisor Vander Kuyl and Mr. Hoving will do a site visit to discuss the placement of a fence barrier to be put up at the township cost.
12. **New Business**
- a. **WLP Presentation and Plans** – Jeff Harwood presented the plans for township multipurpose building and fire station on 96<sup>th</sup> Ave. The Board discussed the plans and asked for cost estimates on the plans.
  - b. **Ordinance #Z2024-09.1 Amendment to Section 03.03.03 Building Heights in Residential and Agricultural Districts** - Motion by O’Connell, seconded by Meyer to approve Ordinance Z2024-09.1 to be consistent with the height at 35 for all buildings.  
**Roll Call:** Yes - Meyer, O’Connell, Vander Kuyl, Henderson, Overway  
Motion Carried 5-0
  - c. **Water Main Proposal** – Motion by O’Connell, seconded by Meyer to approve the water main project on Tyler Street for a 12” connection.  
Motion Carried 5-0
  - d. **Polk Gravel Project** – Motion by O’Connell, seconded by Meyer to approve the placement and grading of 4’ to 6’ gravel over the surface on Polk Street between 80<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup>.  
Motion Carried 5-0
  - e. **Escrow Fee Schedule** – Motion by O’Connell, seconded by Henderson to increase the escrow fee to be able to compensate for the increase in cost related to inflation fees.  
Motion Carried 5-0
13. **Public Comments on items NOT on the agenda** – Joesph Parnell McCarter read a letter about the Campbell Plant. He asked the Board to take action on the matter by sending a resolution to deny the Campbell closure to the State. Stating the Board is in

opposition of the closure and tear down of the plant. The board decided to put it on the agenda for next month's meeting.

14. **The Board or Staff Comments** – None

15. **Correspondence for Informational Purposes** – Road Closures on 48<sup>th</sup>.

16. **Upcoming Events**

- **Planning Commission** – October 7, 2024
- **Township Board** – October 21, 2024

17. **Adjournment:**

- With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by O'Connell, seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Motion Carried 5-0

Recorded and Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk