

BLENDON TOWNSHIP

Board Meeting Minutes Monday October 21, 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 Don Vander Kuyl, Supervisor.
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

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 September 16, 2024, was made by O'Connell, supported by Meyer. Motion to approve Special Board Meeting Minutes dated October 9, 2024, by Henderson, supported by O'Connell*** Motion Carried 5-0.
8. ***Motion to approve the Invoices dated September 16, 2024, to October 21, 2024, was made by Meyer, supported by O'Connell.*** Motion Carried 5-0.
9. **Opportunity for Public Comment and communication of business on the agenda:**
Joseph McCarter read a letter against the closure of the Campbell Plant.
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 - Greg added some additional updates. The Board decided to follow the recommendations from the Road Commission to place a 4-way stop at the intersection of 56th and Tyler.
- **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
 - 2nd Quarter Financial Report – Melissa Veldheer Submitted the quarterly reports for review.
- **Presentations** – None.
- **Board & Commission Appointments & New Hire** – None

11. **Old Business** –

- a. Motion by O'Connell and seconded by Overway to un-table the cemetery fence discussion with Mr. Hoving. VanderKuyl asked about selling property and the Board determined they didn't want to sell any property as was stated in last months minutes. There is a path that could be used for the fence. The Board decided to place a fence around the cemetery adding it to the Capital Improvement Plan for future expenditure of the Cemetery. The township will add a few more signs to control unwanted visitors to the cemetery. Motion by Meyer, support by O'Connell to receive quotes for budgeting purchases to put a fence around the Cemetery for next fiscal year.
- b. Multipurpose Building Update – WLP presented 4 options for a multipurpose building that the Board discussed. WLP asked the Board to have a discussion on what plan to proceed with. Indicating the need to be through the bidding process by Thanksgiving. Motion by Henderson, seconded by Meyer to enter a contract with WLP/General Contractor not to exceed 1.4 million for the Multipurpose Building Addition. The Board would like to proceed with the Option 3 building plan.

12. **New Business**

- a. **Bingham and 72nd Light Resolution** – Motion by O'Connell, seconded by Henderson to approve Resolution 2024-10.1 to put a streetlight at the corner of 72nd and Bingham. Motion Carried 5-0

- b. **Consumers Contract** – Motion by O’Connell supported by Overway to enter into a contract with Consumers Energy for the streetlight. Motion Carried 5-0
- 13. **Public Comments on items NOT on the agenda** – A resident asked about a Zoning Enforcement Officer, Spongy Moth contact for the Township, the Cemetery sidewalks cracks, and questioned the status of the cell tower. Another resident questioned if the Cemetery was an option for the cell tower.
- 14. **The Board or Staff Comments** – None
- 15. **Correspondence for Informational Purposes** – None
- 16. **Upcoming Events**
 - **Planning Commission** – November 6, 2024
 - **Township Board** – November 18, 2024
- 17. **Adjournment:**
 - With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by O’Connell, seconded by Overway to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Motion Carried 5-0

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