

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2016

1. Bill Vanden Berg, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Invocation by Paul Blauwkamp.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. Roll call. PRESENT: Don Vander Kuyl, Bill Vanden Berg, Robin Overway, Paul Blauwkamp
ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Betty Luurtsema
5. Motion to approve the agenda offered by Vander Kuyl, supported by Overway. Motion carried.
6. Motion to approve the minutes of the Blendon Township Board meeting held on 09/15/16, made by Blauwkamp, supported by Vander Kuyl. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve invoices dated 09/16/16, through 10/20/16, including an addendum made by Blauwkamp, supported by Overway. Motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report submitted by Vander Kuyl.
9. Clerk's Report submitted by Overway.
10. Supervisor's Report presented by Vanden Berg.
 - Supervisor and Treasurer met with the Road Commission's Managing Director, Brett Laughlin. Discussed a new road paving configuration trial in Zeeland. Paul Blauwkamp to go with Brett Laughlin and see the paving project in Zeeland.
 - Attended Ottawa County Planning Commission meeting.
 - Attended Groundwater Task Force meeting.
 - Currently working on the 2017-2018 budget.
 - Getting an estimate from Dave Budd for dust control.
11. Opportunity for Public Comment.
 - Phil DeLange addressed the board regarding the status of 64th Avenue street paving.
 - Supervisor indicated that the answer would follow in New Business Item H.
12. Monthly Reports
 - A. Blendon Township Emergency Services Board Meeting Minutes – No meeting in September.
 - B. Fire Chief's Report – Report reviewed by Chief Gernaat.

- C. Police Activity Report – None submitted.
- D. Assessor’s Report – Report submitted by Tyler Tacoma, reviewed by Supervisor.
- E. Building Activity Comparison Reports – Submitted by Cindy Humphrey for Board Review.
- F. Building and Grounds Report – Report submitted by Kurt Gernaat.
- G. Zoning Administrator’s Report – Report submitted by Kurt Gernaat.
- H. Planning Commission Minutes – Reviewed by Paul Blauwkamp
- I. Blendon Road Committee Report – 10/19/16 Minutes submitted by Overway. Next meeting scheduled 12/07/16 to discuss possibility of a Road Millage Ballot Proposal in May 2017.

13. Tabled Business – None.

14. New Business

- A. Discussion regarding pouring strip foundations in the cemetery for monuments.
- B. Discussion regarding new Department of Labor rule that will increase the minimum salary required to be exempt from overtime effective December 1, 2016. Recommendation of Mika Meyer Beckett & Jones was not received by the time of the meeting.
 - Supervisor requested Board Members to email him their opinions and ideas.
- C. Discussion regarding Tyler Tacoma’s recommendation regarding the mandatory annual 20% reappraisal of properties.
 - Supervisor requested Board Members to email him their opinions and ideas.
- D. Motion to adopt Resolution #2016-10.2 to Pave Tyler Street between 72nd and 88th Avenue for \$1,436,400 as estimated by Ottawa County offered by Vanden Berg, supported by Blauwkamp. Vander Kuyl clearly indicated the reason for paving this portion of road was to give the emergency vehicles quicker passage across the Township, school bus safety, and to offer another path across the Township.

Roll call vote: Vander Kuyl, yes; Blauwkamp, yes
 Overway, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Resolution Adopted

- E. Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to Re-Zone parcel 70-13-34-200-021 from AG to R1 offered by Blauwkamp, supported by Vander Kuyl. Motion Carried.
- F. Motion to approve the Planning Commission recommendation to Re-Zone of parcel 70-13-22-300-006 from AG to R1 offered by Blauwkamp, supported by Overway. Motion Carried.
- G. Motion to adopt Resolution #2016-10.1 to reappoint Randy Meppelink as Compensation Commissioner for a 6 year-term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2023, made by Vander Kuyl, seconded by Blauwkamp.

Roll call vote: Vander Kuyl, yes; Blauwkamp, yes
 Overway, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Resolution Adopted.

- H. Motion to deny Petition to pave 64th Avenue as a capital improvement made by Blauwkamp, seconded by Overway.

Roll call vote: Vander Kuyl, yes; Blauwkamp, yes
 Overway, yes; Vanden Berg, yes. Motion Carried.

15. Correspondence and Information

- BioSolids application information.
- Road passer rating map

16. 2nd Opportunity for public comment.

- Several Residents of 64th Avenue reiterated their disappointment in the Board's decision regarding their two petitions to pave 64th Avenue.

17. Upcoming Events.

- Emergency Services – 10/27/16
- Planning Commission – 11/9/16
- Township Board – 11/17/16
- Road Committee – 12/7/16

18. With no other business to be brought before the Board, the Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Recorded by Cindy Humphrey, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Submitted by Robin Overway, Township Clerk