

BLENDON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2017

1. Bill VandenBerg, Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Invocation by Phil De Lange.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.
4. Roll call. PRESENT: Phil De Lange, Robin Overway, Bill Vanden Berg,
Don Vander Kuyl, Jim VanderVeen
5. Motion by Vander Veen, supported by DeLange to approve the Agenda with the addition of New Business Item E) Borculo Sidewalks. Motion Carried.
6. Motion to approve the minutes of the Blendon Township Board meeting held on October 19, 2017, made by De Lange, supported by Vander Kuyl. Motion carried.
7. Motion to approve invoices including an addendum dated 10/20/17 through 11/16/17, made by Vander Kuyl, supported by Vander Veen. Motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report submitted by Vander Kuyl. Also mentioned that the credit card limits have been lowered to \$10,000.
9. Clerk's Report submitted by Overway.
10. Supervisor's Report submitted by Vanden Berg.
11. Opportunity for Public Comment – No comments received by the public.
12. Monthly Reports submitted for review.
 - A. Fire Department Activity Report – No report submitted.
 - B. Building and Grounds Report – No report submitted.
 - C. Zoning Administration Report – No report submitted.
 - D. Police Activity Report – Submitted by Deputy Jewel.
 - E. Assessor's Report – No report submitted.
 - F. Safety Services Report – Recapped by Don Vander Kuyl.
 - G. Building Permit Reports – Submitted for review.
 - H. Planning Commission Minutes – Reviewed by Vander Veen
 1. Motion by Vander Veen, seconded by De Lange, to thank Paul Potter for his many years of service to the Planning Commission. Motion Carried.
 2. Motion by De Lange, seconded by Vander Kuyl, to form an Ad Hoc committee to consist of Jim Vander Veen as a Board representative and Kurt Gernaat, as the Zoning Administrator, and Dan Carlton regarding the expansion of Georgetown water supply in Blendon Township. Motion Carried.
 - I. Cemetery Sexton's Report – Presented by Cindy Humphrey on behalf of Chad Ward.

13. Tabled Business – None.

14. New Business

A. Motion by Vanden Berg seconded by Vander Kuyl to Adopt Zoning Ordinance No. Z2017-11.1 to Rezone 7983 Barry Street from AG to R1.

Roll call vote: De Lange, yes; Overway, Yes; Vanden Berg, Yes;
Vander Kuyl, Yes; VanderVeen, Yes Ordinance Adopted

B. Discussion regarding Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act. It was the general consensus of the Board to “do nothing” which effectively will not allow any of the five types of medical marihuana facilities to operate in Blendon Township.

C. Discussion regarding reconstruction of office restrooms. It was decided to get more information on what would be required according the current building code then possibly obtain quotes.

D. Discussion whether to continue renting the Borculo Community Center out or to update it and continue using it.

1. Supervisor suggested selling it, or giving it to the Fire Department to use or manage.
2. Clerk mentioned that it is currently used as a precinct and an alternative location would need to be rented to accommodate elections.
3. Trustee VanderVeen mentioned that if the building was sold, there would need to be a plan to at least rebuild the Fire Station.
4. Treasurer is to get pricing on revamping the facility, and determine what possible equipment replacement or upgrades would be required or suggested.

E. Discussion regarding the creation of Sidewalks in Borculo between White Pine Street and Tyler Street. Trustee VanderVeen lead the discussion with the following suggested possible phases over time.

1. Phase I – From the Anew Gas Station to Henry Court (where Dollar General is intending to build).
2. Phase II – From Henry Court to Borculo Christian School.
3. Phase III – From the Anew Gas Station to White Pine Street.
4. Phase IV – From Borculo Christian School to Tyler Street where it would meet up with the bike paths scheduled to be constructed in the Spring of 2018.

15. Correspondence and Information

- Letter of Resignation from the Planning Commission from Paul Potter.

16. Public Comment – No comment from the public

17. Upcoming Events.

- A. Emergency Services – 01/25/18
- B. Planning Commission – 12/05/17
- C. Township Board – 12/21/17

18. With no other business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Vander Kuyl, and seconded by Overway to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Motion Carried