Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mr. Estep, here.

The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the April 6, 2016, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief also attended. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator’s Report:
Mr. Rhoads noted that there are no cases, so BZB will not be meeting. Quarterly meeting for the JEDZ is this Monday. He and several other police officers attended Officer Steven Smith’s funeral, with outstanding support from many police departments. A moving company located on Westerville Road is looking to landscape their property, and they are excited about the changes coming in the area. Mr. Rhoads is meeting tomorrow with a developer out east, regarding planning to build a new house on Cubbage Road.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board - E-mailed from the Directors.

Old Business:

1. Resolution 2016-06- Demolition of Structure at 2649 Clybourne Road - Mr. Rhoads noted this is the next and final stage in the process after sending out letters to the owner and anyone interested in the property. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve Res. 2016-06 demolition of 2649 Clybourne Road, Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Mr. Flaherty noted to Mr. Rhoads the availability of grant money from Franklin County, should be applied for. Mr. Rhoads plans to look into it and apply.

2. Tree Removal/Sidewalk Repairs - Mr. Giamarco handed out a breakdown of the program to the Board and discussed the 36 trees to be removed, and 944’ of sidewalk to be repaired. Several estimates were acquired for the 2016 program. Westerville Tree Service proposal for 36 trees and stump removal was the best pricing at $11,450.00. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the 2016 Tree Removal Program and the proposal from Westerville Tree Service for the removal of 36 trees and stumps for $11,450.00. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. The process was started in Sunbury Woods in 2015, and will be in Huber Ridge in 2016, and then back to Sunbury Woods, alternating each year. Mr. Giamarco also discussed the pricing of sidewalks, with proposals from Jeff Beard Construction at $7.00 per sq. ft., and from Builderscape at $15.50 per sq. ft. After much discussion, Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the 2016 Street Sidewalk Program and the proposal from Jeff Beard Construction at $7.00 per sq. ft. or 944’ of sidewalk, for a total $26,432.00, to begin immediately. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. With a five year resident payback, it was suggested a smaller quadrant be completed at certain times. Perhaps a CIC grant would help some homeowners who qualify, with their corner lots in need of much repair. Mr. Flaherty suggested a breakdown of which areas, and when, be put on our website and in the newsletter of the 5-7 year rotating program. Mr. Flaherty suggested chasing grant programs for all the help we can get.

3. Permission to Bid Complex Upgrades - Mr. Rhoads requested permission to bid out OHM’s Complex Upgrades. Mr. Welch moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to purchase advertising for formal bids for the complex upgrades. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
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Old Business continued...

4. Generator Purchases - Mr. Rhoads requested approval to purchase two generators at state bid pricing. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and authorize Mr. Rhoads to purchase from Generator Systems for the Police Department for $22,500.00 and the Senior Center for $36,000.00, both at state pricing. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

New Business:

1. Franklin County Engineers 2016 Road Replacement Estimate - Mr. Giamarco requested approval for the 2016 Road Estimate from Franklin County Engineering for road repair throughout the Township. Mr. Welch moved to approve the Franklin County Engineers 2016 Road Replacement Estimate at the estimated cost of $792,102.00 with a $50,000.00 contingency, potential of $842,102.55. Part of this will be covered by bond money. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Plans to be posted on website and newsletter.

2. Blendon Township Zoning Amendment RZ16-000001 - Mr. Rhoads noted this is a long time coming, but with the Zoning Commission, OHR and Franklin County Planning Commission agreeing on the formal approval with three parts: Creating an overlay for Westerville Road and other business corridors for redevelopment, including landscaping with Morse and Sunbury Roads having their own standards. The reversionary verbiage was removed, as it was not legal. Commercial vehicles will be allowed parking with restrictions to weight, with four tires. Mrs. Heichel moved to acknowledge the Zoning Amendment RZ16-00001, and to have a public hearing on May 4, 2016, to discuss these changes, during the next regular meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

Director/Staff Updates:

Police Chief Belford discussed the month of April has been besieged with theft from vehicles in Blendon, Westerville, Genoa, Delaware, Dublin and Franklin County. Everyone is reminded to lock their vehicles and take valuables out of their vehicle. Many communities are working together, with two arrests so far, and please keep your guard up. Shed It Day is this Saturday with a Blendon police officer to monitor and insure confidence that their documents are safe. Franklin County Sheriff’s Office will be on hand for prescription disposal.

Fire Chief Miller talked about the much needed purchase of a new fire truck for Station 112, with the levy passing. And thanked the community for their support of the levies passed in March. Community celebration will follow with delivery of truck in June or July.

Mr. Giamarco noted four dumpsters are available at our parks for Beautify Blendon Day, coinciding with Earth Day. Boy Scouts will be picking up litter throughout the community.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3724 Caracas Drive, stated that the first Active Shooter Class was well received. The demonstration by Det. Moynihan was excellent. Also an HRAA resident is starting a food truck business and would like to be at the Car Show. Mrs. Cordray will check with Mrs. Jordan. On behalf of HRAA, the Board was presented with a $150.00 donation toward the Concert in the Park Series. A “thank you” for the donation from the Board and it is much appreciated.

Pay bills: Mr. Flaherty moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

The attached list of checks was approved for payment. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm. Mr. Flaherty noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:
Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman