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 November 16, 2016, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Blendon/Westerville Deputy Fire Chief also attended. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator’s Report:
Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: Meeting with Wade for the official bond closing on Wednesday. On Thursday is the MORPC meeting. Working with City of Westerville on a new tenant on Executive Parkway, a title company bringing 30-40 employees. Working with staff on yearly evaluations.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.
2. PUCO- Letter working with the Aqua Ohio report. Mr. Welch is reviewing it.

Old Business:

1. Project Updates-Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on our many projects in progress: Asphalt has been laid in the complex. Planting of shrubs is started. The ossuarium project is underway, along with pavers delivered and the vault arrives next Friday. Walls have been installed along Westerville Road with the bases for the lights installed. Mr. Flaherty has asked for trees to be planted in the center of “E” section as soon as possible.

2. 2017 Health Care Contributions- Mr. Rhoads had discussed with Mr. Estep perhaps waiting another year for employee contributions to health care due to a good health report card and Blendon Township health care expenses not raising very much. It is suggested to monitor every year to see if it will be necessary. Mr. Estep requesting the Board pass on the employee contributions this year. Mr. Flaherty moved to waive the premium contribution, only for 2017, and be reviewed each year. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, no. Lt. Lehart will check on the FOP contract.

New Business:

1. Resignation of Sgt. Gregg Boggs- Lt. Lehart requested the Board accept the resignation letter of Sgt. Boggs, effective December 14, 2016. Mrs. Heichel moved to accept the resignation of Sgt. Gregory Boggs from the Blendon Township Police Department, effective December 14, 2016. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. After 15 years of service, the Board wished him well.

2. Hire David Lilley-Senior Center Driver-Mr. Rhoads, on behalf of Mrs. Bowman, noted the need for another driver for the Senior Center. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the hiring of Mr. Dave Lilley, part time senior center driver, effective December 1, 2016, at the rate of $12.00 per hour. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

3. Resolution 2016-17 Appointing Board of Directors for JEDZ-Mr. Flaherty discussed the necessity to appoint members of the Board of Directors of the Blendon-Westerville Joint Economic Development Zone. Don Rife, Jr., Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Rhoads. Mr. Welch moved to approve Resolution 2016-17, appointing the Board of Directors for the Blendon-Westerville JEDZ for a two year term 2017-18. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, abstain; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
Director/Staff Updates:
Mr. Giamarco discussed the maintenance building will be without electricity Friday and Monday to run new electrical lines. The asphalt company plans to put the final top asphalt layer for the cemetery, maintenance and police department in the spring, due to winter and cold weather settling in. We will be driving on the base till spring. Also the salt bins are full, so we are ready for snow.

Fire Chief Miller discussed that Smothers Run is closed, off and on, with the repair of the bridge and fire coverage would come from the south. A reminder to have your chimney cleaned prior to use this winter.

Mrs. Heichel discussed the final stages of the Ohio History Connection, regarding our Phelps’ Acre marker. With a few changes, Mr. Estep now has the bill and with a check written, the next process is the monument being made. Mrs. Heichel asked that everyone review the text and let her know of any changes by Monday. With the slow process, finally, we can start to plan completion in 2017, only two years later.

Mrs. Bowman discussed working with Mr. Estep on a transportation grant for the senior center, and also reminded everyone of Breakfast with Santa this Saturday from 9-11:00am. We are expecting 72 adults and 58 children. Mrs. Claus will be reading stories, along with a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and orange juice. Cookie decorating and visiting with Santa is always a good time. A one day senior trip is planned for next Wednesday.

Lt. Lephart stated that one of the new cruisers has arrived, and being lettered and prepared for the street. A “thank you” to the Board. Also, several complaints regarding cars being entered and rummaged through in many neighborhoods, so please do not leave valuables in your vehicles. Meetings are being planned to share this information with other departments.

Open Floor:
Mr. Doug Murphy, 5725 Vienna Drive, thanked the Board for the paving of Vienna Drive. Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, noted that Holiday Lights is happening this year and requested Det. Moynihan be available to present the awards, lasting approximately 30 minutes. Lt. Lephart will check and get back with Mrs. Ricker.

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 6:55pm.

Mr. Flaherty noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by:
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:
Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman