Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mr. Welch, here.
The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Welch moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the May 1, 2019 meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel; yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: There is a strong interest in putting a Tim Horton's at Dempsey & Westerville Roads. Nineteen acres on west side of Westerville Road, owned by the McVay Family is showing interest as well. At the end of Harbin Drive developers are considering an “empty nester” type of development, equipped with club house and pool. It’s all very exciting and our Building & Zoning Department is very busy, not only with commercial, but residential as well.

Communications: Update Reports to the Board — Emailed from the Directors.

I, Thank you note from Wilder Elementary—Mrs. Heichel stated the thank you was for all the departments and volunteers that participated in their 5K race with a great turnout.

New Business:

1. Fiscal Officer Resignation—Mr. Rhoads requested the Board accept Mrs. Estep’s resignation effective May 15, 2019. Mr. Welch moved to accept Mrs. Estep’s resignation as of May 15, 2019. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes. The Board thanked her for all her help during a very stressful time as she found it too painful to replace her husband.

2. Appointment to Sandy Estep as Financial Analyst—Mr. Rhoads requested the Board hire Mrs. Estep as a financial analyst during this transition. Mr. Welch moved to Hiring Mrs. Sandy Estep as Financial Analyst, effective immediately, at the rate of $20.00 per hour. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes.

3. Appointment of Fiscal Officer to Fulfill Current Term/Oath of Office—Mr. Rhoads asked the Board to accept Mr. Shawn Smith as Fiscal Officer. Mr. Welch moved to accept Mr. Shawn Smith as Fiscal Officer, effective May 15, 2019 to fulfill the remaining term. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes. Mrs. Heichel conducted the Oath of Office for Mr. Shawn Smith as the Fiscal Officer of Blendon Township during his continuance in office. After applause, he joined the others at the Board.

4. Resolution NU-03-19 3560 Madrid Drive—Mr. Rhoads asked the Board to adopt this resolution for high grass. Mr. Welch moved to adopt Resolution NU-03-10 at 3560 Madrid Drive due to high grass. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes.

5. Resolution NU-04-19 5636 Madrid Drive—Mr. Rhoads asked the Board to adopt this resolution for high grass. Mr. Welch moved to adopt Resolution NU-04-19 at 5636 Madrid Drive due to high grass. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes.

6. Resolution NU-05-19 6125 Paris Blvd—Mr. Rhoads asked the Board to adopt this resolution for high grass. Mr. Welch moved to adopt Resolution NU-05-19 at 6125 Paris Blvd. for high grass. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes.

7. 2019 Permanent Appropriation Resolution—Mr. Rhoads asked the Board to approve the permanent appropriation resolution for 2019. Mr. Smith discussed no changes from the temporary resolution passed earlier. Mr. Welch moved to approve the 2019 Permanent Appropriation Resolution. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes.
Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarco discussed preparing foundations for headstones in the cemetery and preparing for Memorial Day and mowing between the rain drops.

Fire Chief Miller reminded everyone, due to recent deaths in Genoa Township, to please have detectors for gas appliances in your home. Bicycle season is upon us so please practice bicycle safety and watch for children on bikes, with it being summer. Fire hydrants are being flushed east of Hoover for Delco Water, effective today. Rust may show in water during this time and we plan to put the information on our website.

Mr. Rhoads requested the Board approve the yearly contract with City of Columbus for patrolling Hoover Dam. Mr. Welch moved to approve the contract between Blendon Township and the City of Columbus, for duty law enforcement at Hoover Dam at the rate of $56.80 per hour plus a $10.00 fee for the cruiser. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent; Mr. Welch, yes.

Mrs. Harper reminded everyone of Memorial Day on Monday, May 27th @ 11:00am at the flagpole in Blendon Central Cemetery with a free picnic at the Senior Center right after. Phelps family will be attending.

Mrs. Bowman discussed the Senior Center trip to Der Dutchman in Plain City. Monthly celebration potluck is tomorrow. David Cron (a ventrioquist) will entertain.

Lt. Lephart discussed break-ins in cars in the community and throughout many surrounding communities. Everyone is involved in making sure everyone keeps their valuables out of their parked cars. Also, an incident of this kind just happened at Hoover, so we encourage you to not leave any valuables in your vehicles.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, discussed certain yards and houses in disarray. Lt. Lephart noted they are well-aware.

Mr. Stanley, 5733 Buenos Aires Blvd, had an extensive discussion regarding sidewalks in need of repair and the Board, Mr. Giamarco, and Mr. Rhoads all discussed in detail that it is the responsibility of the homeowner and we offer CIC programs for improvements and repairs, and our efforts to help with sidewalk repair. Township pricing is available through a local contractor as well. Information call be found on our website and in our newsletters. Mr. Giamarco will review the sidewalks that lead to the school.

Several residents discussed Glengary Plaza and the possibility of Tim Horton’s coming to the plaza with the Board.

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

The attached list of checks was approved.

Mrs. Heichel advised that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 6:30pm.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Approved by:
Shawn S. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson