

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Blendon Township Board of Trustees

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 1014B

Held February 20,

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2019

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mr. Welch, here; and Mr. Estep, absent. The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the February 6, 2019 meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel; yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the February 13, 2019 special meeting and Mr. Rhoads is authorized to sign. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, abstain. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report: *Mr. Rhoads* updated the Board on the following: We submitted an application to MORPC to become a 2050 Sustainability Community, and Ms. Federman was head point in which we received the silver level for our efforts. SWACO carts are closer to being distributed, as they have been stamped for location, with mailers to follow. Updates are due on our website to update the community. Aqua members met to discuss the upgrades to their site on Buenos Aires. Looking at preliminary designs for the Administration Building.

Communications:

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

New Business:

1. **WARM- Free Summer Lunch Club-** *Mrs. Heichel* introduced Ms. Elizabeth Keeran. She discussed the upcoming free Kids Lunch Club with a variety of summer plans, crafts and sports, with approximately 5500 students, 40 daily at Ridgewood Park. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize WARM to return, with proof of insurance from June 3rd through August 9, 2019. Mr. Welch second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Mrs. Heichel thanked her for bringing WARM back and suggested she call either Mrs. Harter or Mr. Giamarco if she needed anything.
2. **Officer Nance Mutual Aid Award- Chief Belford** discussed the honoring of many officers throughout central Ohio, who were involved in the Anthony V. Morelli and Eric J. Joering tragedy. The officers provided support to those officers so they could grieve. Blendon Township officers that were honored were; Lt. Bryan Rhoads, Det. Josh Retherford, Ofcr. James Glasure, Ofcr. Blair Nance and Ofcr. Robert Ricker. Ofer. Nance was unable to attend the awards and the Board was asked to present her with the award on behalf of the City of Westerville. Mrs. Heichel noted that she and Mr. Flaherty did attend the award ceremony and are now proud and honored to present her with a "Challenge Coin" along with a certificate. Congratulations and applause followed.
3. **Hire Full-Time Police Officer- Chief Belford** requested the Board approve the hiring of Connor Grubb, a part-time officer to full-time as the replacement of the recent resignation of Ofcr. Shawn Hensley. Mr. Flaherty moved to hire Ofer. Grubb as a full-time officer, effective February 21, 2019. Mr. Welch second. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Congratulations and applause followed.

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New Business – continued...

1. Proclamation- Mrs. Heichel introduced Deputy Fire Chief John Ross and noted this is his last meeting with us as he is retiring, but welcome back anytime. Mrs. Heichel then read from the proclamation in honor and appreciation on this date, February 20, 2019. His leadership and excellent service to both Blendon Township and Westerville Fire Department since April 6, 1991, has been noted as the best and foremost safety to our communities, and wish to acknowledge his continued passion to serve by joining the Mt. Carmel Health Systems Emergency Air Medical Services Survival Flight. The Blendon Township Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer take this opportunity to express our sincere and grateful appreciation and hereby extend our congratulations on his well-earned retirement with the Westerville/Blendon Township Fire Department. We declare February 20, 2019, as “John Ross Day” in Blendon Township. Congratulations and applause, with an invitation of coffee and cake after the meeting, was noted.

Old Business:

1. Constable Oath of Office- Chief Belford requested the swearing-in of two of our police officers as constables; Officer Cynthia Tipton and Officer Connor Grubb was sworn in by Mrs. Heichel as Constables to our Blendon Police Department pursuant to the ORC, Sec. 509.01. After raising their right hands and repeating oath of Police Constables, congratulations and applause followed. Friends and family were then introduced.
2. Mausoleum Window Tinting Proposal- Mr. Giamarco asked to table this till our March 6, 2019 meeting, in order to have several companies to choose from.

Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarco noted the heavy snow fall and the cemetery duties has kept his crew busy. Fire Chief Miller thanked Deputy Ross for his service and wished him well. Mrs. Harter noted the musket case now has lighting and is working on filling a time capsule for the Township and requested items and suggestions of what to place in it. Mrs. Bowman talked about the Senior Center being closed due the school closings because of snow. They will have their “Celebration Potluck” luncheon on Thursday. Newsletters are available to handout also. Sign up day is on the first. Firefighters came and danced with the seniors for the Valentine’s Dance. The ladies were happy. So nice of the firefighters. Chief Belford noted the rarity of a swearing-in and a retirement party at the same meeting. A wish for Deputy Ross, in his retirement and for all his help over the years and also wish our new police officers an equally long and successful career.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Ricker, 5561 Oslo, discussed with Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Giamarco, business and political signage in the Township.

Pay bills: Mr. Flaherty moved to pay the bills. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. The attached list of checks was approved for payment.

Mrs. Heichel advised that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 6:30pm. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Approved by:

Bryan Rhoads, Administrator

Approved by:

Janice D. Heichel, Chairman