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 July 13, 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:

Mrs. Heichel reported for Mr. Rhoads and updated the Board on the following: JEDZ Board
met this past Monday and reported the finances are very strong, being the best year yet.
Calendars for the residents for the 2017, will be paid by the JEDZ Board. Issuing of our
bonds will happen on August 2, 2016, with Mr. Estep and Mr. Rhoads, with our financial
officer. Faith Covenant Church, once again, will allow us the use of their chairs for Heritage
Day. Postcards have been mailed to our residents reminding them of Heritage Day. Thank
you Carolyn Cordray for creating a website for signup for our Heritage Day baseball game,
we have six, but we need more players. An article regarding Heritage Day has been sent out to
“This Week” for publication. Bond project updates: Salt storage building has had cement
poured and walls are going up. Westerville Road Landscaping will go out for bid any day
now. OHM has drawings for the cemetery drainage and landscaping almost ready. Bathroom
upgrades have been started at the Senior Center.

Communications:

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

Old Business:

1. Bond Project Updates: Mrs. Heichel presented in the Administrator’s Report.

New Business:

1. Resolution NU-18-16 2649 Clybourne Road- Mr. Giamarco requested the
Board adopt this resolution for high weeds. Mrs. Heichel moved to adopt
Resolution NU-18-16, 2649 Clybourne Road, due to high vegetation. Mr. Welch
seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

2. Mower Replacements- Mr. Giamarco requested the purchase of two new
lawnmowers for our maintenance department. Mr. Welch moved to approve the
purchase and two old mower trade-ins, of two new 2015 power mowers at the
net price of $11,300.00, from Buckeye Power Sales. Mrs. Heichel seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

3. Summer Newsletter Mrs. Heichel requested the Board approve our summer
newsletter. Mr. Welch moved to approve the Summer Newsletter, printed by Yes
Press, with 3,050 copies at $2,790.40, including postage. Mrs. Heichel seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

4. 2017 Calendar- Mr. Flaherty discussed the necessity to go back to paper in
the form of a calendar to be mailed to our residents. The JEDZ Board approved
the funds to cover this. No tax dollars will be spent and printed by the JEDZ
Board will be noted at the bottom. Each department should start acquiring 2017
dates. JEDZ funds in the amount of $1.38 million is also helping with the bond
money.

5. Kroger Grand Opening- Mr. Flaherty discussed that he, along with Mrs.
Heichel and Mr. Rhoads attended the grand opening of their newly remodeled
store on Sunbury Road. Kroger is one of our key players in the JEDZ and a
discussion of what can we do to highlight them and give back was noted. One
suggestion, besides shopping there, is to have a corporate highlight at one of our
summer concerts, and also get their name and other key players out in our
community. We need to develop those strong partnerships and say thank you.

6. Donation- Chief Belford presented the Board with a $10.00 cash donation. Mr.
Flaherty moved to accept an anonymous $10.00 donation for our Police
Department. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel,
yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
Director/Staff Updates:

Fire Chief Miller discussed that Station #112 (that services Blendon Township), in the next couple months, will not only have a new fire engine but, also a new EMS vehicle. He noted that there was a recent bathroom exhaust fan left on that caught on fire at a residence in our community. Please don’t forget to turn them off and keep them clean.

Mr. Giannarco discussed the installation of the lights at Buenos Aires are coming along and still hoping for completion before school starts. The temporary 4-way stop is working very well. Curb and gutter problems have been taken care of. Spohn Road project is going on. Miller Landscaping should be finished within 7-10 days with the walkways and drainage in Ridgeway Park.

Mrs. Heichel noted National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016, and to let our residents and community associations discuss the three events in Open Floor.

Mr. Estep discussed the scheduled bond meeting on August 3, 2016, with a bond closing date of November 10, 2016.

Mrs. Harter noted that Pokemon Go is alive and well in our cemetery and garden area. Some complaints, but mostly a large number of youth and cars in the cemetery.

Mrs. Jordan stated that very nice prizes are being donated for our Blendon Car Show. They are accepting $10.00 donations to help defray the cost of the trophies.

Chief Belford mentioned the Pokemon Go is also happening at Hoover Reservoir and the City of Columbus has asked for extra paid help with policing the area. First day of school for Westerville schools is August 18, 2016. September 1, 2016, has a scheduled lock-down drill for the students and Blendon Police will be there. They will also attend all National Night Out functions. And our lighted signboard will be shared at both communities.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, is having a National Night Out for the community to attend from 7-9pm on Tuesday, August 2nd. Everyone and the Board are welcome. Refreshments also will be served at 5519 Oslo Drive.

Mrs. Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, and Mrs. Myer, 6512 Sagebrush Court, partnering together with HRAA Block Watch and Sunbury Woods Block Watch, also mentioned National Night Out on Sunday, July 31st from 2-4pm in the Sunbury Commons Park and 5:30-6:30pm for HRAA, and they will include a teacher from Wilder Elementary who will discuss bullying. Fire and Police departments will be attending. All are also invited at 7pm to the Cordray’s to stop by and get to know each other.

Mr. and Mrs. Zobel, 3429 Brazzaville Road, passed out and discussed the ramifications of unlawful personal fireworks in our neighborhoods, and for four days, for this years’ 4th of July. Her passionate report was well-listened to and received, the Board and Police Department discussed how difficult it is to catch the offenders. Next year, an extra effort will be made to inform our residents that it is illegal. Chief Belford and Fire Chief Miller discussed how it may eventually be legal. But, Mr. Flaherty noted until then, we will make every effort to follow up any complaints and next spring make information more available.

Chief Belford discussed informing the residents about two weeks out. Warning the offenders and more education available to residents is a key to control and plan to do a better job. Fire Chief Miller discussed that he wrote a letter of concern about making it legal and suggested residents attend professional shows.

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 7:17pm.

Mr. Flaherty noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: 
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer
Approved by: 
Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman