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 August 10, 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 updated the Board on the following: The newsletter article has brought in several CIC applications to review concerning gutters and driveways. Mr. Estep and Mr. Rhoads attended a bond meeting. The Westerville Road bid opening is scheduled for Monday. Sewage and water options in Cleveland Heights are doable, but it will take the right developer, as it will be a large expense.

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

Old Business:
1. Heritage Day - Mr. Flaherty noted that Mrs. Heichel took the lead on and she reported all the “I’s are dotted and T’s are crossed”. Mr. Flaherty stated it looks more organized this year, weather is promising and hoping for a win with the “Muffins” softball game. Advertising in “This Week” out tomorrow and may have a good crowd.

New Business:
1. Resignation Letter- Mr. Rhoads presented the Board with Mrs. Donna Jordan’s resignation letter. Mr. Welch moved to accept the resignation letter from Mrs. Jorden, effective August 13, 2016. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Mr. Rhoads requested Mrs. Charel Bowman work as Interim Director for the time being. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the recommendation of Mr. Estep for Mrs. Charlotte Bowman to take the duties of Interim Senior Center Director, effective August 15, 2016, at the rate of $20.35 per hour. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. The Board discussed improvements and a direction the Senior Center may go and with Mrs. Bowman’s knowledge. Mrs. Heichel asked that we research making it a community and senior center, both.

2. Resolution 2016-10: Trusting Meeting Dates for 2017- Mr. Rhoads requested the Board approve Res. 2016-10 establishing Regular Board of Trustee meeting dates for 2017. Mrs. Heichel moved to adopt Resolution 2016-10, for the calendar year 2017 meeting dates. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

Director/Staff Updates:
Mr. Giamarco discussed the changes in the complex including the salt barn, pond in back and upgrading the complex. They are pretty much on schedule. Generators are here. Traffic signals are up and running just in time for school. School opening went very well with the help of our police department. And we are ready for the Muffins and Heritage Day. Curbs and gutter repair has started.

Fire Deputy Chief Ross discussed working with Blendon Police Department to have better radio options and communications in the future. Fire Chief Miller will be at the More Joy Race on Heritage Day. The Blendon Westerville Fire Department will also have their old 1950 Seagrave fire truck to display at the Car Show and Concert in the Park on Saturday, August 27, 2016.
Minutes of

Blended Township Board of Trustees

Meeting

August 24, 2016

Held

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Director/Staff Updates: continued....

Mr. Rhoads discussed some issues with Rumpke Trash. One contributing factor is the high increase of trash this time of year. Mr. Darling is following trucks next week to monitor the situation. Mr. Flaherty noted that we keep having problems and we don’t have a lot of leverage because of a five year contract. The consortium had one bidder at the time, and there is not a lot of choices out there. However, we should contact the consortium members and copy Rumpke on our correspondence, about the continued complaints from a sufficient percentage, as we are always striving to do better. This way we can see if all communities are having the same problem. We may pull the contract up for bid again, but Rumpke was the low bidder as well as only bidder. This may cost the homeowner more money. Mr. Welch noted the problem is less than 10%, but we want perfection. Mr. Giamarco is to contact other Service Directors in the consortium and see if they are getting complaints. Every complaint is taken seriously. Mr. Giamarco is to draft a letter to see what their responses are.

Mrs. Heichel noted there should be a deadline date for putting our calendar dates together. Mr. Flaherty to check on date deadline for calendar.

Mr. Estep noted he has a copy of the bond issue, of which, Mr. Flaherty will read. Next scheduled bond meeting is September 19, 2016.

Mrs. Harter discussed the More Joy Run, Heritage Day, Car Show and Muffins Game.

Chief Belford noted that on September 14, 2016, HB 110, takes effect and it’s an extremely complex Good Samaritan Bill for drug overdoses. The application has perks for the fire department, for the dispatcher and the police officers. First Tuesday of next month there is a meeting scheduled to discuss the particulars and will be the centerpiece for our Heroin Outreach meeting on October 25, 2016. We will try to cover every possibility and get the message out.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Sikes, 5954 Cairo Road, addressed the Board concerning the replacement of the previous Director of Senior Center and thanked them for approving Mrs. Charel Bowman as Interim Director and then, perhaps, Director. Noted was a petition of 150 signatures circulating from the senior members, to be brought to the Board. They know she is very capable, the seniors have a relation with her. She’s very dedicated and professional. They have grown to love her and don’t want change. Mr. Flaherty thanked her and appreciated the involvement.

Mr. Wentzel, 4651 Ingleside Drive, and on behalf of Mr. Davis, 4647 Ingleside Drive, thanked the Board and Chief of Police for their attention to the traffic problems on Ingleside and requested a more sporadic attention be made, in order to catch more offenders. Chief Belford noted he will work with them on spreading coverage out to cover the problem. The Board thanked Mr. Wentzel for his feedback.

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 6:57pm. Mr. Flaherty noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman