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 6:30 pm. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the August 24, 2016, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief also attended. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report:
Mr. Rhoads reported updates to the Board, Staff and Attendees:

1. **MORPC**: Executive Director for MORPC stopped by this week to offer services to the township since we are members. They offered GIS mapping and assistance with the 161/Buenos Aires intersection since it is one of the most dangerous intersections in the Columbus. I inquired about possibly joining the COGO bike program which Columbus has downtown.

2. **MORPC Meeting**: The next commission meeting is this Thursday.

3. **Bond**: Our next bond meeting is Friday.

Communications:

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

Old Business

1. **Project Updates**: Mr. Rhoads advised the board that the complex project is underway. The asphalt area is in worse condition than anticipated so we will need to expand the project. SR3 project has been bid and needs awarded tonight. The fiber optic project is on hold because of negotiations. Mr. Flaherty asked Mr. Estep how much money we held back on the previous parking lot project since the work wasn’t completed correctly. Mr. Estep confirmed it was $80,000.

2. **SR3 Project Bid**: Mr. Rhoads advised the board that the bid opening was last Monday and we received two bids. Facemeyer bid $1,539,999 and Summit Construction bid $1,432,000. The bids have been reviewed for accuracy and Mr. Rhoads recommended the board award the bid to Summit Construction. Mr. Welch motioned to approve the bid by Summit Construction. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

3. **Cemetery Landscape Project**: Mr. Rhoads advised the board that Setterlin has been authorized to repair the roadways and drainage issues at the cemetery. The other portion of the cemetery project is the landscape area with new niches. The project will cost around $250,000 and we can use bond proceeds. Mr. Flaherty asked where the landscape area will be located. Mr. Rhoads advised the landscape area will be in the small section by the back fence behind the private mausoleum area. Mr. Welch requested we look at the electric wire along the pathway so we can landscape or move the wire for more opportunity. Mr. Welch motioned to authorized Mr. Rhoads to proceed with the cemetery landscape project. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

4. **JEDZ**: Mr. Flaherty advised the board that Minerva Park is requesting the JEDZ Board of Directors remove the zone from the old golf course which is now developing into a new residential neighborhood. The neighborhood will at some point will have a new school. M/I Homes is pushing Minerva to remove the zone as soon as possible. Mr. Flaherty advised we are looking at all options and will report back.
Director/Staff Updates

Mr. Giamarco mentioned that Miller Landscapes will be back at Ridgewood Park to put anti-skid tape on the new boardwalks and also installing railings. They will also fix the fence at the park which the fire department damaged.

Mrs. Bowman mentioned that the car show was successful and brought in more money that the previous year. There was 51 cars and Mr. Giamarco did a great job as DJ for the event. Next Monday there is a trip leaving for the Mississippi River. There is also a celebration potluck next week which will bring in 50 to 60 members.

Chief Belford asked the board if the officers can take their cruisers home during the parking lot construction. The board authorized Chief Belford to allow the cruisers to go home with the officers on a week by week basis until the construction is complete.

Open Floor:

Mr. Roy Nichols, 1105 Colony Drive on behalf of the Blendon Senior Center Advisory Council. Mr. Nichols submitted a petition which has all of the council member's signatures along with hundreds of members asking the Board of Trustees to appoint Charlel Bowman as the new director for the senior center. Mr. Flaherty advised Mr. Nichols that Mrs. Bowman is currently the interim director and the board is evaluating the needs of the center before making any actions.

Mr. Chad Holder, Boy Scout Troop 471, asked the board if he could undertake a project at Ridgewood Park to install eight benches. The board authorized the project and directed Mr. Giamarco to oversee the project.

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, Oslo Drive, asked Mr. Rhoads if we have any progress on the streetlight upgrades. Mr. Rhoads advised that we are still waiting to hear back from AEP on whether we can take control of the streetlights. Mrs. Ricker asked Mr. Giamarco about road construction schedules in regards to her street. Mr. Giamarco advised we have completed curb work in the past 5 years on that street. Mr. Giamarco will look at the reports but believes Oslo is around 5 years out.

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3724 Caracas Drive, extended congratulations to staff and the Trustees on Heritage Day. She believes the community enjoyed the day. Mrs. Cordray acknowledged Mr. Giamarco and his staff was out working all day. Mrs. Cordray also advised she is pleased with how the plaque was installed at the memorial garden at Ridgewood Park. She also advised the HRRA community garage sale will be on September 17.

Mr. Jeremy Davis, 4617 Ingleside Drive, thanked Chief Belford for having officers down on his street for speed control. He advised when officers aren't present the speed continues and wanted to know if there are any other permanent solutions on the way. Mr. Flaherty advised we do not have any updates yet and will continue evaluating options.

Mrs. Pam Clegg, 3614 Makassar Drive, wanted to offer thanks for Carolyn Cordray and all the volunteers this year. Mrs. Clegg thanked the board for the new traffic signals at Buenos Aires and Paris. She is very pleased with how it looks.

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

Mr. Flaherty advised that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Approved by: [Signature]
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: [Signature]
Stew Flaherty, Chairman