New Business: continued......

3. Part-time Senior Center Help- Mrs. Heichel, on behalf of Senior Center Interim Director Charel Bowman, has requested interim part-time help. Mrs. Heichel moved the approve Mrs. Sandra Daugherty for part-time help at the Senior Center at the rate of $11.00 per hour, 30 hours per week, effective immediately. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes, Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

Director/Staff Updates:

Mrs. Bowman discussed the many activities the Senior Center has to offer and also suggested bringing back Tia Chi, adding square dancing and perhaps Facebook. The Board liked the suggestions, but felt Facebook would require monitoring, of several members willing to, but also suggested only a trial period with some guidelines for Facebook.

Lt. Dusty LePhart discussed the kind gestures from anonymous residents to the Blendon Police Department. Roses were presented to the officers and baggies of goodies were distributed. This comes at a tough time and being scrutinized at every moment. An example, last evening a possible stopped drunk driver was being questioned and several people jumped out of their cars with cell phones taking pictures, while the officers were trying to do their jobs. We thank the residents that appreciate us and we will continue to do our jobs.

Mrs. Hart noted that the construction has not interfered with the cemetery.

Mr. Flaherty requested pictures from each department for the upcoming calendar, within the next two weeks.

Fire Chief Miller noted that October 9, 2016 is Open House from 1-4pm and all are welcome. The new engine for #112 will be there. Please replace your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors after 10 years. Mr. Flaherty asked about grant programs to be offered for replacements and Chief Miller stated that it is coming soon.

Mr. Giamarco discussed the major construction going on and the fence post is being fixed. Salt sheds are coming along with a few problems but getting there, hopefully by winter.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Cordray, 3734 Caracas Dr., reminded everyone of the Halloween Party on October 22, 2016 from 6-8:30pm at Ridgewood Park. Chief Miller is to man the fire pit.

Mrs. Clegg, 3624 Makassar Drive, thanked Mr. Giamarco and Mr. Wayt for their help with a dead rodent and addressed compost, weed and garbage issues.

Mrs. Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, discussed an article in the Columbus Dispatch regarding lowering the requirements and regulations for farm animals and also discussed contamination from manure fertilizers. Her concern is the rule breaking that may occur. Thanks to Rumpke for picking up a large amount of trash from a neighbor.

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 7:06pm. Mr. Flaherty noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by:

Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:

Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman
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 September 7, 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 Westerville Road project is being scheduled. Paving the complex is planned next week. Road construction plans are ready. Meeting with Builderscape for playground equipment for Sunbury Commons Park. Monday, Mr. Estep and Mr. Rhoads have a bond meeting. Tuesday, Mr. Rhoads plans to attend the Solid Waste Consortium Meeting regarding a two-year extension or start the bidding process. A developer is interested in building a hotel on Executive Parkway. Changes soon to come for the Glengary Shopping Center with Tim Hortons considering development. Shafer property on Lee Road is being sold to Columbus Metro Parks. Trick or Treat is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2016, in compliance with MORPC.

Communications:

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

Old Business:

1. JEDZ/Minerva Park Request - Mr. Flaherty discussed that he and Mr. Rhodes worked with attorneys regarding the golf course property in Minerva Park. The best scenario for both Blendon Township and Minerva Park from our JEDZ attorney is to leave it alone. Any change in our boundaries is considered substantial and would remove our grandfathering. Minerva may possibly change their tax code to offer a credit to their home owners’ taxes. This only affects construction workers and there is now a 20 day limit on construction workers before taxes are withheld. So the only anticipation of concern is if and when a school is built.

2. Portraits at Blendon Senior Center - Mrs. Heichel discussed the effort Mr. Flaherty and previous Senior Center Director to offer seniors at Blendon Senior Center that may not be able to afford portraits due to financial restraints, the opportunity for free portraits. We needed 20 to sign up but did not receive that kind of response. The event was cancelled after reaching out to many organizations, the photographer, WARM, lunch program and Blendon Township seniors.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2016-11 to 2016-13 - Street Light Assessments - Mr. Estep requested that the Board renew street lighting assessments for the following locations: Mr. Welch moved to adopt Resolution 2016-11, for street light assessments for Huber Ridge Subdivision for a three-year period at $34.00 per bond. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Mrs. Heichel moved to adopt Resolution 2016-12, for street light assessments for Glengary Heights Subdivision for a three-year period at $25.00 per bond. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Mrs. Heichel moved to adopt Resolution 2016-13, for street light assessments for Sunbury Woods for a three-year period at $49.00 per bond. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

2. 2017 Budget Resolution - Mr. Estep discussed with the Board, accepting the amounts and levy Franklin County Budget Commission allows. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the resolution for the amount and rates determined by Franklin County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.