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 November 2, 2016, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Blendon/Westerville Deputy 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: Meeting with Rumpke, the discussion was perhaps the trash truck drivers just pick up trash and not deal with residents that have not paid their bill. Trash Consortium meets next Wednesday to discuss likes and dislikes. JEDZ taxing per our attorney, suggests either annexation or a deletion of the land to help with lowering the taxes in Minerva Park. Met with developers for out east development and discussed concept. Received more CIC applications to review.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.
2. WARM- Letter outlined 2016 program with 10 sites at $18,943.00 spent in lunches and the Board called it as "very successful."

Old Business:
1. Project Updates-Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on our many projects in progress: Asphalt is still being laid in the complex. Waiting on landscaping and installation of Ossuarium in our cemetery. Walls have been installed along Westerville Road with the concrete medians removed. Glengary Shopping Center has not been sold. Possibly three more weeks of complex construction.
2. Bond Issuance- Mr. Rhoads noted that he just found out that we have had success in achieving our bond and at a great rate. This is outstanding news for a small township. Once again, we are leading the way.

New Business:
1. Contact Sweepers 2017 Contract-Mr. Giamarco requested the Board approve the new contract for the same services and same pricing as 2016. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve Contract Sweepers 2017 contract for the amount of $9,050.55. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
2. TruGreen 2017 Contract-Mr. Giamarco requested the Board approve the new contract for the same services and same pricing as 2016. Mr. Welch moved to approve TruGreen's 2017 contract, as presented for the amount of $9,065.55. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
3. Proclamation- Mr. Wayt introduced Mr. Alex Soskin, of Soskin Realty, LLC and thanked Mr. Soskin’s extensive efforts to help with the revitalization of foreclosed homes in the Huber Ridge Subdivision. After a video of the "before and after" pictures, Mr. Flaherty read the proclamation, pictures of the presentation, along with a token of our appreciation, and thanked Mr. Soskin on behalf of the Board. Mr. Soskin, in turn, thanked the Board and introduced his wife, mother and daughter; a big part of his success is the help of his family.
4. DUI Task Force Contract- Lt. Lephart requested that the Board approve the 2017 DUI Task Force Contract for reimbursement of work from our police officers. Mr. Welch moved to approve the 2017 DUI Task Force contract, as presented by Lt. Lephart. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
Director/Staff Updates:

Lt. Lehart discussed the success and turn out for our “Women’s Self-defense Class at the Senior Center on November 5, 2016. Everything went very well. While this class was presented, Lt. Lehart was at McDonald’s “Coffee with a Cop” and met many families with kids, pictures were taken and everything was very positive and we should plan on doing it again.

Mrs. Bowman discussed their “Pot Luck Dinner” tomorrow and its success over the years. Also asked that parking be available for over 100 in attendance. She also has the Hollyberry Bazaar and Bake Sale on Friday and will need extra parking for this popular event. All are invited to the OSU beat Michigan Game on November 26th at 11:30 am.

Mrs. Harter discussed that our new program for families having funerals can reserve the senior Center, is off and running. We have a family using our facilities on November 20th. Also the upcoming meetings were introduced, and to let her know if you want to attend and she’ll handle it. She is looking into landscaping the main entrance to the cemetery.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the Board has decided to join in with Nationwide Children’s Hospital for this upcoming Holiday Season for their toy drive. We did this last year and it was a wonderful feeling to put a smile on the face of a child in the hospital over the holidays. Flyers will be available from the Directors. Santa will also be at the senior Center on Saturday, December 3rd, from 9-11:00am, with pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Donations will be accepted. Mrs. Clause will also be there for reading stories.

Fire Deputy Robinson wished everyone a happy holiday season and asked everyone to be careful and read instructions on cooking your Thanksgiving dinner and to be sure when you use alternative heating such as opening the flue to the fire place. Keep combustibles such as blankets and pillows away from space heaters and any questions can be addressed by calling 614-901-6600 for more information.

Mr. Giamarco stated that December 7th construction should be completed in the complex. Paving is this Thursday and Friday. Installation of the canopies may be next week. Landscaping is almost complete. Mr. Giamarco discussed looking into some brownstone signage along with the landscaping Mrs. Harter is working on. Signage with the name of our cemetery is much needed. Mr. Flaherty would like to review the plans and drawings.

Open Floor: None at this time.

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 7:03pm.

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

Happy Thanksgiving

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman