

## Blendon Township Board of Trustees

August 10,

2016

### **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 27, 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: Plans to attend MORPC Monthly Meeting. Our bond projects are underway. Westerville Road bid opening is scheduled for August 29, 2016. Mr. Estep, Bond Attorneys and Mr. Rhoads are working to get through many documents. More Joy Run medals are in and t-shirts have been ordered, Faith Covenant Church is lending us 75 chairs for the OSU Alumni Band. Vintage baseball game has 15 signed up so far, and 33 runners registered. Anne Gonzales plans to be at the run.

### **Communications:**

1. *Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.*
2. *Historical Marker Confirmation letter- the process goes on with a possible additional year wait.*

### **Old Business:**

1. **Resolution 2016-09 Bond Declaration of Official Intent**-**Mr. Rhoads** noted this allows us to use the bond money for the purchase of two new equipped police cruisers. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve **Resolution 2016-09** Bond Declaration of Official Intent for purchase of two police cruisers. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch yes.

### **New Business:**

1. **Replacement of Cemetery Dump Truck**- **Mr. Giamarco** requested the Board approve the purchase of a new dump truck to replace the ten year old truck at city bid pricing. Mr. Welch moved to approve the purchase of a dump truck through Byers Chevrolet at a total cost of \$48,485.50. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
2. **OTARMA Renewal**- **Mr. Estep** requested the Board approve the renewal of the township liability and property coverage, with no change. Mr. Welch moved to approve the renewal of insurance coverage through OTARMA, for the period of August 10, 2016 – August 10, 2017, at the total annual cost of \$42,492.00. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
3. **Police Cruisers Purchases/Bond**- **Mr. Rhoads** requested the Board approve the purchase of two 2017 Ford Explorers for our police department, at the cost of \$40,402.72, per equipped vehicle with bond money. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the purchase of two equipped police cruisers with graphics at a cost of \$40,402.72. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
4. **Sunbury Woods Play Structure**- **Mr. Rhoads** discussed with the Board to replace the second play structure removed earlier. Two options were discussed for 10 year olds and older. Mr. Welch moved to approve the purchase of a Sunbury Woods play structure -Option 1, through Builderscapes for \$14,900.00, installed. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
5. **Tax Incentive Review Council Results**- **Mr. Rhoads** discussed with the Board tax increment financing. A review for compliance happened this week and we are in compliance and council voted to approve \$22,782.00, by the end of this year. Mr. Welch moved to acknowledge the tax incentive review council results for Westerville Road. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

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**Director/Staff Updates:**

**Fire Chief Miller** discussed that Franklin County is moving to a digital radio system and on Monday, Westerville Fire, with 800 channels, will be able to talk with all the schools with this system and everyone in Central Ohio. Also looking forward to Heritage Day.

**Mr. Giamarco** discussed the installation of the lights at Buenos Aires are almost complete with curbing around the poles. Maintenance projects are moving nicely along. Working on Heritage Day.

**Mrs. Heichel** noted

**Mr. Estep** discussed an organization meeting on August 3, 2016, with a bond closing date of November 10, 2016. Our bi-annual audit is due for 2015-16 and next bond meeting we'll have more information to add.

**Mrs. Harter** presented the Board with next year's meeting dates. The Resolution can be signed by next meeting, if the Board pleases.

**Chief Belford** thanked the Board for the new cruisers. They replace the two oldest cars in the fleet. Both park National Night Out programs were attended more than last year.

Approximately 35-40 kids were treated to freezer pops. Alternative events are in discussion.

**Open Floor:**

**Mrs. Ricker**, 5561 Oslo Drive, is having a National Night Out for the community to attend from 7-9pm on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:10pm **Mr. Flaherty** moved to enter into Executive Session for the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

**OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:50pm **Mr. Flaherty** stated that no additional action was taken.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. **Mr. Flaherty** noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Wade L. Estep**, *Fiscal Officer*

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Stewart L. Flaherty**, *Chairman*

