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 30, 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: Closed bond meeting successfully last
Wednesday. Landscape walls are up with bases and moving along. Cemetery projects with
landscaping and the ossarium has arrived. Carports are almost finished. Looking at a
generator for Maintenance Department in the near future. January 4th is the next trash
consortium with our attorneys looking at a tax district. Two solar street signs have arrived.

Mr. Flaherty then noted that each year a member of our Blendon staff is recognized for their
community involvement. Mr. Paul Kulik, Vocational Chairman for the Westerville Sunrise
Rotary Club, along with Mr. Bob Gibson, Committee Chairman for “Service above Self” and
Mr. Bob Hrabacak, Chairman of Westerville Sunrise Rotary honored Mrs. Linda Harter as the
2016 recipient the “Service above Self” award for going beyond the call of duty, always there
to help anyone in need, it at all times, for thirteen plus years. Mr. Gibson then presented Mrs.
Harter with a plaque, a gift certificate to Old Bag of Nails Restaurant, an honoree at the
Westerville Sunrise Rotary Breakfast on December 21, 2016, and the honor of having an
American Flag at the 2017 “Field of Heroes” Memorial Day festivities. Mrs. Harter,
surprised by the honor, thanked everyone for the recognition.

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

Old Business:
1. PUCO-Aqua Water Increase- Mr. Welch discussed with the Board the latest
    information received regarding the next water increase, with no sewer increase.
The low and high rate usually brings a medium increase. The suspected increase
expected is approximately 6.58%, around February 2017
2. 2017 Resident Survey- Mr. Flaherty discussed with the Board regarding removal
    of sensitive questions regarding salaries and other demographics. He plans to have
    the survey available for review at next meeting, and also discussed on-line, mail
    and email as suggested ways to retrieve and receive the information.

New Business:
1. 2017 Mowing Contract- Mr. Rhoads requested the Board accept the Sanders
    Mowing contract, secured by Mr. Giamarco, with no additional increase from
    last year. Mr. Welch moved to approve the Sanders Mowing contract for 2017,
at no additional increase, for 20 cuts, in the amount of $43,736.00. Mrs. Heichel
    seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
2. China House Liquor Permit Renewal- Mr. Rhoads requested approval to
    renew the China House liquor permit license. Lt. Lephart noted they have had no
    problems. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the renewal of the liquor permit for
    2017, for the China House Restaurant, as presented. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll
    Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
New Business: continued…

3. **Resolution 2016-18 Zoning Appointment-Mr. Rhoads** discussed the re-appointment of Jon Lee to the Blendon Township Zoning Commission. Mr. Welch moved to approve Resolution 2016-18, re-appointing Mr. Jon Lee to the Blendon Township Zoning Commission for a five year term, January 1, 2017-21. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, abstain; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

4. **Resolution 2016-19 Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment-Mr. Rhoads** discussed the re-appointment of Mark Faubel to the Blendon Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve Resolution 2016-19, re-appointing Mr. Mark Faubel to the Blendon Township Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term, January 1, 2017-21. Mrs. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, abstain; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

**Director/Staff Updates:**

*Mr. Giamarco* discussed the cemetery mowing pricing has been the same cost for over ten years and commending Mr. Rhoads for keeping the pricing down. He wanted to also mention the compliments on snow removal that came in over the weekend. Maintenance buildings are approximately 80% finished and just about ready to move in.

*Fire Deputy Chief Ross* commended Mrs. Harter on her award stating it was “well-deserved”. And a reminder to read the instructions on use of space heaters if planning to use them in this cold weather.

*Mr. Rhoads* noted a cleanout and purging of old files and paperwork in the police department in anticipation of moving into the new evidence room.

*Mrs. Heichel* discussed that the Breakfast with Santa was successful. Thanks go out to all the volunteers, and Santa was awesome, bringing happy faces to the children was priceless.

*Mr. Estep* congratulated Mrs. Harter on her award.

*Mrs. Harter* noted that even with all the major construction it has not hampered sales in the cemetery.

*Mrs. Bowman* congratulated Mrs. Harter on her award and noted “well-deserved”.

Approximately 160 people attended Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus (Dottie Rector) Tim Rector’s wife, was outstanding with her reading stories to the children, parents and grandparents. Very generous donations ran $253.00. We had 29 seniors that took a senior trip to Dickens Village in Cambridge, Ohio and had a wonderful time.

*Lt. Lephart* stated that the meetings planned to share information regarding vehicle break-ins went over very well with other police departments. Sharing will benefit all of us. Entire Police Department is very excited about the new carports that are almost finished.

**Open Floor:**

*Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive,* discussed the possibility of leaf pickup. Mr. Giamarco answered Mrs. Ricker’s question, that leaf pickup is very expensive.

**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 7:00pm.

*Mr. Flaherty* noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at 6:30pm.

**Merry Christmas Everyone**

Approved by: _____________________

Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: _____________________

Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman