

Blendon Township Board of Trustees

December 14,

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 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 ossuarium 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 Hrabcak, 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.

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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

