Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mrs. Heichel, here and Mr. Estep, here.

The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the August 8, 2018, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: JEDZ, SWACO and Franklin County Public Health and City of Westerville meetings that are planned next week. SWACO plans to discuss landfill treatments along with education of recycling at the landfill.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.
2. Franklin County Auditor - Letter

New Business:

Presentation of New Officers for our Blendon Township Police Department- Chief Belford introduced our new officers, having met all the conditional requirements, the offer of full-time employment to Officer Brooklyn Griffith and Taylor Dewart and asked they be sworn in as Police Constables. The swearing in of both officers was presented by Mrs. Heichel. Raising their right hands, they repeated the “Oath of Office”. Afterwards, congratulations and pictures with the Board and many family members were exchanged. It was noted the large support from many of our officers in the background.

1. Res. NU-09-18 – 3605 Manila Drive- Mr. Rhoads presented the Board with a nuisance abatement for high grass. Mr. Flaherty made a motion for Res. NU-09-18 at 3605 Manila Drive for a high grass violation. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

2. Res. NU-10-18 – 3530 Paris Blvd - Mr. Rhoads presented the Board with a nuisance abatement for high grass. Mr. Flaherty made a motion for Res. NU-10-18 at 3520 Paris Blvd., for a high grass violation. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

3. Res. NU-11-18 – 4143 Valley Quail Blvd North- Mr. Rhoads presented the Board with a nuisance abatement for high grass. Mr. Flaherty made a motion for Res. NU-11-18 at 4143 Valley Quail Blvd North for a high grass violation. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Old Business:

1. Distracted Driving- Mr. Flaherty discussed his several informal discussions with other townships and city regarding pushing forward concerning distracted drivers. He noted that it is an ongoing issue that is not going away and becomes political over time.
Director/Staff Updates

John Giamarco noted his crew is busy getting Heritage Day and Ridgewood Park ready for Saturday. And our Muffin’s Game is on, as we now have a Team!

Deputy Fire Chief Ross noted the Red Cross/Westerville Fire Department “Smoke Detector Replacement” has a scheduled date of Saturday, October 27, 2018.

Mr. Estep noted the passing of Michael Townsley from the JEDZ Board. Mr. Flaherty has plans to acknowledge his passing from the Board.

Mrs. Heichel invited and welcomed all those present for the Board meeting, to our Heritage Day Festivities, Car Show and Muffin’s Game on Saturday, August 25, 2108. This is a celebration of Blendon Township and many events including OSU Alumni Band will be there to entertain. Everything is free: food, bounce houses, and fun all day, due to many thanks from our sponsors.

Mrs. Harter noted the musket & case should be installed in the Senior Center on Friday, just in time for viewing at the Car Show. The musket is a gift from the Phelps Family.

Mrs. Bowman invited everyone to the Car Show on Saturday and to bring your car. Many raffle prizes to give away and all food is free, all day.

Chief Belford noted school is back in session and ask that everyone slow down and be especially careful around schools in the afternoons. His officers will help man the crosswalks morning and afternoons, unless called to an emergency run.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Ciamarco, 4531 Big Walnut Street, welcomed the new officers. Hot air balloon rides are being planned in October at St. Paul’s. Mr. Rhoads noted the bad odor from Hoover Reservoir is due to algae that Mrs. Ciamarco was concerned about.

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, discussed with Mr. Rhoads that the nuisance abatements are good for one year. The fall newsletter will have more information about the police levy in November. Chief Belford requested all calls concerning the levy be forwarded to him.

Pay bills: Mr. Flaherty moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

The attached list of checks was approved for payment.

Mr. Welch advised that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 6:30pm.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.

Approved by: [Signature]
Wade L. Estep, Chairman