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 6:30 pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the November 28, 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: Met with Verizon regarding our account to inquire ways to save. Also, with the new cell towers, first responders have quicker response times. Fiber Optics are all connected now and should be up and running soon. Visiting our merchants is on the agenda, to inform them of the availability of fiber optics. Hammered out some details with Rumpke regarding our recycle bins. MORPC meeting is scheduled for Thursday. Senate Bill 43, Senator Bacon is working on, is still waiting. It will start over next year for approval. Our Attorneys are working on a Home Rule Resolution to set in place laws with fines that prevent “The Bag” and similar items on driveways, with designated places only.

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

New Business:
1. Nuisance Res. NU-13-18 & NU-14-18 Mr. Rhoads discussed with the Board the inoperable vehicles at 2625 Claridon Road. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Res. NU-13-18 & NU-14-18 for inoperable vehicles. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

2. 2018 Final Appropriations- Mr. Estep discussed with the Board the final appropriations concerning costs of the fiber optics and two additional police cruisers. Total amount of $8,998,150.00. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the Final Amended Appropriations for 2018 in the amount of $8,998,150.00. Mrs. Heichel, second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

3. 2019 Contract Sweeping- Mr. Giamarco discussed with the Board the 2019 Sweeping Contract. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve Contract Sweeping for the 2019 calendar year, as presented by Mr. Giamarco, at the cost of $9,412.00 plus a weekly charge of $490.00 for the Jedz. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

4. Resignation of John Heath- Mrs. Bowman presented the Board with a letter of resignation from Senior Center Driver John Heath, effective immediately. Mr. Flaherty moved to accept the resignation of driver John Heath, effective immediately. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

5. Liquor Permit- Mr. Rhoads discussed a liquor permit for a new restaurant, Silk Road Asian Cuisine at 3963 Sunbury Road. The Board has no objection.

6. Ridgewood Park Drainage – Mr. Rhoads discussed repair of drainage problem in Ridgewood Park. Mr. Flaherty authorized Mr. Rhoads to approve the contract with Blue Ring Services for the drainage problem at Ridgewood Park, at a cost of $13,977.79, to be paid in the calendar year 2019. Mrs. Heichel, second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
December 12, 2018

Minutes of

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Old Business:

1. **Tree Trimming Project** - Mr. Flaherty discussed the project to make sure we are on track. Mr. Giamarco noted he is ready to go as soon as he gets the word.

**Director/Staff Updates:**

*Mr. Giamarco* discussed the cleanup to the 270/3 corridor. Mr. Wayt and he have been working in Cleveland Heights cleaning up some ash trees. Concerned about using up old salt, so not to be charged for storage of new salt ordered. Need snow.

*M. Rhodes* discussed the fiber optic cable running from Executive Parkway, down Sunbury Road, to Dempsey, under 270 and to Westerville Road in one piece without a single splice. It’s all connected so not only will it be available to businesses but residents in the future.

*Mr. Estep* noted that in early January 2019, we need to pass our Temporary Appropriations for 2019, so please get your wish lists in early.

*Mrs. Bowman* discussed the popularity of Breakfast with Santa and everyone had a wonderful time. The Toy Shop was decorated beautifully and the children having fun turning in their tickets for a present. With 136 attending, donations were $250.00. Christmas dinner tomorrow with a potluck to cover 90 people. Always very popular.

*Chief Belford* discussed two community crime alerts: Rock throwing in Huber Ridge and two dangerous nighttime residential burglaries in Sunbury Woods, in the past six days. Extra patrols are out and have asked residents to report anything suspicious. May have someone in mind, but nothing for sure yet.

**Open Floor:**

*Ms. Ciamacco, 4331 E. Walnut Street,* had questions the liquor license procedure with the Board. Chief Belford discussed several options.

*Mrs. Pam Clegg, 3614 Makassar,* requested more mulch under the swings at Phelps Park. A special thank you to Charel Bowman for a very nice “Breakfast with Santa” and all who volunteered.

**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. **Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.**

**In EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:52 pm.** Mr. Flaherty moved to go into and executive session for a personnel issue. Mrs. Heichel. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:15 pm with nothing approved.

**Return to Regular Meeting at 7:15 pm.** Mr. Rhodes asked for Board approval for a position of part-time Administrative Assistant in the office of Township Administrator. Mr. Flaherty moved to create a part-time position of Administrative Assistant in the Office of Township Administrator. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. Mr. Flaherty then moved to adopt the pay schedule for the position, effective 2019, as presented. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. Mrs. Heichel moved to appoint Riane Federman to part-time Administrative Assistant to the Office of Township Administrator, effective January 1, 2019. Mrs. Heichel, second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Mr. Welch advised that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 6:30 pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to have the next Regular Meeting, January 9, 2019. Mrs. Heichel, second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

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

**Approved by:**

Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

**Approved by:**

Jim Welch, Chairman