Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Consent Agenda: The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:36pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the March 21, 2018, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

3. Signatures: The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

4. Communications:
   
   4a. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.

5. New Business:

   5a. Resignation of Kelsey Riffle- L.t. Lephart requested the Board accept the resignation of part-time administrative assistant Kelsey Riffle in the police department and thanked her for her expertise. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the resignation Kelsey Riffle, effective April 13, 2018. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

   5b. Hiring of Jessica Redd- L.t. Lephart discussed that two part-time employees are no longer working in the police department’s office, that it would be a good time to hire Jessica Redd as full-time administrative assistant effective April 16, 2018. She previously worked as a Blendon Police Officer and is returning to duties in the office, and would be considered an asset to the department. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the full-time employment of Jessica Redd, as administrative assistant, effective April 16, 2018, at the hourly rate of $17.00. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

   5c. Technology Updates- Mr. Rhoads noted that he and Mr. Estep are working on our payroll, email and human resource systems to upgrade our technology. Also considering going to the “cloud” which would eliminate our server.

   5d. Obsolete Couch – Mrs. Bowman asked to obsolete a couch and two club chairs and place them in the upcoming garage sale. Mr. Flaherty moved to obsolete one couch and two chairs from the Senior Center and place in the upcoming garage sale. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

6. Old Business:

   6a. Fiber Project Update- Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on our fiber optic project with the fiber being pulled through connecting with the City of Westerville. Next week a meeting is scheduled to consider pricing and getting the word out to all our businesses so they too can reap the benefits. This also connects us to all other communities and on the network, bring endless possibilities to the community. CIC funds can be used to get some businesses up and running.
I. Director /Staff Updates:

Mr. Gianarco discussed the heavy rains and delivery of the new maintenance pickup truck. Working on getting ready for mowing season.

Westerville Fire Chief Miller discussed the smoke detector program and noted May 5th, the Blendon/Westerville Fire Department will be canvassing the community. Being in partnership with the Red Cross, this day is set aside for this free smoke detector installation or call 614-901-6600 to schedule an appointment. The Chief noted how proud he is of the program, as it does save lives. EMA has now placed the sirens to focus on the areas due harm, instead of all of Franklin County.

Mr. Rhoads noted the demolition Aldi should be scheduled shortly.

Mr. Flaherty mentioned just previously to this meeting that he just finished with a meeting with the Blendon/Westerville Fire Department. The levy will run as projected. Changes coming regard how we deal with the EMS and how it is changing and Fire Chief Miller is well up on it. The report will be posted on our website.

Mrs. Harter contacted several people to help on having a speaker and pastor for Memorial Day. Donation letters went out April 4, 2018. Invited the VFW, as in every year. The next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 will be in a Public Notice that will go out tomorrow to the media, website and three locations in the complex.

Mrs. Bowman discussed working the garage sale, luncheon and bake sale will be this Friday, 9-4pm and Saturday, 9-2 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Lt. Lephart discussed the numerous burglaries and car break-ins. The main culprit has been apprehended. But please do not leave your home or vehicle unlocked and do not leave your car running while warming it up. This will help deter some attempts.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, HRAA President and a few members of the Executive Committee, are here to present a donation to the Township for the summer concerts in the park and be recognized as a sponsor. Mr. Flaherty moved to accept the $300.00 donation for the summer concerts from the HRAA and be recognized as a donor. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. Thank you from the Board.

Mrs. Pam Clegg and Ms. Jenny Morgan read a letter to the Board regarding the Rt. 3 and 270 industrial site and a request for our support. It was noted that this site is not Blendon and the report will be reviewed.

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. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Mr. Welch, stated next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 6:30pm.

Approved by:  
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer  

Approved by:  
James F. Welch, Chairman