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. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the August 22, 2018, meeting. Mr. Flaherty 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: At the last JEDZ Board meeting, they voted to approve the calendars for Blendon Township for 2019. At the Mifflin Township Hall, a meeting to review the SWACO grant for recycling bins, starting in the spring of 2019. Possible issues were addressed and very few problems have previously occurred. Next meeting, a SWACO resolution and grant will be presented for Board approval. Next Thursday is a MORPC meeting and on September 20, 2018 at 6pm a Zoning Appeals Board Meeting is planned to consider a variance.

Communications:

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

New Business:

1. Zoning Appeals Board Appointment Mr. Rhoads requested the Board appoint Mrs. Sharon Ricker to the Zoning Appeals Board. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to appoint Mrs. Ricker to the Zoning Appeals Board from September 5, 2018 to December 31, 2020. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. Congratulations to Mrs. Ricker from the Board.

2. Zoning Appeals Board Appointment Mr. Rhoads requested the Board appoint Mr. Shawn Smith to the Zoning Appeals Board. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to appoint Mr. Smith to the Zoning Appeals Board from September 5, 2018 to December 31, 2019. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. The Board noted his resume’ was excellent.

3. Budget Resolution- Mr. Estep presented the Board with a resolution accepting the rates and amounts set by the Franklin County Budget Commission and requested questions. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Franklin County Auditor. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Old Business:

1. Road Resurfacing Bid Updates-Mr. Giamarco discussed the bid opening at 5pm today for the road resurfacing project with money from grant and taking place between July 1, 2018- July1,2019. Three companies bid: Strawser, Decker and Kokosing. Strawser is lowest. These bids with be sent to OHM Friday for them to critique and then at the next trustee meeting for approval.
Director/Staff Updates

Mr. Giamarco discussed recycling a stockpile of old aluminum signs, etc., and a conversation he had with a stranger over the counter at the recycle shop. He wanted to thank Blendon Township for the Concert in the Park series along with Heritage Day. His son lives in the Township and that they go to all the festivities and think it’s a great idea. We are definitely branching out and reaching more people every day.

Mrs. Harter asked everyone leaving the meeting tonight to look at the musket in the lobby of the Senior Center with signage of Phelps history and history of the gun.

Mrs. Bowman noted the Car Show went very well and was well attended. Storms rolled in just after the trophies were handed out: Top winner was a ’59 Chevelle and second was ’52 Cadillac coup de Ville. McVay/Columbus Foundation donated $2,496.04, in honor of Dorothy McVay. Also, the Center hosted a funeral luncheon and had a senior join.

Chief Belford discussed a report of crashes and injury crashes that MORPC rates. Our intersection of Buenos Aires and 161, two years ago rated this as one of the top twenty worst intersections. After getting with ODOT for a grant, the signs and lights were changed. So, in 2016 Blendon dropped from 20 into the 70’s on the report. The latest 2017 report shows that we are no longer on the list. The grant has been renewed due to how successful we have been. The Board thanked the Chief for all the hard work from his department.

Open Floor:

Ms. Ciamarco, 4531 Big Walnut Street, noted she is planning and old west town, period corrected to the early 1800s and when finished it may be a place for seniors to come visit.

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 19, 2018, at 6:30pm.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Jim Welch, Chairman