Pledge of Allegiance

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

The regular meeting of the Blendedon 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 January 28, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report:
1. Westerville Road Sidewalks-Pre-construction meeting is scheduled this week.
2. Board of Appeals- February 19th, meeting concerning Cleveland Heights.
3. COTA-Establishing stops from Downtown to Cleveland Ave. to Polaris.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed.
3. COTA -letter.

Old Business:
1. Cairo Road Traffic Study- Mr. Rhoads and Chief Belford discussed the requested study from the Trustees, requesting Franklin County Engineers look for excessive speeding. The study revealed that Chief Belford had found, on three different occasions, and came to the same conclusion: they did not find vehicle or pedestrian traffic needing any modifications. Narrow roadway and parked cars at the curb, bring an illusion of vehicles moving faster than they actually are. Most vehicles were clocked at 25-30 mph. With the Police Department and Road Department and Franklin County Study, all in agreement, it will stay status quo.

New Business:
1. Resolution Accepting Rates Determined by the Budget Commission- Mr. Estep discussed with the Board the amounts on levies suggested by the Franklin County Budget Commission. Mr. Flaherty moved to pass a resolution accepting the amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Director/Staff Updates:
Chief Belford discussed that the Blendedon Police Department has the capability to rescue pond accidents and showed an example of a “throw bag” in each cruiser and also the Westerville/Blendedon Fire Department vehicles, with video training included. The security cameras that the HRRA donation was used for, have been purchased and pictures and information will be on our website.

Mr. Flaherty stated that he and Mrs. Heichel are starting to work on our Bicentennial, suggesting a book, quilt and celebration plans for starters, and looking for volunteers to help.

Open Floor:
Several residents asked questions regarding the Cairo Road Traffic Study and the Franklin County Budget Commission.

Pay Bills: Mr. Flaherty moved to pay the bills. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. The attached list of checks was approved for payment.

Mr. Welch stated the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Blendedon Senior Center.
Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Approved by:
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer
Approved by:
James F. Welch, Chairman