Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Welch recognized Retired Police Chief Tom Heichel, from 1972-2004, had passed away. After retirement, served numerous capacities as a volunteer until his recent death. His many accomplishments were very much appreciated. Please take this time for a moment of silence for a reflection of his many years of dedicated service to Blendon Township.

Roll Call: Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mrs. Heichel, absent; 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 March 11, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. The Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief Miller was in attendance. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator’s Report:

1. Paris/Contractor Concern- They have been working together to get the issue handled.
2. Stockholm Issue – Code Enforcement is involved with upgrades to the property.
3. Study on Property out East- Meeting with engineering group handling study with Aqua and Franklin County concerning options.
4. Harbin Road Development- Expect submission next month for apartments.
5. Westerville Road Project- Is under way with no more delays expected.
6. Staff Meeting- Discussion on enforcement to move vehicles on Route 3.
7. Agenda Software- Is on its way, so we should have it soon.

Township History: On January 5, 1819 trustees passed a resolution with a lawsuit against Violet Township for an expense of Samuel Chaney for his sickness and another family due to being poor, and would need to leave the township. Many were cast out of township because of the hardship. They definitely were not big on welfare back then, and if they were a burden to the community they were cast out.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed.

Old Business:

1. Jane Juergens’ Memorial- Mr. Flaherty discussed and gave an update on our options. Mr. Rhode to check into granite signage as well.

New Business:

1. Resolution 2015-02 ODOT Summer Salt Purchase- Mr. Giamarco discussed with the Board that this summer contract is a guarantee contract that ODOT will then bid out. It includes two contacts a year, summer for filling our salt bins, and there is a winter contract for supply. This resolution covers both. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Resolution 2015-02, authorizing participation with ODOT Cooperative Purchase Program for road salt, summer and winter. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

2. 2015 Road Paving Estimate- Mr. Giamarco received our estimate from the Franklin County Engineers for bidding purposes for the 2015 Road Resurfacing Project. This covers five roadways for an estimate of $111,563.80. The township has allotted for $250,000.00, which will allow for miscellaneous work throughout the township. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the Franklin County Engineers estimate to include our bids for paving of roads for 2015, for $111,563.80. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

3. Authorizing Flags at Half-staff- Mr. Welch. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize to fly the flags at half-staff today and tomorrow in honor of Retired Blendon Police Chief Heichel. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Flaherty noted that as we get older and watch friends and staff pass away, it is amazing how you are wonderful when you die. To set the record straight, there were times when Tom Heichel could be hard to get along with, times he made people angry and times people did not agree with him. That was part of his greatest strength and what makes our community strong. We are not a community where everyone agrees on everything. We are a community of passionate people, who for their love of our community push forward and strive to make things better. When others become mad at times, this is because they believe so much in the community. Mr. Heichel was a true citizen and he will be missed.

Mr. Estep asked the Board to move on the advertising of the availability of the 2014 Financial Report. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize our fiscal officer, Mr. Estep, to advertise the availability of the 2014 Financial Report in the newspaper. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, discussed the Jane Juergens’ Memorial with the trustees.

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, April 8, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Blendon Senior Center.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: James F. Welch, Chairman