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 6:30pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the January 10, 2018, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, abstain; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

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

4. Administrator’s Report:

Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: Has met with the developers regarding Reno Road and possible office/medical center or urgent care may be considered. Plans are to work with the City of Westerville for more research. Meeting with the JEDZ Board voted Mr. Rhoads as Chairman and Ms. Colley as Vice-Chairperson for 2018. Continued meetings regarding the ITT and fiber optics regarding scheduling. The benefits meeting for our employees brought some new changes to our health insurance. Several CIC grants have come in for review.

5. Communications:

5a. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.

6. New Business:

6a. Resolution 2018-02 Metz, Bailey & McLaughlin Legal Counsel- Mr. Rhoads discussed the retaining counsel for employee laws, etc. at no raise in hourly rate. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Res. 2018-02, employing the law firm of Metz, Bailey & McLaughlin for the calendar year of 2018. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

1. Director /Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarco discussed the recent snow storm that required extra hours of work and salt. Still working to have cars parked on the side of roads moved, which makes plowing more difficult.

Mr. Rhoads noted reaching out to Franklin County and the Board of Health regarding a question last meeting on an issue at a Cairo home and hopes to hear back soon.

Mr. Estep discussed a quick summary of the benefits of the JEDZ dollars received over the past several years. The taxes have certainly helped Blendon Township financially. A small decrease recently due to less employees at Kroger. At the end of 2017, our cash balance was $7,426,000.00. The finishing of Route 3, is a good example of JEDZ funds. The Board is very grateful to the residents for passing the JEDZ.
Director /Staff Updates: continued...

Mrs. Harter noted the cemetery has been very busy with funerals and reminded the Board of the OTA convention, January 31-February 3, 2018. Please sign up at registration desk.

Mrs. Bowman noted the seniors enjoyed a wonderful day trip to the Josephinum Pontifical College and also thanked the Westerville Fire Department, Station #112, for their excellent information and fire prevention suggestions at the Senior Center’s recent potluck luncheon.

Chief Belford noted as a follow-up to the question from our last meeting, the statistics show that none of the arrested live in Blendon Township. Only one robbery was a visitor to a Blendon resident.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, discussed several issues with the Board and Fiscal Officer regarding funding, levies and general election procedures. Mr. Estep noted reserve funding helps in case of a levy failing. Enhancement of Glengary Plaza was addressed.

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 6:53pm.

Mr. Welch, stated next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: [Signature]
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: [Signature]
James F. Welch, Chairman