Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes of the April 22, 2015 Meeting:
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 April 22, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. The Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief Miller was in attendance.

Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Rhoads mentioned a few items of interest with Blendon Township History 1812-1815, that after the war, national pride grew and roads were paved, and it was a time when the Board of Trustees served as witnesses regarding horses, cows, crops and wagons being used as collateral. Also, Mr. Rhoads had the honor of being presented with a Resolution H.R. #29 for Blendon Township's 200th Anniversary by Rep. Anne Gonzales at the House of Representatives. Met with Senator Bacon and they are working on a resolution as well. Other plans involve working on the Harbin Drive parcel, Glengary Plaza study, MORPC, and Mrs. Heichel and Mr. Rhoads plan to attend Central College dinner regarding the bell for Phelps Acre. Fiber Optics in Blendon is also very possible and waiting on a proposal.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed.
2. Gypsy Moth Communications- spraying schedule.
3. Aqua SIC Letter- Mr. Welch and Mrs. Heichel discussed pricing.

Old Business:
1. Complex Site Plan- Mr. Rhoads requested the Board for action on allowing OHM to proceed with a site plan for the complex, to plan for other renovations. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to enter into a contract with OHM for a site plan not to exceed $12,500.00. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
2. Hiring Part Time Employee- Mrs. Jordan requested approval to hire a part time receptionist. Mr. Flaherty moved to hire Amy Rose as part time receptionist for Blendon Senior Center, start day of Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at $11.42 per hour, not to exceed 30 hours. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
3. Permission to Bid Senior Center Upgrades- Mr. Rhoads requested approval to solicit for bids for the bathroom upgrades. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to put out bids for the Senior Center restrooms upgrade at the estimated cost of $50,000.00. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

New Business:
1. Resolution NU-03-15 to NU-11-15- Mr. Rhoads asked the Board for action on Nuisance Resolutions due to high grass. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt:
   Resolutions NU-03-15 to NU-11-15 due to high grass. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
2. Part Time Summer Employees- Mr. Gianmarco has requested re-hiring two previous summer helpers. Mr. Flaherty moved to re-hire Richard Oxley, effective May 11, 2015, and Adam Biebly, effective May 18, 2015, at $11.00 per hour each. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. Mr. Welch noted how much better the township looks with the extra help during the growing season.
**Minutes of Meeting**

**2015**

**May 6**

**Held**

**Director/Staff Updates:**

Mr. Glamnaro noted Memorial Day is early this year, Monday, May 25th and they are busy getting ready for it.

Fire Chief Miller reminded everyone to have smoke detectors and check the batteries. Westerville had a fatal fire recently and working smoke detectors are so very important.

Mr. Flaherty stated he had attended a Group Homes Meeting with Mrs. Joya Neff and we, as a township, owe the representatives from Blendon Township a debt of gratitude for their tenacity and efforts, and time working to stay with this problem. Some form of recognition is well deserved. It will take five to ten years before any changes can be made to the laws and the citizen involvement made a huge difference. With the help of Anne Gonzales, we were able to get an assessment tool, but it still may be a long process. Notification to the police and fire departments with an emergency plan is a step in the right direction. After July 31st, a quick phone call to these departments is an easy check to see if the process is working. If this is not done, then we have ammunition to go back to FCJF Services and the media and ask why not. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Rhoads to follow up and make sure they are in compliance. The Board thanked everyone involved.

Chief Belford noted he has been trying to locate a group to represent the soldiers of 1812. So far, unable to find availability due to the short time before Memorial Day. What we do have ready for Memorial Day can be posted on website and inform the public of our ceremony.

**Open Floor:**

Discussion regarding fire pit regulations was brought up by Mrs. Clegg and were addressed by Fire Chief Miller and Chief Belford. They plan to put together an updated regulation guide and get back with Mrs. Ricker. Mr. Rhoads is working on a resolution.

Discussion regarding combined block watch programs with Sunbury Woods and Huber Ridge Area Association was brought up by Mrs. Cordray. They will be meeting May 13th, Wednesday at 6:00pm, at the Senior Center. The topics to be discussed is bullying and cybercrimes, with a Q&A. Chief Belford will get with Mrs. Cordray to include Westerville Police and Blendon Township.

Mrs. Joya Neff thanked the Board for the compliments earlier in the meeting and discussed further the efforts by Blendon Township residents to continue to follow up with FCJFS.

**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 stated the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Blendon Senior Center. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

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