RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Blendon Township Board of Trustees
Meeting

June 17, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes of the June 3, 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 June 3, 2015, regular meeting. Mrs. Heichel 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, noted that continuing with our Bicentennial History, he chose this day June 17, in 1885, the French gave us our Statue of Liberty and June 17, in 1775, the American Revolution, Battle of the Bunker Hill began. Mr. Rhoads also discussed updates involving the Harbin Drive approval of rezoning following comments from the attorney’s. We will have a public meeting to address Franklin County’s recommendations. MORPC Staff will visit us on June 30th, to see what is needed and discuss our future direction as a township and may involve partnering in future projects.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed.

Old Business:

1. Hire Jessica Redd as Part-time Officer- Chief Belford recommended the conditional hiring of Jessica Redd, part time, after passing her testing. Mr. Flaherty moved to hire Jessica Redd as a paid part time police officer, effective June 18, 2015. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes, Mrs. Heichel, yes. Swearing in by Fiscal Officer, Wade Estep, with family, friends and staff as witnesses. Congratulations by all were made.

New Business:

1. 2016 Tax Budget- Mr. Estep discussed the details of the 2016 budget with a Q&A session. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the 2016 Tax Budget with a total budget of $6,235,700.00. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

2. Resolution 2015-04 Road District Inside Mill- Mr. Estep discussed requesting additional 1.5 Road District Millage from the Franklin County Budget Committee. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Resolution 2015-04, requesting an additional 1.5 road district millage to be approved by the Franklin County Budget Committee. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

3. Proclamations- Mr. Welch honored the NSRGH Committee (Neighbors Seeking Responsible Group Homes) with the reading of the proclamation, signed by the Blendon Township Board of Trustees, with handshakes and compliments of the efforts and determination to have a better open communication between group homes and our community.

Director/Staff Updates:
Mr. Estep noted that the State Auditors will be in the Administration Office next week.
Mr. Flaherty thanked the staff and all the volunteers for our first 2015 “Concert in the Park” series. It was an outstanding outing for our community and Mother Nature was in our favor.
Mr. Rhoads, the JEDZ Board has finalized their audit and waiting for results.
Open Floor:

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Cambridge, stated that our next Concert in the Park is July 18.

Mrs. Joy Neff, 3615 Stockholm, thanked the Board for their recognition and wished John McGuire had been in attendance, as this was his creation.

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, July 1, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Blendon Senior Center. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.