Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; 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 June 23, 2015, special meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the June 17, 2015, regular meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief also attended. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator’s Report:
Mr. Rhoads reported updates to the Board, Staff and Attendees:
1. MORPC Visit- MORPC Executive Director visited and talked about the future of Blendon and our needs.
2. Ridgewood Park Memorial- The contractor has the area marked and ready to being construction any day.
3. Tree Requirements- Advised Mr. Flaherty that he has been working on zoning language in regards to tree replacement and new developments.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.
2. Franklin County Health Notice
3. Group Home Updates

New Business

1. Nuisance Resolution NU-20-15- Mr. Rhoads asked that the board pass this resolution to remove an abandoned vehicle from the property. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Resolution NU-20-15. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

2. FOP Contract- Mr. Rhoads asked the Board to approve the new FOP contract starting January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2018. Mr. Estep and Mr. Rhoads advised the board that the contract afforded 2.75% raises in 2016, 2.5% in 2017, and 2.5% in 2018. The contract increased shift differential from $1.10 to $1.40 and language in the health insurance area was updated to reflect our new coverage amounts. Mr. Estep advised the board that the raises will add approximately $40,000 to the budget for the first year. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the contract. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

3. Public Records Training- Mr. Welch brought up the need to designate a board member for public records training as required by law. Mr. Welch motioned to appoint Mr. Flaherty as the public records designee through Mr. Flaherty’s current term. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

4. Salt Contracts- Mr. Estep/Mr. Rhoads discussed with the board about the summer fill contracts and the two new contracts just received for the winter. The bid amount is $68,73 a ton for 500 tons through ODOT. The SWOP4G contract is $70.21 for 400 tons through compass materials. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the two contracts. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
Director/Staff Updates

Mr. Estep mentioned that the auditors were at the township last week and he received a draft review of the audit. No internal control deficiencies or problems were found.

Mrs. Heichel wished everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Mr. Flaherty announced that Blendon Blooms is new this year and includes all of the township. Mr. Flaherty encouraged everyone to look at the homes as the voting is on July 12, 2015.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, requested the Fire Chief to put her street down for National Night Out. They will have ice cream and refreshments on Tuesday August 2nd, 2015.

Mrs. Joy Neff, 3615 Stockholm Road, updated the board about providers for group homes and the amount of group homes currently in Franklin County.

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

Mr. Welch advised that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at 6:30pm. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: James Welch, Chairman