Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Hearing – Fiscal Year Ending –December 2016. Mr. Estep opened the public hearing to discuss and summarize receipts including the road district millage. The after a Q & A session, Mr. Estep closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing – Re-zoning of Harbin Drive. Mr. Welch opened the public hearing and Mr. Rhoads discussed the 7.2 acreage at the east end of Harbin Drive. The Franklin County planning Commission and our Zoning Committee approved the re-zoning from SCPD to R-24 to accommodate residential housing, as in the area. Attorney Reynolds spoke in favor of the R-24 zoning to accommodate his client. After a Q & A session with concern over increased traffic from a resident, the public hearing was closed.

Minutes of the July 1, 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 July 1, 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, Mr. Rhoads found the water/sewage plan the Board of Trustees in 1950 had commended the Franklin County Commission for helping put that in place. Now, today, we are wishing that hadn’t happened. Mr. Rhoads also discussed updates involving the Memorial Park under way, with bricks available for engraving. Fiber Optic is still moving forward with City of Westerville. We have Mr. Wayt working with residents concerning trash and food sources to help eliminate any rat problem that may occur.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed.
2. Franklin County Board of Health-violation.

Old Business:
1. Facility Master Plan Study Session- Mr. Rhoads introduced the staff from OHM working on our future plans for our complex. After three proposals were discussed, the Board with Q&A offered changes and ideas from the staff were considered.
2. Bell Tower at Phelps Acre- Mr. Flaherty requested that we revisit the issue of mounting the bell, due the high estimates coming in. Mr. Giamacco suggested a duplicate of similar pillars in our complex. Mrs. Heichel requested room for two plaques. Mr. Welch suggested at least six foot high, as well.

New Business:
1. Resignation of Phillip Bouton Board of Zoning Appeals-Mr. Rhoads asked the Board to accept the resignation of Mr. Bouton. Mr. Flaherty moved to accept the immediate resignation of Mr. Bouton from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
2. Resolution NU-21-15 Mr. Rhoads requested approval of Resolution NU-21-15 due to high grass at 7255 Hollandia Drive. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve Resolution NU-21-15 regarding high grass. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

3. Re-zoning of Harbin Drive - Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the re-zoning request of Harbin Drive property back to R-24. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

4. Return to Facility Master Plan Study Session- OHM Staff presented three concepts for future development to include a cell tower within next 5-10 years. After an extensive discussion and suggestions from both the trustees and staff, OHM plans to revise a new concept to match all requests. Lighting and cameras should also be included. Parking lot and drainage were also discussed, with a plan in phases, when funds are available.

Director/Staff Updates:
Mr. Giammarco noted that the clearing of trees and shrubs at Ridgewood Park before all the rains was a plus and "Mother Nature", once again, was in our favor with the 4th of July parade and deemed a success with many compliments.

Mr. Welch noted “Concert in the Park” is this weekend. And compliments to our Police Department for the help with stalled vehicles during some flooding.

Mrs. Jordan requested the Board obsolete the malfunctioning pop machine. Mr. Flaherty moved to obsolete the Senior Center pop machine. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Police Chief Belford discussed violations at “Cushions” in Glengary Plaza. He plans to keep a close eye regarding sanctions.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, noted to the Board that part of the flooding may be due to sewers filling with grass and debris. This may also contribute to the algae in the water problems. Also, many compliments on Sunbury Woods yard/garden contributions to Blendon Blooms and were well represented in Blendon Township. The Board stated over the last five years, improvement has become contagious and much appreciated. Mr. Flaherty also recommended the residents with environmental issues have a new judge and should request help, which will carry a lot of weight.

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 29, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Blendon Senior Center. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: James F. Welch, Chairman