Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes of the August 12, 2015 Meeting:
The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes, as presented, for the July 29, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, abstain; 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, continuing our Bicentennial History, noted on August 12, 1990, a full body of a T-Rex skeleton was found and 1963, the Soviets tested their cake bomb, supposedly three times stronger than any other. Mr. Rhoads also discussed the upcoming Heritage Day, with 80 runners registered for the More Joy Run. Games and Jump ‘n Slide houses, along with face painting and games. MORPC meeting scheduled for Thursday. Memorial Garden is planted. Waiting on Franklin County on sewers out east.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed.

Old Business:
1. Bond Update- Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Estep met with the bond attorney to discuss our options and we are putting together a list of objectives in the township that the bond could cover and a total cost, and then bring before the trustees.
2. Ridgewood Culvert Fencing- Mr. Giaramico stated that this would be along Buenos Aires by the sidewalk and with three fence companies approached, only Arrow Fence responded. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the commercial grade fencing for the culvert area of Ridgewood Park from Arrow Fence, at a cost of $4,550.00. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
3. Cell Tower- Mr. Welch discussed location, terms and cost in phases. Mr. Rhoads plans to talk more to see if the contract could be improved. After a detailed discussion, Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to enter an agreement with Verizon on the cell tower with an exception in the terms, $18,000.00 up front per year and $1500.00 per month, with a 10% increase for every 10 (ten) year period. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

New Business:
1. OTARMA Renewal- Mr. Estep noted that the anniversary date for our yearly renewal is August 10, 2015, with an increase of $2,455.00 over last year. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the OTARMA insurance renewal for August 10, 2015 through August 10, 2016, at the net cost of $39,706.00. Mrs. Heichel, seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
2. Employee Legal Program- Mr. Rhoads discussed a program for legal and attorney help for our employees’ cost at a rate of $17.49 per pay and asked the Board for approval to offer it to our employees. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize the employee benefit at no cost to the township for the LegalShield Plan, to our full and part time employees. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
**Minutes of**

**August 12, 2015**

**Blended Township Board of Trustees**

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**New Business: continued...**

3. **Township Newsletter** - Mrs. Heichel discussed the Summer 2015 Newsletter and asked for approval to proceed with one change regarding the More Joy engraved pavers date to purchase at $50.00, be extended to December 31, 2015. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the newsletter as presented with the one change, at a $2,700.22 cost for 3,050 copies, including postage to Yes Press. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

4. **NU-22-15 - Mr. Rhoads** request approval from the Board for NU-22-15 for 2649 Clybourne Road, for high grass. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve NU-22-15 for 2649 Clybourne Road. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

**Director/Staff Updates:**

Fire Chief Brian Miller stated Mr. Dave Williams has been appointed to Chief Fire Marshal with the Blendon/Westerville Fire and is an 18 year veteran.

Mr. Flaherty noted they just came out of a Fire Committee meeting and have started a process of when and how much the next fire levy will run. Next meeting, we should have numbers to look at.

Mr. Estep noted there is also a police levy for next year, and plans to put numbers together with Mr. Rhoads and present those numbers as well.

Mr. Matt Newman has passed the test for his CDL license and is now eligible for a 2% raise, increase effective August 6, 2015. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the 2% increase as a result of passing his CDL, effective August 6, 2015. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

**Open Floor:**

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, discussed the big success of the Ridge-A-Palooza and because of the community involvement, with 440 attending, and volunteers from HRAA, Faith Covenant Church, our Fire Department and Blendon Township, and also the Huber Ridge Elementary PTA.

**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, August 26, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Blendon Senior Center. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Approved by: [Signature]

Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: [Signature]

James F. Welch, Chairman