Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes of the August 26, 2015 Meeting:
The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 pm. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes, as presented, for the August 12, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Flaherty 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, continuing with our Bicentennial History, noted that in the early 1800's, one of the Trustee's duties was to check fences so the cattle didn't get out. They often sent doctor's they had chosen to attend to the ill and the patient would receive the bill from the Trustees. There was a pattern the trustees set, of throwing the homeless and those who didn't pay their taxes out of the township. And then, Clinton Township would only send them back. Fast forward to now, the trustee's call on the Police Department to check homes and garages for safety and incorporate aid in the form of programs to help the needy. Phelps Acres bushes are being replaced and the materials for the bell will be in next week. The Bicentennial Celebration has more than 100 runners. Rezoning of Harbin drive hasn't happened yet and the cell tower is in waiting mode.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed.
2. Group Home Report- Mrs. Joya Neff. No new group home plans in the community and Mr. Flaherty asked that the Blendon/Westerville Fire Department and Mr. Rhoads work with Mrs. Neff to get with the Clinton Township Fire Department regarding reporting. Lack of reporting will allow us to write Rep. Ann Gonzales regarding ignoring the law and proceed from there. Police Chief Belford noted that group homes are now showing up in apartments, with this to be verified by police reports.

New Business:
1. Annexation Agreement- Mr. Rhoads stated that a resident at 6609 Hempstead Road has a well that has gone dry and requested annexation into the City of Westerville, because Blendon Township has no utilities there. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to sign the annexation agreement between Blendon Township and City of Westerville, agreeing to pay $1,250.00 per year, equivalent to taxes, starting in January, 2016 through 2020. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
2. Nuisance Resolution NU-23-15- Mr. Rhoads requested the Board sign the nuisance resolution for 3578 Carthage Court, due to high grass. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Resolution NU-23-15, regarding high grass at 3578 Carthage Court. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Director/Staff Updates:
Mr. Welch discussed the Aqua Ohio water costs and billing and if they were to become tax exempt, the cost of water would be reasonable. They are working on new water lines in the Harbin Drive area. Also, the Blendon Township Trustees met with City of Westerville City Council and were privileged to receive the honor and acknowledgement from the City of Westerville acknowledging our Bicentennial (200 years) and also our great relationship of the two communities. Noted was the blending of both Fire Departments, JEDZ, and the Economic Development. The Board was honored, and also the City declared Saturday, August 29, 2015 Heritage Day, which makes it official. Activities run from dawn to dusk.
Director/Staff Updates continued.....

Mr. Giamarlo discussed spraying of mosquitoes this evening in the community. Everything is ready for Heritage Day and lighting has been added to Ridgewood Park. Sunbury Woods Park has a new picnic table.

Fire Chief Miller discussed the purchase of a new gas Fire Engine for Station #112, the first gas engine in 25 years, as the others are diesel.

Mrs. Harter asked the Board to consider opening up more of “E” section of the Blendon Central Cemetery.

Mrs. Jordan noted everything is ready for the 12th annual Blendon Senior Center Car Show.

Chief Belford discussed his updates to the Board including the website and Facebook updates, with charts, to keep the Community informed, filtering some situations, but public record if requested. They offer self-defense classes for women and sex offender issues (not always strangers) that need to be delicately handled. Open communications with the Community is always a consideration.

Open Floor:
Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, thanked the Police Department and the Chief Belford for their exceptional work. The Community really appreciates the contact and response from our Police Department. Also mentioned was the appreciation for the new lighting at Ridgewood Park.

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, thanked the Fire and Police Departments for participating in the National Night Out, and asked several questions after missing the previous meeting.

Mr. Estep requested the next meeting time be moved up. Mr. Welch moved to have the September 9, 2015 meeting time be moved up to 6:00pm. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

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, September 9, 2015, at 6:00pm at the Blendon Senior Center. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: James P. Welch, Chairman