Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes of the September 9, 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 for the September 9, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. The Blendon/Westerville Deputy Fire Chief Ross 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 on September 15, 1848, one of Blendons’ residents, named Brice Hays, came to complain about Mr. Smith, and stated a man name Porcson Smith came to his house sick without means to help himself. On the 16th, trustees ordered Mr. Hays to take medical care of him. On the 25th, Mr. Smith would be moved to his place of residence for $1.75 a day, the expense of moving, $6.25, and for care and board $25.00. Mr. Hays received full pay from the township that Mr. Smith was from. Mr. Estep and Mr. Rhoads have met with the bond attorneys and the municipal advisor on the potential bond issue and have learned some great information and will have for everyone soon. The spreadsheet shows what the payments would be for each project and when they would expire. Also compensation can start when the project starts, therefore funding is available. Shredded Day consumed 300 tons of paper and so continues to be very successful, with a “thank you” to Mr. Giamarcos’ staff for handling it.

The next MORPC meeting is to discuss code enforcement at the township level. Phelps Acre now has a new bench facing the playground equipment. Fiber Optic was again brought up at the City of Westerville meeting and OCLC stated they will lease us fiber for free. City of Westerville is having a “drag take back program” with the closest location at Kroger on Schrock Road, from 9-1pm, on Saturday. Mr. Welch noted that the two dumpsters at the park were full, so that is also a popular program along with shredding.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- emailed.
2. Annexation Petition Minerva Park Golf Course- Mr. Rhoads discussed with the Board that M.J. Homes, with the type 2 annexation would leave the houses in the township, which means we would continue to receive our tax dollars and increase as homes are built. The JEDZ does stay in place and they do vote for the trustees. Snowplowing and mosquito contracts will be according the volume and establish written contracts.

Old Business:

1. Draft Street Tree Policy- Mr. Rhoads discussed with the Board the draft of the Street Tree Policy. Mr. Flaherty suggested we inform new neighbors by way of realtors and the ole “welcome wagon” as a way of communication. Mrs. Heichel asked that clarification of who is responsible for maintenance after tree is planted and it is at the homeowner’s expense, whether the township or owner handles.

New Business:

1. Trick or Treat Beggars Night- Mr. Rhoads recommended we follow MORPC and City of Westerville. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve Thursday, October 29, 2015, 6-8pm as Beggars Night in Blendon Township. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarcos noted they did spray for mosquitoes one last time, just to be sure. Sunbury Woods Park has been cleaned up. Stumps from our tree removal are being ground up and sidewalks are finished up for 2015. Plans for 2016 are the same.
Deputy Fire Chief Ross discussed the upcoming Open House for the fire houses is Sunday, October 4, 2015, from 1-4pm. Everyone is welcome with various activities for the children. Mrs. Heichel has a Santa Claus lined up for Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 9-11am, for breakfast with Santa, after conferring with Mrs. Jordan. Mr. Rhoads noted Mr. Estep and he will have two resolutions for consideration for a police levy and fire levy for the 2016 election. Mrs. Harter noted that Mr. Hoskinson was in her office to thank the Board for the large corner flower pots in our cemetery that prevent vehicles from running over his father’s grave. Mrs. Jordan stated there will be no flu shots this year due to Franklin County scheduling so late in the year when most seniors have already had theirs. Their Advisory council has 11 members and are looking for 4 more members. Expecting a transportation grant real soon.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, Oslo Drive, discussed the new housing development in Minerva Park and also thanked the Board for Shed it Day. Also requested a list of types of trees for the tree policy. Mr. Welch noted when the policy is approved, the list will be available.

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, October 7, 2015, at 6:30pm at the Blendon Senior Center. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Approved by: 
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: 
James F. Welch, Chairman