Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes of the September 23, 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 23, 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 on this day, October 7, 2001, the war on Afghanistan began, and in 1940, Adolph Hitler sent troops into Romania. Some positive news, on this day in 1816, the first double-deck steamboat arrived in New Orleans. The MORPC meeting is this Thursday to discuss past and present legislation. The Zoning Commission will meet on the 13th and Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the 15th for a Public Hearing.

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

Old Business:
1. Resolution 2015-04 Street Tree Policy - Mr. Rhoads has revised the Street Policy and requests approval from the Board. With the changes made, it is tighter and cleaner and Mr. Flaherty moved to approve Resolution 2015-04, putting in place the 2015 Street Tree Policy. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

2. Phelps Acre Fence - Mr. Rhoads discussed best pricing by Arrow Fence to provide fencing for Phelps Acre Park. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to proceed with the contract with Arrow Fence for $11,475.00, for iron fencing to help protect children from traffic at the corner. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

New Business:
1. Resolution 2015-05 Fire Levy Necessity - Mr. Estep and Fire Chief Miller discussed the necessity of a 2.8 mill levy to maintain the same level of operations and the necessity of new equipment, and additional EMS services. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Resolution 2015-05, declaring it necessary to levy a 2.8 mills for the fire district and waive the reading of the resolution. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

2. Copier Contracts – Mr. Rhoads discussed the expiring contract for our three copiers and presented a proposal from Blue Technologies for state pricing and buyout of existing months on contract. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to enter into a 60 month contract with Blue Technologies for three copiers at $588.85 per month. Mr. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

3. 2016 Budget Resolution-Mr. Estep discussed with the Board, accepting the amounts and levy Franklin County Budget Commission allows. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the resolution for the amounts and rates determined by Franklin County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
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October 7, 2015

Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Giannarco noted the streets will have the fall sweep along with one more after the leaves have fallen. Working on gutters and curbs for Lisbon/Acapulco streets when the water lines are finished, with a cost to be split with the water company. Starting foundation pouring in the cemetery tomorrow.

Fire Chief Miller discussed having 300 visitors at Station 112, for their Open House for Fire Prevention Week. This year’s theme is “Hear the beep where you sleep”, so we recommend smoke detectors in each occupied bedroom and each level of the home. Also, ten years or older detectors should be replaced. Bathroom exhaust fans and dryer vents should also be cleaned.

Mr. Rhoads noted he and Mr. Estep continue to meet with bond council and repayment looks manageable. Mr. Rhoads is also working on sewers out east.

Mr. Flaherty discussed the update on the Bicentennial video needing one school superintendent or teacher and three business leaders, then to be edited to 15 minutes. Target deadline is November.

Mr. Estep noted he is working on the police levy and hopefully have resolution ready for next meeting.

Mrs. Harter requested ideas for a time capsule and a location to be opened in 25 years.

Mrs. Jordan discussed Senior Center attendance is up and new signups receive a free box lunch.

Chief Belford suggested using boy scouts helping with the time capsule and to consider geocaching. Perhaps have a treasure hunt to recover the capsule could create interest. Hoover Regatta and 5K race are this weekend at Hoover, with participants and spectators will require our officers to handle the traffic.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, Caracas Drive, discussed the next block watch meeting with Huber Ridge and Sunbury Woods Area Associations, in combination with Blendon Township Police and the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office will be presenting Thursday, November 12th a program on internet safety issues such as sexting, on-line predators and internet traps that children fall into. The program is geared toward adults and hoping to arrange child care. The location is being discussed at this time, but plan to get the word out soon. Plans are coming along for the Saturday, October 24th Halloween Party from 6-8 pm, at Ridgewood Park.

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, Oslo Drive, discussed the March ballot for the fire levy, and a permanent police levy renewal of 4 mills plus 1.75 mills for a total 5.75 levy.

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 21, 2015, at 6:30 pm at the Blendon Senior Center. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Approved by:
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:
James F. Welch, Chairman