Minutes of
Blendon Township Board of Trustees

Held February 19, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance

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

The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Welch moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the February 5, 2020, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board – Emailed from the Directors

New Business:

1. Resolution 2020-01 Permanent Appropriations- Mr. Smith requested the Board approve Res. 2020-01 Permanent Appropriations, after a brief discussion. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve $10,001,667.00 total appropriation funds. Mr. Welch second. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

2. 2019 Financial Report- Mr. Smith noted the completion of the two-year audit with the Auditor of State, and the Board’s approval, ending in the amount of $7,900,000.00. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the 2019 Financial Report. Mr. Welch second. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

3. Blendon Township CIC Funding- Mr. Rhoads requested the Board approve $20,000 in funds for the CIC Grant Program. Mr. Welch moved to approve the $20,000.00 from CEDA/JEDZ to fund the 2020 CIC Grant Program. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

4. 2020 Sidewalk Replacement Program- Mr. Rhoads discussed the program with the Board and Mr. Giamarco, with plans to improve the worst of the worst sidewalks and open communications with the residents in the community. The Board approved.

Old Business:

5. Mower Replacement Program- Mr. Giamarco requested the Board approve the purchase with trade-in for two “0” turn mowers. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the purchase of two new mowers at $10,399.00 per mower as presented. Mr. Welch second. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarco discussed the chance to plow and salt over the last two weeks, but still have 500 tons left for the rest of the year.

Westerville Fire Chief Miller noted a fire on Harbin Drive had working smoke detector that saved lives. He reminded everyone that the Smoke Detector Program is still available. He thanked the Apartment Manager and his firefighters for their prompt response.

Mr. Flaherty spoke of the death of Bill Bates, a 29-year Trustee, for his service to Blendon during trying times.

Mr. Smith discussed the new accounting system for reports, results and summaries. The Board and Staff both agree that it is easy to read and understand.

Mrs. Harter discussed the first two months of sales in Blendon Central Cemetery and its popularity has grown over the years.

Mrs. Bowman discussed the recent Valentine’s Dance and how much fun the seniors had and thanked the firefighter’s that joined in at the delight of the seniors. Plans for a Frank Sinatra like singer should also be very popular.

Chief Belford stated that the last day for GovDeals.com is February 21st for bidding. Bidding should improve towards the end of the week.
Open Floor:

Mrs. Ciamarco, 4531 E. Walnut Street, discussed the road construction in her area. Mr. Giamarco and Chief Belford responded.  
Mrs. Ricker, 5566 Oslo, discussed four properties that are in need of repair.

Pay Bills: Mrs. Heichel moved to pay the bills. Mr. Welch second. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Mr. Flaherty advised that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 6:30pm.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01pm.

Approved by ____________________________  
Shawn S. Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman