Pledge of Allegiance

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

The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the October 3, 2018, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator’s Report: Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: Median damage on Westerville Road from plow trucks last year have been repaired. Considering guide posts to help ODOT so it doesn’t happen again. Gathering quotes for air conditioning in the mausoleum. An investigation by City of Westerville concerning the asphalt plant to check into odors and air quality. EPA conducted a short data that was inconclusive. We have approval from the JEDZ Board to help with expenses. Two Halloween parties are planned at each park the next two weeks. Plan to have fun.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.
2. AEP- Expansion project on Morse Road.

New Business:

1. Yearly Stormwater Program Review- Mr. Rhoads discussed with the Board, the yearly stormwater program and that we are following with Franklin County inspections. Monitoring of post construction sites are also followed.

2. Westerville Road Street Lighting- Mr. Rhoads discussed installing a second arm on the lights to handle banners and financed out of the JEDZ account. Mr. Flaherty move to approve the light poles on Westerville Road with banner arms at the cost of $22,287.00, out of the JEDZ fund. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Old Business:

1. Road Paving Update- Mr. Giamarco discussed the paving program with the Board regarding exact dates and times residents should expect their streets. Efforts are being made, but sometimes current information is received the evening before, due to weather. It was suggested that when the letter is sent to the resident that it states the paving is scheduled around the weather and to check our website for the latest information.

Director/Staff Updates

Mr. Giamarco stated more foundations have been poured for the cemetery. Our goal is to have this done by Veteran’s Day, with the Boy Scouts placing flags the Saturday before the holiday. Another light pole is down due to a car accident. Both poles should be repaired in the next couple of weeks. Insurance will reimburse the expense.
Director/Staff Updates-continued...

Fire Chief Miller discussed the Blendon/Westerville Fire Department Open House last weekend for all three fire stations. They went very well. Our new engine rescue unit went in at Station #111. Plans are to bring it to the November 14th Trustee Meeting. And new medic #111 should be in service and will be brought as well. With Trick or Treat coming up in the next couple of weeks, please carry flashlights and wear reflective clothing.

Mrs. Heichel referenced the photographs displayed. These pictures were taken by residents and submitted for our Photo Contest and Calendar. They were also displayed at Heritage Day/Concert, where they were voted on by people in attendance for favorites for our 2019 Calendar. Winners were notified by our fall newsletter and they were surprised. They will also receive a personal note and gift. Our 2019 Calendar is on target for this month for printing and distribution, along with a resident guide.

Mr. Estep discussed the Police Levy meeting from last night’s meeting and all were positive responses. A thank you to Chief Belford on his presentation and answered questions presented.

Mrs. Bowman talked of the train trip planned for next Wednesday for the 52 seniors, through the Cuyahoga County Forest. The Holly Berry Craft Bazaar is next Saturday, 9-3pm, October 27th. Red Cross will also be at the center, as well, for the Smoke Detector replacement program.

Chief Belford discussed talking on the phone with residents that were unable to attend the Police Levy meeting and reached out on Facebook to call in or schedule an appointment. Responding, as well, to other complaints that were expressed at the meeting. Consideration of more speed bump signs was discussed.

Open Floor:

Mr. & Mrs. Rasmussen, 5879 Cooper Road, discussed the evaluation of the current levy and the net affect for upcoming levy with Mr. Estep. Paving was discussed on maintaining the road by Franklin County, in front of their home. A missing fire hydrant on Cooper Road is maintained by City of Columbus. Speeding is also a concern as a cut through on Cooper Road and signage is handled by Franklin County. Chief Belford suggested calling the mayor action line and Mr. Giamarco to reach out to Franklin County.

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 advised that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at 6:30pm.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Approved by:
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:
Jim Welch, Chairman