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 6:30 pm. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the October 30, 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: The Building Department bill did not make it to the floor and Senate. Bacon hopes to have it at one of the next couple of sessions. Minerva Park has requested help with their building permit processing and we are in the process of seeing what we can do. MORPC will be heading to Washington D.C. to meet new members. Mr. Estep & Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Rhoads plan to meet with 5/3 Bank regarding our investments. Mark your calendar for the new Aldi Grand Opening on November 29th @ 8:30am and everyone is invited.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.

New Business:

1. **Lawn Treatment Contract: Mr. Giamarco** discussed TruGreens' Contract renewal with no increase. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve a 3-year contract with TruGreen at the same cost, estimated at $9,245.55 per year. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Old Business:

1. **Street Tree Trimming: Mr. Giamarco** and the Trustees discussed a winter program to handle any overgrown trees that affect the roadways and sidewalks in Blendon Township. There are an estimated 250 trees that need to be trimmed back. He would like to use Westerville Tree Service with a letter to the designated residents. The Board approved the project, with review of the letter from the Township. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the tree trimming project with approximately 250 homes at a cost of $200 per hour, estimate of $20,000.00, with Westerville Tree Service. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. Any updates can be discussed at the next meeting.

2. **Community Recycling Cart Grant Agreement: Mr. Rhoads** discussed with the Board the agreements from the SWACO grant program. The grant is to supply recycle carts for all residents in the Township. SWACO is covering approximately 80% of the cost, and our cost of $38,024.00, that can be paid over 3 years, with no interest. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to sign the Community Recycling Cart Grant Agreement with SWACO, as presented. Mrs. Heichel second. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes. The Board agreed this is an effective way to help keep our community clean.
Director/Staff Updates:
Mr. Giamarco discussed that at a previous meeting with Mr. Rasmussen, 5819 Cooper Road, had requested a “Hidden Driveway” sign on Cooper Road. Franklin County did a study and it did not meet any of the recommendations. They also supplied pictures with the “no recommendation” study. Mr. Giamarco is to inform Mr. Rasmussen and supply a copy of the study. Also, the speed study for the dead end of Lee Road requested by a resident, was performed on September 7, 2018. ODOT noted the 45mph speed limit, but calculated the average speed was 42mph, with an average of 176 vehicles per day in the study. The resident will receive a copy of the ODOT study.

Fire Chief Miller noted that the new vehicles for our fire department were on display in the parking lot and that they have already been put to good use. With winter on our doorsteps, please check for carbon monoxide, have your chimney checked and cleaned, and open when used. Dryer vents should be cleaned along with the lint traps. He wished everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving.” Make sure your turkey is thawed and outside away from decks and the house if you choose to use a turkey fryer.

Mr. Flaherty wanted to publicly thank Chief Belford, Trustee Heichel who spearheaded the Police Levy Campaign. And a “thank you” to everyone who worked on it. It was a community effort. The impressive part in this world where everybody is negative on government and just about everything, the 73% support is gratifying to see those positive results in Blendon Township. Thank you from the Board.

Mrs. Harter reminded the Directors that timecards are due on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Also, the benches in the cemetery have been installed. OTA Convention is scheduled for January 30- February 2, 2019. Please let her know if you want to attend and be signed up.

Mrs. Bowman noted pictures are up in the Senior Center lobby of the seven seniors running for five positions on the Advisory Council. Thanksgiving dinner is being served to over 100 seniors tomorrow for the biggest pot luck dinner ever at the Center. A trip to White Lilly Chapel was very enjoyable.

Chief Belford thanked the voters for passing the Police Levy. And the volunteers who gave their own time and effort. To follow the legacy of Chief Heichel, is to pass a levy with human contact to every citizen all year long and year out. A thank you to our Officers for their continued efforts in our Community.

Chief Belford also requested the Board sign the yearly renewal DUI contract with Franklin County. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the DUI Task Force Contract with the Franklin County Sheriffs Office for the calendar year 2019, as presented by Chief Belford. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

Open Floor:
Mrs. Ricker, 5561 Oslo, noted the upcoming “Holiday Lights” contest. Sgt. Moynihan plans to be a judge of the best decorated home in Huber Ridge Subdivision on Wednesday, December 19th.

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 Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 6:30pm. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Approved by:
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:
Jim Welch, Chairman