Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; 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 February 8, 2017, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief also attended. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: Has a meeting with Mayor Ginter along with other community leaders to discuss neighborhoods and increasing the value of their homes. Legislation from Senator Bacon has moved to the committee, then on to hearing and vote. CIC is under audit. Website and agenda software is currently underway.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors
2. Notice from SWACO-Board of Health

Old Business:

1. Aqua Rate Update - Mr. Welch updated the Board regarding a request last June for a rate increase from Aqua Ohio Water Company. A settlement with Aqua and PU CO, water at 6.94% rate. It will need to be signed off by the OCC and others involved. The new agreement will include a contract with Whirlpool to help us. Also a bill payment of $15,000.00 to provide a program to help low income families. This is a pilot program, first time established and hopefully will receive final approval. This is a win-win for both the shareholders and everyone. Sign off may come within 30 days.

New Business:

1. Obsolete Desk/Couch- Mr. Rhoads requested approval to obsolete an old desk from the Senior Center and old couch from the Police Department, no longer needed. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the obsolete the Senior Center desk and Police Department couch. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
2. 2017 Park and Complex Spring Cleanup Mr. Rhoads requested approval to have Miller Landscaping clean and spruce up many areas of the township, with last year’s pricing. Mr. Welch moved to approve the 2017 parks and complex spring cleanup with Miller Landscaping at a cost of $14,397.00. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
3. Part Time Officer Pay Scale- Mr. Rhoads requested approval from the Board adjust the part time police officers pay to reflect with comparable wages in other local communities. Mr. Welch moved to approve the pay scale for new part time police officers to start at $23.11 per hour, and on completion of their probation period to Step A rate of $26.49 per hour, and also raise Det. Eric Moore to $26.49 per hour, effective February 18, 2017. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
4. Police Department Flooring- Mr. Giamanco discussed with the Board the deterioration of the floor in the Police Department. After receiving two Estimates: Ultimax, $19,949.00, and Columbus Tile $18,423.00, Mr. Welch moved to approve the contract with Columbus Tile for the flooring of the Police Department, at a total cost of $18,423.00. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
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Director/Staff Updates:

Lt. Lephart discussed the seriousness of the flu this year. Police Department has had several cases and to please stay home if you’re sick so not to pass it on.

Mrs. Harper discussed the popularity of the 2017 Community Garden due to good weather, and the Community Survey paper requests have started. Also, with the planning of the Memorial Day ceremony, Mrs. Heichel has found us a Pastor and Chief Belford is working on a speaker. The Franklin County Engineer’s dinner is March 9th, but to please have reservations, if you are going, in by March 2nd.

Mr. Flaherty discussed the volume of responses coming in for the Community Survey and requested the paper requested be emailed by this Friday. Plan to expect about a 10% response. With two or three requests, we hope to have a good response.

Mr. Rhoads discussed the progress for the cemetery ossuary project is starting to take shape, with the cement poured. Westerville Road project is moving along with gravel rocks now placed. Working on estimates for Phelps Acre parking and lighting. The Sunbury Road sidewalk should be signed off soon so that can get started.

Chief Miller discussed that the flu shot does make a difference so please get one if you haven’t. The fire department responded to a space heater fire and suggested that the instructions be read regarding not using extension cords.

Mr. Gianmarco discussed the installment of our car wash and giving a much needed Senior Center bus a cleaning. Generator project for the Service Department is underway. Major cleanup of litter in the community with the first nice day and needed due to high winds. Street sweepers start Monday for gutter cleanup, with signs out to inform our residents.

Open Floor:

Mr. and Mrs. Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, discussed Earth Day, April 22nd, for shredding, tire disposal and prescription drug drop off. Also, the repair of a boarded window was discussed.

Mrs. Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, noted the survey is the same color of Volunteers’ of America postcard and maybe use another color next time.

Boy Scout Andrew Rogers, Troop #560, 3445 Dahlgreen Drive, introduced himself and attended our meeting to observe and, in turn, earn his Citizenship Badge. The Board thanked him for attendance.

Mrs. Heichel asked the residents if they had received their calendar in the mail and all said they did. Mrs. Cordray noted the positive response, and Mrs. Hieche asked for more photographs for next year’s calendar.

Pay bills: Mr. Flaherty moved to pay the bills. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes: Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. The attached list of checks was approved for payment.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson