Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mr. Estep, here.

Consent Agenda: 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 22, 2017, meeting. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief also attended.

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

Administrator's Report:
Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: Had meeting for the kick-off of our new website. Attending monthly MORPC meeting on Thursday. Hearing with Senator Bacon went very well with several questions answered, and we have the support of the OTA. Many other townships are anxious to see what happens with Blendon Township. Then, on Tuesday, a meeting on behalf of the bill is scheduled. Delivery of the Obelisk Ossuarium came today with the installation planned for tomorrow.

Communications:

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

Resolutions:

1. 2017-02 Franklin Soil & Water - Mr. Rhoads requested the Board approve the following resolution. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve Res. 2017-02, to authorize Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District to apply and accept assistance from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund administered through the Ohio Public Works Commission. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Motion Resolutions:

1. To hire Sharon Marie Fairall, as part time cook for the Senior Center has been tabled, due to her accepting employment elsewhere.

Old Business:

1. Resident Survey Update - Mr. Flaherty discussed the latest on the survey and noted that per our spring newsletter article, the community can call in and receive a survey if they prefer. The end date is March 25, and then calculations will begin.

Director / Staff Updates:

Chief Belford discussed the serious event in our Huber Ridge Area that went smoothly with no harm to animals in the household. The Columbus and Blendon Police Departments along with Franklin County SWAT were able to control the situation and make arrests. It was well-planned, well-executed and held secret by all. The Columbus Detectives congratulated us on how professional our detective (Josh Rutherford) and police officers were on the case.

Update to follow. At the Franklin County Chiefs meeting, Ohio Department of Highway Safety discussed integrity and law enforcement (traffic enforcement) and the importance of maintaining the trust of people. Blendon Police Department was a presented with a Lidar laser speed detector from a grant ODHS received and out of all attending Blendon was chosen, because of all our efforts in traffic safety, all the way back to Sgt. Wayt efforts with “Click It Ticket” campaign before retirement. Mentioned the efforts by Sgt. Moynihan and his program, our OVI task force and recent enforcement on 161 to reduce traffic accidents. He discussed Blendon Township and how to do traffic enforcement right. Chief Belford thanked the efforts of our officers and trustees for doing the right thing, the right way. Mr. Flaherty suggested a write up for our website.
Director /Staff Updates: continued...

Mrs. Bowman discussed replacing worn out chairs at the Senior Center and the Board agreed to the purchase of 120 regular tan chairs and 8 lobby chairs. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to purchase 120 stack chairs at $22.99 each and 8 lobby chairs at $31.99 each. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Mrs. Harter noted that the 2017 calendar was distributed to the three local funeral homes by driver Dave Lilley, to help get them out to the community, and discussed the Township’s participation in the Franklin County's Engineer Dinner. Also, the dependence of weather on our community gardens success. Those signed up are non-residents, so far. The article is in our spring newsletter to get it out to our residents in a mailing on the 9th of March.

Mr. Rhoads echoed the professionalism of our Blond Police Department, Chief Belford and working with Columbus Police Department to make this raid happen and keeping a “tight lip” until it was executed. The briefings and safety issues to make this succeed are critical. The pig in the house was not harmed.

Chief Miller discussed the delivery of a new Medic truck for Engine House #112, in June and that it will completely outfit #112 with new equipment. The Board thanked him.

Mr. Giamarco discussed working with Westerville Tree Service on our tree program to get ready for this year’s program and currently working on removing trees on Hunt Club on complaint basis and repairing the sidewalk. AEP is to repair some of the street lights. Corey Fleig and he attended a seminar given by OSU, to maintain their mosquito and weed control licensing for spraying.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, discussed with Mr. Giamarco, the beautification of our 270 and Westerville Road Project, with landscaping to replace old shrubs.

Pay bills: Mr. Flaherty moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Heichel 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 6:54pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: /s/ Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

 Approved by: /s/ Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson