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. Flaherty moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the March 8, 2017, meeting. Mr. Welch 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: Spoke at meeting with Sen. Bacon on a Residential Building Department, with OTA on board with their support, for the streamline process for our residents. Should go to full vote soon. Northwest Title started operations at Executive Parkway last Friday, with their occupancy permit and plan to stop in soon. With spring around the corner, zoning is pretty steady. Several CIC applications have come in due to the new township calendars distributed. Also, all the bands are ready for our three concerts this summer.

Communications:
1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.
2. Notice from Franklin County-Bridge inspection report.

New Business:
1. Liquor Permit Renewal – BP 6241 Sunbury Road- Mr. Rhoads discussed the renewal and if any concerns, and there were not. The Board approved.
2. Part-time Service Department Employees- Mr. Giamarco discussed service help during the summer months. Mr. Welch made a motion to re-hire part-time, Adam Biebly and Richard Oxley @ $12 per hour, from June 1 – August 1, and hire part-time, new employee Christopher Muncie, April – October 2017, @ $12.00 per hour, with an average less than 30 hours. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
1. Vehicle Lease Request- Mr. Rhoads requested approval to enter a lease agreement for an additional vehicle for our Police Department. Mr. Flaherty moved to authorize Mr. Rhoads to enter into a 3 year lease for a 2017 Ford Explorer from Krieger Ford at a monthly cost of $435.23 per month, with a 45,000 mile limit. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Old Business:
1. Resident Survey Update. Mr. Flaherty discussed the latest on the survey and noted that per our spring newsletter article, and plans to take surveys through March 25th. The company that is handling this survey, will attend our April 19th meeting with a report.

Director /Staff Updates:
Chief Belford discussed the opioid abuse crisis and there is an everyday death in Columbus. The Franklin County Coroner Opioid Summit was attended by our Sgt. Moynihan. He is also involved with COPE. A malfunction with narcan on a recent crises brought our Fire Department medics, who then took over and saved a life. Even though there was a glitch with the device, it was amazing to see narcan work. Recall on narcan devices is due in April.
**Minutes of**

**Blendon Township Board of Trustees**

**Held March 22, 2017**

**Director/Staff Updates: continued...**

*Mrs. Bowman* discussed that the chair for the Senior Center have been ordered. The new member luncheon is getting popular. Garage sale is coming together and planned for Friday, March 31, 2017, and Saturday with baked goods and quilt to raffle. Treasures galore.

*Mrs. Harter* noted discussed the Obelisk and the curious, asking questions. Hoping for landscaping in cemetery soon. May need to call on staff as volunteers for Memorial Day, as it has been hard to find help. The ratio for the community gardens is growing in our favor.

*Mr. Estep* noted that within the next month our 2 year audit will start.

*Mrs. Heichel* noted Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is Saturday, April 8th, with the Easter Egg Hunt starting at 9 am sharp and breakfast till 11am. Also, WARM lunch program has a new director and we received the insurance for coverage for our files.

*Mr. Rhoads* stated that a new resident in Cleveland Heights is interested in the empty lot next to their property and should have more information next meeting.

*Chief Miller* informed the Board that Firehouse Subs donated $23,000.00 to the fire department to purchase new rescue equipment to stabilize structures from accidents. A thank you from the Board for their generous donation, in the form of a letter was suggested, from Mr. Rhoads. Also, the American Red Cross is starting their smoke detector door-to-door program at Harbin Road in April. Free smoke detectors to be installed.

*Mr. Gianmarco,* Mr. Fleig and Mr. Wayt all attended a seminar regarding spraying and controlling viruses through cleanup, and there may be a requirement to purchase special equipment to handle such viruses and the Zika virus. Information for the next newsletter is being compiled. Working with Westerville Tree Service for the Street and Sidewalk Program for this spring. Attending ODOT regarding a program for grants. Working with Franklin County regarding the “Welcome” signage, with approval from the Board. A Kilbourne Avenue resident found the foundation to the old Burwell farmhouse, so we can get pictures for our archives. In 2018, a round-about is planned for Smothers & Schott Roads.

**Open Floor:**

*Mrs. Miller, 5315 Trillium Court,* requested the ball fields, during the weekdays for practice. Insurance for the Columbus Colbra’s will be emailed to Mr. Rhoads. Use of the drag is available for Mr. Miller to use on the ball fields. Mr. Welch moved to approve use of the ball fields at Ridgwood Park, from now through July 2017, for practice for the Columbus Colbra’s, with proof of insurance. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

**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 7:09pm.

*Mrs. Heichel* noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: [Signature]

Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: [Signature]

Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson