Minutes of  
Blendon Township Board of Trustees 

Held April 19, 2017

Director /Staff Updates: 
Chief Belford discussed Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, 2017, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Shred-It Day is also planned to include tires, prescription drugs take back and documents shredding. Our officers will collect the drugs and turn them over to the EPA. Tuesday, April 25, 2017, is the next Task Force meeting.

Mrs. Bowman discussed the success of the Easter Egg Hunt/Breakfast with over 160 guests. Many enjoyed being able to sit with the Easter Bunny and have their pictures taken. Donations of $308.00 were accepted. Candy and stickers were abundant.

Mrs. Harter noted the interest in the Obelisk/Ossuarium is growing as the pavers have been placed and it is almost completed, except for landscaping. Several holds for niches have been made for when it is finished.

Mr. Estep stated the auditors have been delayed for a few weeks.

Mrs. Heichel mentioned along with Earth Day, dumpsters will be located at Ridgewood Park for residents to toss out old furniture and items, starting Friday, April 21st.

Mr. Flaherty requested information from our staff concerning another increase in water rates and would like a breakdown from Mr. Rhoads to show residents of what, over many years we have done and choices of what we can do to do more. We need to be transparent to all the work explored in trying to prevent this from continuing to happen. It will help Mr. Rhoads to put this in writing, so he can compile a monthly report.

Fire Deputy Chief Ross discussed the Smoke Detector Program with the Red Cross and Westerville Fire has been put on hold for now and hope to bring it to the community in the near future.

Mr. Giamarco, discussed the demise of signage plans at 270 & Westerville/State Street location and plans to get with City of Westerville for help. Mowing season has started and trees/sidewalks are being addressed, along with curbs/gutters. Cleanup of Ridgewood Park Trails has begun along with mulching under the playground equipment. The “Blendon Township Est. 1815” signage is underway.

Open Floor: 
Mrs. Clegg, 3614 Makassar, discussed the issue of “farm animals” ie pigs and chickens, as yard pets in Franklin County, with the Board. And thanked the Board for all they do and stated “it shows”. Mrs. Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, also referenced the issue and discussed with the Board the fact that chickens are “not allowed” in Blendon Township. It may also be a deed restriction in Huber Ridge Subdivision. The Board requested this issue be put on the website.

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 7:21pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: 
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer 

Approved by: Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson
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 April 5, 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: He is reviewing a home rule resolution with our attorneys, the Trash Consortium meeting is Thursday with bids (information at next meeting), lighting is in on Westerville Road, with trees and landscaping to follow, and pavers are placed at the obelisk/ossuarium. Starting to look very nice. Monday is our JEDZ monthly meeting.

Communications:

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

New Business:

1. **ODOT Participation Resolution**—Mr. Giamarco discussed the necessity to be able to purchase salt in advance of each winter, with a resolution from the Trustees. Mr. Welch moved to adopt a resolution with ODOT in order to purchase road salt for the 2017-18 season. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

2. **Sheriff DNA and Fingerprinting Contract**—Chief Belford discussed with the Board that the law requires DNA and fingerprinting during an arrest and we renew each year with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office to handle these procedures. Mr. Welch moved to authorize our participation in a four year contract with the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, for 2017-2020. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

3. **Nuisance Resolution NU-02-17 to NU-08-17**—Mr. Rhoads requested the adoption of NU-02-17 at 3555 Madrid Drive, NU-03-17 at 3474 Paris Blvd., NU-04-17 at 5829 Buenos Aires Blvd., NU-05-17 at 2679 Kilbourne Ave., NU-06-17 at 2711 Claridon Road, NU-07-17 at 2649 Clybourne Road and NU-08-17 at2887 Kilbourne Avenue be declared a nuisance due to high grass. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt nuisance abatements NU-02-17 to NU-08-17, as recommended by Mr. Rhoads. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Old Business:

1. **Resident Survey Update**—Mr. Flaherty discussed some of the results of the 314 surveys and introduced a gentleman from SRG, Strategic Research Group, that broke down several groups and categories contained in the handout. After the brief summary was reviewed, the Board suggested a more detailed breakdown in the final summary, as to what areas need more critiquing, to further know what improvements and changes to come from the results. Small town atmosphere, policing and close to shopping and interstate were a plus, and needed, was better water pricing and street lighting. Overall, safety was best rated. People enjoyed the concerts, breakfast with the Easter bunny, and other free programs. Mr. Flaherty discussed zone participation and a breakdown per neighborhood in order to help decipher which areas like what, and being able to reach certain areas to better communicate. Actual comments were requested by the Board, also.