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 19, 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: Bills in Sen. Bacon’s office are still out; Building Committee Bill and JEDZ Bill are awaiting an update. Westerville Road landscaping is 95% complete, and lights expected working in a few weeks. MORPC meeting is scheduled for next week. A Homeowner’s Association has been formed around Lee Road and Shaffer Estate, because of all the development with McCorkle Construction is causing many dirt mounds and dust, and Franklin County is to check that dirt isn’t running into the streams. Franklin County sent out information on Marijuana Dispensaries that needs to be reviewed by the Township Trustees for further discussion. Mr. Flaherty discussed the importance of getting this right, face opposition, and zoning issues may come into play. After discussion from Chief Belford on familiarity that comes with both alcohol and adult book stores, and as to where Franklin County is on marijuana, needs to be addressed. Suggestions as to where OTA stands, and our Prosecuting Attorney, Ron O’Brien opinions, needs to be addressed as well. Can we say “No” and change our minds? Mr. Rhoads plans to let the Board know.

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

New Business:
1. Cemetery Pricing: Mrs. Harter discussed with the Board the suggested pricing that Mr. Giamarco and she reviewed. The ossuaries is almost complete and a waiting list has started. It was suggested that we come up with a name for this part of the cemetery and Mr. Flaherty suggested all pricing should be reviewed. By next meeting, more information should be available along with suggested pricing.

2. Nuisance Resolutions NU-09-17 and NU-10-17 Mr. Rhoads requested the adoption of NU-09-17, 6467 Montford Road East and NU-10-17, 3623 Manila Drive be declared a nuisance due to high grass. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt nuisance abatements NU-09-17 and NU-10-17, as recommended by Mr. Rhoads for high grass. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Old Business:
1. Survey Update - Mr. Flaherty suggested that the compiled formal report with a breakdown by neighborhoods with a summary of questions and answers be in our next newsletter. A final format can be put out in copies and available also on our website if our residents should want a copy. The Board agreed.

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Director/Staff Updates:

Chief Belford discussed how proud he is with the professionalism of his police officers. The use of force incidents where they had physical encounters, no one was hurt. In one incident our officers were able to avoid a suicide with a knife. In another incident, a gold necklace was purchased and the individual realized it was not “real gold” and our officers were able to find the seller and the seller gave the money back. Chief Belford noted this was a first for him and his officers verbal skills are to be commended.

Mrs. Bowman noted that she’s in the process of working on her “new member luncheon” scheduled for May 25, 2017, at noon.

Mrs. Harter stated that the donation letters for Memorial Day had been sent and the “Public Notice” for our next meeting will go out Thursday, May 4th stating Monday, May 15, is our next meeting at 6:30pm, at the Senior Center. Both the Chief and I are working on finding a speaker. Chief Miller plans to have fire fighters to help.

Mr. Estep stated the payroll for that week will still be on the Wednesday, May 17th.

Fire Chief Miller discussed that two EMS vehicles may be used for each run, a red one and a white one; White is squad and red in medic. Each serves its purpose to help with the fleet. Should be in service in 7-10 days. Another bathroom exhaust fan fire happened in Blendon Township and to please get the word out to change them out if they are 10 years or older. Chief Miller will have an article for Mrs. Heichel for the next newsletter.

Mr. Giamarco stated we received the historic sign for Phelps Acre. We are finishing up the complex, slowly but surely. The Shred-it Day was very successful and busy. Dumpsters at the park were very successful and next year will be at the complex to help monitor no dumping of commercial, for only residents to use. Maybe a reminder in the June newsletter.

Open Floor:

Mr. and Mrs. Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, discussed the upcoming neighborhood Garage Sale this Saturday from 9am till approximately 4pm. A discussion of perhaps having the “free smoke detector” program happening in the fall during Fire Prevention Week. Also noted was the house on Panama is getting a new roof this week.

Mrs. Pam Clegg, 3614 Makassar, requested that the seasonal newsletter could have standard information, such as high grass violations that may help new residents that may not know. And, perhaps, forward the information to the homeowner's to repeat in their newsletters to get the word out.

Boy Scout Troop # 560 Joey Palmer, 3560 Valley Quail Blvd. North, stood and stated his presence at this meeting was a requirement to be awarded a badge for attending. He was welcomed by the Board.

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 7:11pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson