Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Welch, absent; 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 May 15, 2017, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, abstain; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Signatures: The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator’s Report:
Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: Benches and trash cans are in on Westerville Road and has started to look very nice. HRAA meeting is scheduled for next week to give them updates on the township. MORPC meeting on Thursday is scheduled. Mr. Caleb Watkins with Clean Energy and Mr. Rhoads are discussing costs for street lighting on Dempsey Road. Home page for our new website is coming along and looking good.

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

New Business:
1. Liquor Permit Renewal, 4612 Cleveland Avenue- Mr. Rhoads requested the Board approve renewal of liquor permit for Romano’s. Lt. Lehart stated there were very few problems. The Board will sign for a liquor renewal.

2. Nuisance Resolution NU-14-17 to NU-16-17 Mr. Rhoads requested the adoptions of NU-15-17, 2881 Kilbourne Avenue and NU-16-17, 2634 Clybourne Road, for high grass violations. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt nuisance abatements for NU-15-17 and NU-16-17, as recommended by Mr. Rhoads, for high grass. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Mr. Rhoads requested the adoption of NU-14-17, 2881 Kilbourne Avenue for an inoperable vehicle. Mr. Welch moved to adopt nuisance abatement for NU-14-17, 2881 Kilbourne Avenue, for an inoperable vehicle, as recommended by Mr. Rhoads. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes, Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

3. Utility Vehicle Purchase –Mr. Rhoads requested the purchase of a utility vehicle for endless work in the cemetery, Westerville Road clean up, to snowplow sidewalks in the winter, and park clean up. Mr. Welch moved to approve the purchase of a utility vehicle at a maximum price of $8,436.99, from Buckeye Power Sales. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Old Business:
1. Resolution 2017-03 Medical Marijuana Moratorium Mr. Rhoads noted he researched the upcoming medical marijuana laws at the State level, per the request of the Board. In talking with the State, our attorneys, and City of Westerville, most are in the dark about the specifics and are choosing a six month moratorium until concerns are addressed, especially our fire, police, and ems safety with the problems that may arise. Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt Resolution 2017-03 regarding a moratorium on medical marijuana for cultivation, processing and dispensing for six months. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
Director /Staff Updates:
Lt. Lephart asked that everyone keep two of our officers in their prayers and thoughts: one with a two year old bitten by a family dog and one officer’s mother is very ill. Also, with a rash of counterfeit money showing up in Sunbury Plaza, three suspects have been questioned. An example was passed around to the staff and Board to observe.

Mrs. Bowman discussed the popularity of the new member luncheon. We were able to sign up sixteen new members in May, of which nine were township residents. Our ice cream social had 58 people attend.

Mrs. Harter stated Memorial Day was a beautiful day. All who participated are to be thanked and congratulated on a great job. Officer Ricker gave a wonderful speech from the heart. Mr. Weibell, although ill, read a meaningful list of our military personnel lost in the call of duty. We were able to collect $1,460.00 in donations, with costs amounting to $1,445.00. Two generous donations by Mr. Flaherty and Aqua America Water were very much appreciated.

Mr. Estep thanked the staff and volunteers and firefighters for all their efforts and work in making this Memorial Day memorable. He and Mr. Rhoads plan to get together and go over the bonds, as we are close to maxing out. We have managed to get a lot done and with only a few small items left to do.

Mr. Welch noted that Aqua America reached out with letters to residents with high water usage and noted that no one responded.

Mrs. Heichel also wanted to thank everyone for their hard work and time for Memorial Day. Team work made it very successful. Pastor Jay said you can thank him for the nice weather, in jest. Our first “Concert in the Park” for this year, is Saturday, June 10th from 6-8pm. The band playing is HeinDog and the Stadz from Gahanna.

Mr. Flaherty thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication for a successful Memorial Day, with a lot of good comments about it, and also noted that these events are by donation only, and not at the tax payers expense and should be noted on all publicity, signage and public notices, about how it is paid for, whether JEDZ or otherwise.

Mr. Rhoads discussed the consideration of a bill regarding the purchasing age of 21 years to be able to buy cigarettes. Columbus and other local communities are changing the age to 21 years. To be discussed more later.

Fire Chief Miller asked everyone to have a watchful eye out for young swimmers in water areas, as there has been several drownings already this year. EMS Week was last week and he wanted to give a shout out to all our fire fighters, ems staff, police and dispatchers for the great team effort.

Mr. Giamarco received the permit from ODOT for signage on State/Westerville Road. We are full staff with our part timers. Our Phelps Acre Historical sign has been installed.

Open Floor:
Mrs. Pam Clegg, 3624 Makassar Drive, discussed the fact with Lt. Lephart, that fireworks are against the law. It will be put on our website as a reminder that “It is the law”.

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 6:58pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Friday, June 16, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: [Signature]
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: [Signature]
Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson