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 July 12, 2017, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, abstain. Signatures: The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Rhoads updated the Board on the following: Our JDEZ is doing well. With MI Homes considering a large 250 homes out east of Lee Road and Walnut, we should be vigilant in watching for annexation and hopefully maintain, as we did with the Rolling Ridge Community. Next Thursday, Mrs. Heichel, Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Rhoads have a meeting planned with the City of Westerville Finance Department, regarding TIF changes to help benefit the Westerville Schools. The Zoning Department is showing large numbers of permits. Code violations are up for high grass and trash.

Communications:

1. Update Reports to the Board- E-mailed from the Directors.
2. SWACO Plan Update- Letter.

New Business:

1. Burnham & Flower Health Insurance Broker- Mr. Rhoads discussed the complicated consortium breach of contract and many lawsuits with our previous broker and our attorneys are working hard. Mr. Rhoads requested the Board approve our new broker effective July 1, 2017. Mr. Welch moved to approve our new OTA approved broker, effective July 1, 2017. Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. A special meeting was suggested if need be to discuss our healthcare situation and having the support of many other townships.

2. MORPC Planning Agreement- Mr. Rhoads discussed with the Board the renewal contract with MORPC that runs every year. Mr. Flaherty moved approve the renewal contract with MORPC, as presented. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Old Business: None at this time.

Director /Staff Updates:

Lt. Lephart thanked the Board for the three new police officers (2 full time and 1 part time) and noted that they come very qualified and experienced.

Mrs. Bowman noted 4 new township members. She has reached out to sixteen car clubs to inform them of our upcoming Car Show in August. The seniors are looking forward the next trip to the Ark in Northern Kentucky. It should be very interesting.

Mrs. Harter noted she had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Eleanor Phelps Warner and they left a musket rifle that her grandfather, Harold Phelps owned from the early 1800’s. There are ideas and plans in the works as to how to best show this valuable antique. The family plans to donate $1,000.00, when we have made some decisions. To be continued.

Mr. Giamarco discussed the success of our recent Concert in the Park and noted much work accomplished with the part-time maintenance workers for the summer.
Open Floor:
Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, presented the Board and Staff with an invitation for National Night Out, August 1, 2017, 7-9pm at her address. A good suggestion to have an "Open House" be planned to show off our new maintenance department buildings is being considered.

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, complimented Mr. Wayt on "being on top of it" with his code enforcement and wanted the Board to know.

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 6:55pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at 6:30pm.

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

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