Minutes of
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Blended Township Board of Trustees
Held September 20, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, here; Mr. Welch, here; Mr. Flaherty, here; Mr. Estep, here.

The regular meeting of the Blended 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 August 23, 2017, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes. Blended/Westerville Fire Chief also attended. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator’s Report:

Mr. Rhoads reported updates to the Board, Staff and Attendees.
1. East Sewers- Continuing to work on a plan for the eastern area of the township.
2. Glengray Center- Aldi moving forward with construction documents.
3. BZA- No appeals board meeting due to do cases.

Communications:

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

New Business

1. Budget Resolution- Mr. Estep recommended the board accept the estimates from the Franklin County Budget Commission. Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the 2018 budget estimate. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.
2. 2018 Mowing Contracts- Mr. Rhoads requested the board authorize Sanders Lawn Care to continue with the 2018 mowing contracts with no increase in pricing. The contracts cover the cemetery, Phelps Acre, SR161 and SR3 at 270. Mr. Welch moved to approve the contracts and Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Old Business

1. Cemetery Pricing- Mr. Rhoads presented some suggested price adjustments for cemetery pricing. Three new areas need new pricing and some existing pricing needs adjusted effective 2018. Existing grave sites increase by $50. Increase for foundations of .05 cents. The new landscape niches will be priced at $1900 for residents and $2100 for non-residents. The 19 niche obelisk will be $2500 for residents and $3000 for non-residents. Mr. Welch moved to approve the new pricing and Mr. Flaherty seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

Director/Staff Updates

LT. Leppert mentioned the surrounding areas are experiencing car break-ins. Our residents are doing a good job taking their items inside. LT. Leppert wants to encourage everyone to take their items inside and report any suspicious activity.

Mrs. Bowman mentioned she had the back shocks on the bus replaced. The seniors went on a great trip and will schedule another soon. The celebration potluck is coming up with food and entertainment.
The American Red Cross had to cancel the smoke detector replacement program because of all the natural disasters. Chief Miller asked the Red Cross to provide some smoke detectors so his crews could start the replacement process. Any Blendon Township or Westerville resident who calls in for a smoke detector will have them replaced. Please call 614-901-6600.

John Giamarco - We have been experiencing some vandalism at Ridgewood Park. Someone is damaging the boardwalks. Our crews will make the repairs soon and we will keep an eye out. 270/SR3 we had a dump truck lose a ton of asphalt so crews went down to clean up the mess. Mowing season hasn't stopped yet so we are still mowing. Mosquito spraying will resume this evening.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, asked Chief Miller if there was a quantity of smoke detectors available. He advised they will continue to supply as needed.

Mrs. Joy Neff, 3615 Stockholm Road, advised the board about an ongoing tree problem with her neighbor. The board advised Mrs. Neff to circle back with township staff to look at grant money or code violations we can use to help with the situation.

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, Oslo Drive, asked about the spring cleanup and shredding event. Mrs. Heichel advised that the shredding event is October 14th 12pm to 2pm. The dumpsters will be at the township complex from Friday to Sunday that weekend. Mrs. Ricker asked Chief Miller if the smoke detectors are good for ten years. Chief Miller advised they are but they should be tested routinely to make sure they are working. Mrs. Ricker advised a new neighbor put a tire out to the curb and it wasn't picked up by Rumpke. She wanted to know if there was a location she could take the tire. The board advised her she will also be collecting tires at the same cleanup weekend at the township complex.

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.

Mrs. Heichel advised that the next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 04, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

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

Approved by: [Signature]
Jan Heichel, Chair