Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. **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 November 1, 2017, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, yes.

3. **Signatures:** The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

4. **Administrator’s Report:**
   - **Mr. Rhoads** updated the Board on the following: Harbin Road project, in talking with the owner, is ready to move forward with the empty nester type homes. More research is still needed. December 13th, the Executive Director of MORPC’s colleagues is planning lunch at Carcevic’s to discuss future plans. Glengary Center, the plans will be submitted any week now. At last week’s monthly MORPC meeting a discussion regarding eliminating heavy traffic downtown, with a plan to offer free COTA rides for employees of the larger firms that will be assessed with the fees. This Friday is the Ohio Public Works session, regard to the roadway improvement grant we recently applied for. A member of OHM will attend and report back. MORPC has an intern program that helps with social media, website and gather data. We hope to have the help by January.

5. **Communications:**
   - **5a. Update Reports to the Board - E-mailed from the Directors.**

6. **New Business:**
   - **Franklin Soil and Water Presentation - Mr. Rhoads** introduced Mr. Kurt Keijo who yearly gives a presentation on storm water. A few new items have been added to the list regarding handling and avoiding cleanup issues to protect our waters. Projects are suggested every five years from the townships that enhance and prevent pollution such as rain gardens, rain barrels and tree and shrub plantings to help filter stream buffers. There is a hotline available to report odors and problems. Please report illegal dumping. Blendon Township has and would like to continue to participate in the popular rain barrow workshops each year. Q & A followed with questions from residents. Mr. Keijo passed out his business cards and plans to get back after reviewing any possible problem. Leaves in the gutter are a problem and Blendon Township sends letter and newsletter that it is not allowed. Mr. Keijo will send flyers to the township later to help with getting more information out to the residents.
   - **Every Gift Matters Toy Drive - Mrs. Heichel** asked the Board and Staff if they would like to participate in the yearly toy drive for Children’s Toy Drive. Everyone agreed and plan to participate, and Mrs. Heichel will put together a flyer for the department heads.
   - **Sale of Township Lot - Mrs. Heichel** discussed selling the neighbor, George and Bonnie Franey, the lot on Clybourne Road to expand their property. After a brief discussion, this was tabled until a fair price can be made and return to vote next session with the particulars.

7. **Old Business:**
   - **Varrington Studios Additional Services**. Mrs. Heichel asked that this be tabled till the next meeting.
8. Director /Staff Updates:
Chief Belford discussed the MADD Luncheon tomorrow to honor Officer Ricker, Sgt. Moynihan with Trustee Heichel to attend. Almost every year it is an honor for our police officers win awards from MADD. Mr. Welch also noted that an incident at one of our schools where our residents and our police department collaborated and the interaction resulted in a positive end. Chief Belford the call in to report incidents helps our police department respond more quickly. GovDeals.com is still going on till November 20th until 7pm. Record Retention meeting will be immediately following this meeting.

Mrs. Bowman discussed a trip for the seniors to the Ohio State Stadium last Monday and everyone loved the tour and it was very informative. 100 seniors will be served turkey at the Senior Center and it is our biggest event of the year. The band, 3C Highway is the entertainment.

Mrs. Harter noted that a large mailing went out last week to all the funeral homes in the Columbus and surrounding areas with pictures and pricing for our Ossuary, Obelisk, Columbaria addition in the cemetery. Reminders went out as well noting our price increases in January 2018.

Mrs. Heichel is waiting for a sample of the 2018 Calendar and hopefully out soon.

Fire Chief Miller noted that they are planning to hire a Service Coordinator by end of the year, to help out as a social worker to handling any extra assistance that may arise after EMS has done their job. Smoke detector installations will continue indefinitely. The number to call for your detector is 614-901-6600. A new smaller engine rescue vehicle has been ordered to replace a 12 year engine and will be stationed at #111 Cleveland Avenue.

Mr. Giamarco and his staff have been preparing for winter mode. The snow plows and spreaders are ready. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Open Floor:
Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, reminded the 10th Holiday Lights Contest awards will be handed out December 18th at 7pm. And also requested Officer Moynihan.

Mrs. Carolyn Cordray, 3734 Caracas Drive, discussed a traffic issue and unsafe conditions at the entrance to Wilder School and Chief Belford responded that any changes would cause more problems than it would solve. We take these issues seriously and are very involved.

Ms. Delena Ciammace, 4351 E. Walnut Street, discussed sewer options along Cubbage and Walnut areas with Mr. Rhoads and our engineers are still looking into a sewer plant, or a connection to City of Columbus with a master meter.

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 7:17pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 6:30pm. Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

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

2017 Records Retention Meeting followed.