Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. **Consent Agenda:** The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Welch moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the December 13, 2017, meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent.

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: Discussed continuing our Green Pact with MORPC, now called Insight 2050 with a new set of standards. A resolution will be presented next meeting for your approval. Health care renewal for all employees is being finalized with the use of swipe cards to help with reimbursements. January 22, 2018 @ 10:30 am, there will be an employee benefits meeting, to discuss our new medical benefits. January 23, 2018, a SWACO webinar is planned concerning consortium and bidding process for trash contracts.

5. **Communications:**

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

6. **New Business:**

   6a. **Law Director Agreement:** Mr. Rhoads discussed with the Board, hiring Peter N. Griggs of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, and LLC for 2018. Mr. Welch moved to appoint Mr. Peter Griggs of Brosius, Johnson & Griggs as our Law Director, for the calendar year 2018. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent.

7. **Old Business:**

   7a. **Fiber Optic Installation:** Mr. Rhoads requested the Board approve the payment of the remaining fiber optic installation project expenses for $139,538.86. Mr. Welch moved to approve the final pricing for the fiber optic project in the amount of $139,538.86, with payment coming from the 2018 JEDZ funds. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent.
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8. Director /Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarco discussed attending a meeting with Franklin County regarding road concerns, and the upcoming Franklin County Township Association Meeting January 18, 2018, with registration starting at 5:30 pm. Snowplows were out Christmas Eve to handle the snow storm and hopefully we can get through to the New Year without more snow.

Fire Chief Miller, stated that there were almost to 7,000 calls for 2017, as we close the year out. “It’s been a very busy year.”

Mrs. Bowman discussed the professionalism of Mrs. Harter and Mr. Giamarco, and the maintenance crew, with the passing of her mother-in-law. She thanked them for their outstanding assistance to her family and wanted to thank them on record. Mrs. Heichel, on behalf of the Board, extended sympathy on her loss.

Chief Belford talked about traffic safety over New Year’s Eve, and the fact it usually is the one night people will have a designated driver or call Uber. Hope to continue with a safe New Year’s Eve, as in the past.

Open Floor:

Ms. Deena Ciammaco, 4531 E. Walnut Street, discussed with Mr. Rhoads, the fiber optic locations with businesses and that out east has no businesses at this time.

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, discussed the Holiday Lights contest and that Officer Moynihan did an outstanding job. Many neighbors enjoyed this tradition. Mrs. Heichel thanked Mrs. Ricker for her efforts and that the Board appreciates the friendly community atmosphere.

Pay bills: Mrs. Heichel moved to pay the bills. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mr. Flaherty, absent. The attached list of checks was approved for payment.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Mrs. Heichel noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at 6:30 pm.

Happy New Year

Approved by: Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: Janice D. Heichel, Chairperson