

Blendon Township Board of Trustees

Held March 9, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance

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

The regular meeting of the Blendon Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30pm. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve and waive the reading of the minutes as presented for the February 23, 2016, meeting. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief also attended. The Purchase Orders and Cemetery Deeds were signed by the Board.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Rhoads discussed upcoming events: MORPC meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. The Glengary Shopping owner is refinancing his loans and plans to make improvements. Turkey Hill is no longer interested but there is another gas company considering Glengary. The Zoning Commission is planning a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15th. Another hearing will be planned due to revisions recommended. Board of Zoning Appeals is cancelled for next week due to no cases to be heard. Harbin Park is now under construction. A review of accomplishments and changes in the Township over the last four years, is unbelievably long: JEDZ, Home Rule, CIC, Grant programs approaching a million dollars, demolition of nuisance houses, created a road district, Community "Bill of Rights" to compensation plans, job descriptions, employee handbooks, fiber optics, many community events and several studies underway out east for development. The development of Phelps Acre and the water program for Rolling Ridge Subdivision. Developing Code Enforcement to improve our community. Every department, staff member and trustee have worked together and there is more to come with fiber optics for businesses and re-creating the Westerville corridor with lighting and beautification. Kudos to a very productive township.

Communications:

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

Old Business:

1. **Resolution 2016-02- Demolition of 2649 Clybourne Road-Mr. Rhoads** presented the Board with a resolution to demolish 2649 Clybourne Road. Mrs. Heichel moved to adopt Resolution 2016-02, ordering the demolition of 2549 Clybourne Road. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

New Business:

1. **Minerva Park Meeting – Mr. Flaherty** discussed meeting with Mr. Rhoads and the attorney for Minerva Park, Mr. Hollins, regarding the Golf Course and MI Homes. This is included in the JEDZ for schools and housing and with construction it generates more taxes. This also will entail service and police coverage which will create more costs. We are looking at a five year construction period and we will wait to see what happens.
2. **Metro Parks- Mr. Flaherty** discussed having a letter written in support of a request for a MORPC grant for 95 local acreage located in Blendon Township. The Board agreed to support the bid for metro parks in an area along the streams where there are no parks. This is part of our expansion plan to include green space. Mr. Rhoads is to send a letter in support the grant application.

Director/Staff Updates:

Mr. Giamarco noted they have started phase one of cemetery cleanup with the good weather and started clearing out the back of the service department and have replaced the American flags on Dempsey Road.

Deputy Fire Chief Ross discussed the upcoming Police and Fire Levy and requested the support of the public.

Mr. Bryan Rhoads discussed the Shaffer Property on Lee Road who is required to serve water rights. It has been determined that according to the maps that Delco Water serves adjoining land so it serves in our favor for construction in Blendon Township.

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Director/Staff Updates: continued.....

Mr. Flaherty showed a copy of the Ohio Township Association March/April issue of our townships' full page article that Mrs. Heichel wrote. She did a wonderful job, but the magazine failed to put her name on the article. We thank OTA for publishing, as this is another first for Blendon Township, with a full page State-wide publication.

Mrs. Harter reminded everyone that we need ideas for Memorial Day and volunteers. The Community Gardens are getting a lot of interest already this year. Hope to fill all plots this year.

Mrs. Jordan discussed bringing a photographer to the Senior Center and is still working on it. Approximately \$5.00 for each portrait and cost of a frame.

Chief Belford noted that he and **Fire Chief Miller** will be on WSYX, with air time to discuss the upcoming levy. Hopefully everyone will get out and vote.

Open Floor:

Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive, asked the Board what is the future of the Reno Road Area and several options are in the works.

Pay bills: Mrs. Heichel moved to pay the bills. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:54pm **Mrs. Heichel** moved to enter into Executive Session for the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes.

OUT of EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:44pm Mr. Flaherty stated that no decision was made.

The attached list of checks was approved for payment. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Mr. Flaherty noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by: 
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by: 
Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman