

## Blendon Township Board of Trustees

Held January 27, 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 January 13, 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** noted that 2649 Clybourne structure is to be torn down after declared a nuisance. February 10, 2016 at 5:30pm a meeting is scheduled to allow the public to come in to discuss the upcoming police levy, with postcards to go out to the residences very soon. Mr. Estep and Mr. Rhoads have been doing diligence regarding the upcoming bond and note request. And just today found funding on February 9<sup>th</sup>, that Mr. Estep will sign this evening. We are working with the City of Westerville to bring fiber optics to Blendon Township. State Route 3 project is scheduled to be finished this year.

### **Communications:**

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

### **Old Business:**

**1. Blendon Central Cemetery Projects-** **Mr. Flaherty** discussed with the Board and Staff several projects that have been discussed over the past years and asked if their approval to move forward on landscaping and a driveway to replace the greenspace between Section D and E, would be favored, as there is electrical wiring hampering possible grave space. All were in agreement. Another topic of creating a pet cemetery in the northeast corner of our cemetery was also agreed to with further research.

### **New Business:**

- 1. Health Care Reporting Proposal-** **Mr. Rhoads** asked the Board for approval to have Mr. Frank Harmon of Ohio Insurances Services handle the health care reporting for Blendon Township. Mrs. Heichel moved to authorize Ohio Insurance Services to provide the forms to the I.R.S. and all necessary requirements to show insurance coverage, as required by ACA Small Employee Group Sec. 6055. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel yes; Mr. Welch, yes.
- 2. Liquor License Renewal, 5323 Westerville Road-** **Mr. Rhoads** requested the Board approve licensing renewal pending no objections. There were no objections. Mrs. Heichel moved to approve a "no request" for a hearing for the renewal of liquor license at 5323 Westerville Road. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mrs. Welch, yes.
- 3. Officer Oath of Office- Chief Belford** noted that Officer Justin Whiteside has already been sworn in as an officer for the Blendon Township Police Department, but now he will be sworn in as a constable on the advice of our attorneys. Mr. Estep presented the "swearing in" according to Ohio Revised Code Sec. 50901, to Justin M. Whiteside. The Board welcomed him.
- 4. Skid Steer Purchase-** **Mr. Rhoads** requested approval to purchase a skid steer with attachments for multiple purposes throughout the Township. Mr. Welch moved to approve the purchase of the John Deere Skid Steer through the federal program bid price of \$57,523.16. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.

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5. Senior Center Programs— **Mr. Flaherty** discussed the program of framed “Family Portraits” offered to families in need. He noted that Blendon Township, being a family community, is always wanting to reach out and help families during holidays. The Board noted that we are always looking for events and ways to service our community. Mrs. Jordan plans to get in touch with the Westerville Senior Center to make this possible. Also discussed was our CIC Program, created last year that helped two families in need of home repairs. The Township plans to continue this year with the program. The winter newsletter will have an article with pictures.
6. JEDZ Transfer/Police— **Mr. Rhoads** requested the same funding for our police department as last year for increased patrols from JEDZ funds. Mr. Welch moved to authorize the transfer of \$60,000.00 from the JEDZ fund to the Police Department for extra patrol. Mrs. Heichel seconded: Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mr. Welch, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes.
7. Office Campbell Retirement Letter— **Chief Belford** asked the Board to accept Officer Campbell retirement letter, after 41 years of police service. Mrs. Heichel move to accept the resignation of Police Officer Ray Campbell, effective January 27, 2016. Mr. Welch seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. The Board wished him well.

Director/Staff Updates:

**Chief Belford** discussed his approval of the family portrait program as many families are in dire need after costly catastrophic health problems with either children or parents and this can be a huge part of their legacy.

**Mrs. Jordan** discussed new carpeting installed in the offices at the Senior Center, and the date for the Easter Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt is March 19th. Also “Shred it Day” has been scheduled for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am – 2pm to coincide with “Earth Day”.

**Mrs. Harter** reminded the Board of the OTA Convention is today through Saturday.

**Mr. Estep** thanked Mr. Rhoads for all his efforts and work on the bond issue. The bond is \$5,280, 000.00, as a note for one year and a bond for twenty years at a yield of .7%.

**Mr. Flaherty** noted the JEDZ Board met and waiting on final numbers for 2015, but this will be a banner year, once again, with this January stronger than last January. The JEDZ money is what is making the bond money possible and to be paid.

**Fire Chief Miller** also noted that the fire department had a 30 year firefighter (Jack Kallay) retire last week. He spent time at all three fire stations over the years and wish him well. A video will be out next week, showing fire and police and their duties.

**Mr. Giamarco** noted the cemetery has been very busy in January.

Open Floor:

**Mrs. Sharon Ricker, 5561 Oslo Drive**, discussed replacing trees in tree lawns, lighting of entryways, and suggested several ways to clean up the rental homes, encourage sidewalk replacement, planning another “Shred it Day”, and noted “a nice job” on our video. The Board thanked her for her ideas and the audience was advised that plans are already in the works for upgrades. Chief Belford discussed available grants for community police programs to help with safety issues.

**Pay bills:** Mr. Welch moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Heichel seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Flaherty, yes; Mrs. Heichel, yes; Mr. Welch, yes. The attached list of checks was approved for payment. Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm. **Mr. Flaherty** noted that the next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at 6:30pm.

Approved by:   
Wade L. Estep, Fiscal Officer

Approved by:   
Stewart L. Flaherty, Chairman