

Held July 19

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Call to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Welch. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Chair Welch.

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Heichel, here. Mr. Welch, here. Mrs. Shinaberry, here.

Also in attendance was John Belford, Police Chief, Brian Miller, Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief, John Giamarco, Interim Administrator, Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer

**Minutes**

Mrs. Heichel moved to approve the minutes as presented and waive the reading for the July 5, 2023 minutes. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

**Approve Cemetery Deeds and Purchase Orders**

**Communications**

**Director/Staff Updates**

**Chief Belford—**

Chief Belford discussed a homicide on July 14th in Columbus at Lake Forest Apartments. Two suspects fled along the creek, one crossed the creek and went eastbound into Little Turtle. The other one went south and was arrested by Columbus Police. Two Blendon Township Police Officers pursued across the creek, chased the suspect, and apprehended him.

Chief Belford also discussed land in Blendon Township, on Lee Road, that was sold to Columbus Metro Parks. The Blendon police were advised that Columbus Metro Parks would open a park called “Blendon Ravines Metro Park” The park did end up opening, but Blendon Township Police were not informed. The name is being changed to “100 Acre Wood Metro Park”. Since this park is in Blendon Township, this poses concerns for the Blendon Township Police, as they are the first responders for this park. Chief Belford and Blendon/Westerville Fire Chief Miller will be meeting with the operations manager for the park to discuss their 3, 5, and 10-year plans and so on. Chief Belford will contact the Trustees after that meeting to discuss additional equipment that we may need to respond quickly and safely.

**Ms. Bury—**

Ms. Bury discussed the Banking RFP’s that went out and we are getting some questions. Documentation was sent for the banks that have responded so far. Also, the HR Butler implementation is on Thursday morning, July 20th.

**Mr. Giamarco—**

Mr. Giamarco talked more about the metro park issue. The park is almost 150 acres, 2.5 miles, very easy to get lost, and it is full of valleys and ravines. Resources for the park are being priced currently.

**Chief Miller—**

Chief Miller followed up on the metro park discussion. A grant was received from Firehouse Subs for side by sides. They are working on getting a trailer incase they get dispatched to the park. The cliff in the park is a concern and there has been a significant fire there in the last 9 years.

**Mrs. Shinaberry—**

Mrs. Shinaberry discussed the successful concert in the park over the weekend.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Welch requested a motion to move into an Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. 6:39 pm, Mrs. Heichel made a motion to move into the Executive Session for the above reasons. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded, and all voted yes.

7:06 pm Mrs. Shinaberry moved to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the regular meeting. Mrs. Heichel seconded, and all voted yes.

**New Business**

**Mr. Welch—**

**Item A.** Accept \$125.00 donation from Kevin and Beth Weakley for concerts in the park. Accept donations of cash from split the pot \$202.00. Accept food donations \$106.37.

Mrs. Shinaberry moved to accept the donations as presented. Mrs. Heichel seconded. All voted yes.

**Mrs. Shinaberry—**

**Item B.** Approve job descriptions from Clemons Nelson for full time Zoning/Code Enforcement opening and Full time Township Administrator at Blendon Township

Mrs. Heichel moved to accept the job descriptions as presented. Mr. Welch seconded. All voted yes.

**Item C.** Approve salary range for Administrator position. \$85,000-\$100,000 per year.

Mrs. Heichel moved to accept the salary range as presented. Mr. Welch seconded. All voted yes.

**Item D.** Approve hourly salary range for code enforcement/zoning position. \$22-\$25 per hour

Mrs. Heichel moved to accept the hourly salary range as presented. Mr. Welch seconded. All voted yes.

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**Ms. Bury—**

**Item E.** Approve 2024 tax budget

*Mrs. Heichel moved to accept the tax budget as presented. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.*

**Item F.** Resolution 2023-12 Amending Permanent Appropriation ARPA funds, \$91,529.00

*Mrs. Heichel moved to accept the Resolution 2023-12 as presented. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.*

**Mr. Giamarco—**

**Item G.** Proposal for new interior LED lighting in Senior Center, 38 fixtures replacement from Bradley Electric for \$10,450.00, using ARPA funds.

*Mrs. Heichel moved to accept the bid from Bradley Electric for \$10,450.00 as presented. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.*

*Mrs. Heichel moved to appropriate those funds for ARPA . Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.*

**Old Business**

None to report

**Open Floor**

Time was provided for residents to discuss various items.

**Bills**

Mrs. Heichel moved to pay the bills. Mrs. Shinaberry seconded. All voted yes.

**Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_

*Jim Welch, Chairperson*

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_

*Joann Bury, Fiscal Officer*