

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman W. Robert Kusmer with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Richard A. Geyer and David P. Stotz.

Moved by Mr. Stotz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the minutes of the September 5, 2017 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Ellen Ickes, Fiscal Officer, provided printed financial reports to the trustees, and a financial report as follows:

Total bills:\$ 335,274.79

Total receipts:\$ 2,482.23

Cash total:\$ 939,617.24

It was moved by Mr. Stotz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the financial report be approved and the bills be paid. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer –Yes; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A sign-in sheet was passed around and all present were requested to sign in (attached).

Ballville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Crowell advised that Mrs. Ickes called him requesting an update on the Joyce Sczesny (deceased) residence at 2124 Roselawn which was damaged in a fire several months ago. He reported that State Farm Insurance was in the process of selling the house and a contractor was scheduled to start work on it soon.

John Rupp lives at 1413 River Street in a house owned by his cousin. He was there to discuss a small steel shed that he wants to use for storing his brand-new motorcycle. Zoning Inspector Bain updated the trustees on the circumstances regarding setback, etc. Mr. Rupp then left the meeting.

Shantel Laird from Croghan Colonial Bank presented information on the Ohio Pooled Collateral System, effective recently (State Treasurer’s Office on July 1, 2017). She suggested that the township look at existing township policies and old legislation regarding financial matters.

Currently, banks collateralize public funds at \$1.05 for each \$1.00 deposited, and report this information to a township’s fiscal officer quarterly. The state auditor had found that the state treasurer needs to have approval on allowable securities that can either become pooled and thereby be part of the state’s system which the banks report daily to the state treasurer (collateralized at \$1.02 for each \$1.00 deposited), or allow banks to apply for a reduction in collateral to \$.50 for each \$1.00 deposited.

Ms. Laird stated that when making banking and investment choices, the township should consider the risk involved, and whether the banking institution has full or reduced collateral. She noted that regional banks will charge fees for full collateral. She suggested that the township research any old resolutions and whether they state a requirement for full collateralization. An investment policy should address collateral and willingness to pay a fee. Croghan Colonial will not apply for the collateral reduction because they want to protect their customers. It is assumed that the state treasurer's office will also be charging fees for the full collateralization, and Croghan Colonial is working on how this will work out. The application process for full collateralization takes about 90 days, and Croghan has applied for this. The trustees and Mrs. Ickes thanked Ms. Laird, who then left the meeting.

Josh Randell of Liamer presented the new township website at the old address, *ballville.org*. The township was unable to get the website up and working again after it crashed in 2015 and became corrupted. Thank you to Mark Mulligan of the Sandusky County Prosecutor's office and Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Hart, both of whom worked on getting the old website name and domain back, and to Mr. Randell for the website. The code and hosting will be done by Liamer.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis

Superintendent Lagrou stated that Mike Binsack has the bottom of the Oakwood Mausoleum powerwashed, and he needs to get inside in order to seal up the windows before washing the top.

Mr. Lagrou also advised that Lutz Elementary School will be using the Oakwood Mausoleum as their evacuation site now that the American Legion is closed. The students have already been in the mausoleum on a trial run, and it holds all the students at the school, grades K-5.

Mr. Lagrou also passed along a message from Jim Gillis that there will not be an October Cemetery Board meeting.

A deed was signed at the meeting for William and Sharon Walk for McGormley Cemetery, Section 10, Lot 22, Graves 3 and 4.

The township will replace a few existing trees at McGormley and will likely use pin oaks instead of crab trees because they are much hardier.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

The request earlier tonight from John Rupp, an occupant in a house owned by his cousin, Scott Bartlett, was discussed. Phil Klausz pointed out that it is the property owner who must apply, not the occupant/renter. Mr. Bain stated that so far Mr. Bartlett has not responded to the letter that was sent by the township. Mr. Kusmer reiterated that the property owner must be involved in the process for anything involving his/her property.

Mr. Bain reviewed the Zoning Report dated September 19, 2017, and advised that there is a meeting with Ms. Weickert and her attorney on Thursday morning this week. Several township representatives will be present.

The Ballville Township Zoning Report from September 19, 2017 was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood

Mr. Wood reported that there was full board attendance at the last Parks Board meeting where test lighting in Conner Park was discussed, and the board members' trip to the new park for planning was cut short by mosquitos. Mr. Kusmer said he would like to have the park laid out this fall, start bringing in millings for the road, start digging down by the river, get prices on the bridge, check into matching grants for the money that we have, and also look at Capital Improvements funds from the state.

Mr. Wood asked Mrs. Ickes why gift cards were not allowed for the Halloween party for township children, and asked if candy and pop purchases were OK for the party. She advised that gift cards are considered cash, and are not an allowable purchase for public funds; candy and pop for the Halloween party is something the Parks Board chooses to do for children of the township and is OK. Mr. Wood advised that the board would like to pass out gift cards to the kids at the party, as they have done in the past, and that they would be taking up donations for them.

Mr. Lagrou stated that S&S started re-roofing the Eagle Shelter yesterday, and they are almost done. The Fausey Shelter was started today, and should be done this week, along with the Rusch Shelter. The potential for rusting of steel purchased this year (in storage) for the restroom/dugouts was briefly discussed because these structures will not be re-roofed until next year.

Parking (good and not so good) in Conner Park was also discussed.

A toy part on handicap accessible playground equipment has been broken (deliberately?) for the second time since the equipment was installed. Mr. Lagrou said removing the part from the equipment leaves a hole in which a person could perhaps get his/her head stuck. Mr. Stotz moved, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to replace the part again at a cost quoted at \$241.00 from Gameworks. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion passed. The fiscal officer will prepare a purchase order for this expenditure.

Mr. Lagrou advised the trustees that he has mandatory training (every two years) with the EPA for well-water testing. He would like to attend the October 4 and October 24 sessions in Sandusky. The cost is \$215.00 and it is necessary for the township to maintain the wells in Conner Park. Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to approve Mr. Lagrou's attendance at the trainings. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion passed.

The Parks Board meeting minutes from August 14, 2017 were entered into the township's meeting minutes.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou

Superintendent Lagrou advised that he found a speed study for Cole Road from Morrison to Tiffin that was done in 1991. That study suggested no speed limit changes. The speed limit is currently 40 mph.

Wendy Corfman of the 1600 block of Tiffin Road has complained about a neighbor's tall grass that obstructs her view of the road from her driveway. Since this is a county road (not a township road), Mr. Lagrou has referred her to Chad Fisher of the Sandusky County Engineer's office.

Discussion took place on the removal of the Ballville Dam. Mr. Lagrou will monitor truck traffic and the possibility of damage to Yingling Road off of Cole where trucks and heavy equipment will travel during the dam removal process. Mr. Kusmer stated that the township should ask for a bond as there is a large potential for damage to the road(s).

Mr. Lagrou followed up with a topic from the September 5 meeting regarding a tile installation on Morrison Road near the home of Bill Rusch. This tile was recently found to be plugged with expansion foam, and Mr. Lagrou did not find what Bill Rusch had told him to look for in past township meeting minutes regarding the installation of the tile.

A brief conversation took place between Mr. Lagrou and the fiscal officer regarding the TTI International bill that was presumed to be for the township house long distance service. Mr. Lagrou stated that he would look into this.

The OTARMA MORE grant has been submitted, per Mr. Lagrou, but there has been no response, so no order has been placed for the safety body harnesses and 4 "pigtailed" for safety use. Mr. Lagrou will follow up on this.

The Stahl Road drainage project grass was planted a week ago and has grown really fast. Mr. Lagrou advised that rocks and tiles were all picked up. He has had happy residents in the Bower, Rice, and Grabenstetter families. There is one area that needs to be re-seeded since the phone company drove over it. Mr. Lagrou will write a thank you note to the City of Fremont for the 4,400 gallons of water (actually probably more like 5,500 gallons) used in the planting process.

Mr. Lagrou stated that Ken Hoffman is particularly interested in having Ballville Township host the annual wintertime luncheon for the county's township superintendents and employees. In the recent past, they have been held at Washington and Rice Townships. Mr. Lagrou will look at dates and get prices from Ballville EZ Shop for food. The trustees advised they would make a motion at the next meeting.

Mr. Kusmer said he would be attending a 2018 Issue meeting Thursday, September 21 at 9:00.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Ickes informed the trustees that the Dell laptop the township received last April (2016) with the initial UAN software is not being used since a new laptop was received in June, 2017. The older laptop is the township's property and the township can do with it what it wishes. Following discussion, Mr. Lagrou will contact Solicitor Strickler to see how the township could either sell or donate the laptop to the Ballville Volunteer Fire Department.

Health insurance for eligible employees expires December 31, 2017, and Mr. Kusmer advised that the township would like several quotes from Sprouse Insurance.

Mrs. Ickes informed the trustees that the terms of several members of the Parks, Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals expire on December 31, 2017. A letter will be sent to those board members regarding renewal of their terms.

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to rescind Resolution 2017-37 passed September 5, 2017 due to the discovery of incorrect numbers from the Sandusky County Auditor. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-40:

RESOLUTION 2017-40

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 2017-37 PASSED SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for approval of corrected amounts and rates for 2018. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-41:

RESOLUTION 2017-41

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for a reallocation among the General and Gasoline Tax funds. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-42:

RESOLUTION 2017-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO REALLOCATE AMONG ACCOUNT LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND GASOLINE TAX FUND

Purchase orders and checks for bills were signed by the trustees at this meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Stotz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:3 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen K. Ickes, Fiscal Officer

W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman