

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 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, along with Randal L. Strickler, Solicitor.

Moved by Mr. Stotz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the minutes of the October 3, 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:\$ 36,709.05
Total receipts:\$ 2,450.00
Cash total:\$ 954,743.98

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).

Paul and Christina Shoemaker were present and asked the trustees about the timeframe for resolving the fence issue with their next-door neighbor (Terri Weickert). Following discussion, Chairman Kusmer advised that it is hoped that there will be a resolution at the next meeting.

Board of Zoning Commission Chairman Ray Rellinger was present and advised that Ben Decker has been appointed to the Sandusky County Board of Elections and has advised that he will not be renewing his seat on the zoning board when it expires December 31, 2017. Mrs. Ickes advised that the township has not received anything in writing from Mr. Decker at this time, and she has two phone calls in to him for an update.

Mr. Rellinger stated that the Board of Zoning Commission has a meeting scheduled in November. Solicitor Strickler and Mr. Rellinger will meet to discuss zoning matters regarding the township.

Terri Weickert advised that she was present just to observe, and all other present stated the same.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis

Mr. Gillis reported that the Oakwood Mausoleum has been pressure washed and sealed, and it looks really good, especially up close. This should be good for the next 10-15 years.

Mr. Gillis also advised that the VFW will pull veterans' flags in Oakwood Cemetery this year instead of the American Legion, which has closed.

Mr. Lagrou presented the trustees with three cemetery deeds, which they signed:
Dee #1778 Mildred Oberman, Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Section 34, Lot 5
Deed #1779 John R. Bennison, McGormley Cemetery, Section 16, Lot 15, Grave 5
Deed #1780 Jerry/Pamela Bower, McGormley Cemetery, Section 13, Lot 41, Grave 4

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Bain reviewed the Ballville Township Zoning Report from October 17, 2017, which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

Mr. Bain stated that he liked the zoning code that Danbury Township uses, and questioned whether Ballville Township might use the same company for zoning code purposes.

Mrs. Ickes informed the trustees that Mr. Gillis has provided a written resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals as of the end of his term, December 31, 2017. Mr. Stotz moved, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to accept the resignation of Mr. Gillis effective December 31, 2017 with regret. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; motion carried.

Jon Detwiler, Superintendent of the Fremont City Schools, entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m. to introduce himself, and spoke briefly with the trustees.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood

Mr. Lagrou presented two joint estimates for removal of trees for both the parks and road departments. Upon review of the combined quotes, and on the advice of Solicitor Strickler to look at the combined totals, Ax Pro was determined to be the lowest. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to approve the combined quote by Ax Pro for \$7,100 for the roads department, and \$1,700 for parks department. Upon a vote – Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion carried.

Mr. Wood said the Parks Board is working on a Park District Grant due November 7 for lights, trees, and an "expression swing" (parent/child) swing set at Conner Park. Sue Babione is doing the grant-writing work. Estimated amounts for the lights will be \$500-600; \$2,000 for trees, and \$6,000 for the swing set.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for Sue Babione, grant writer, to apply for the park grant. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-43:

RESOLUTION 2017-43

Sandusky County Park District 2017 Local Park Capital Improvement Grant Program – Resolution 2017-43 (authorizing Sue Babione, grant writer, to apply for Ballville Township Trustees).

The annual Halloween party for children of the township will be held next Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Lagrou has taken the last water sample for the year. If it is negative, he will close the well down after that.

Fifty-eight acres of Chudzinski-Johannsen Park have been mowed down. Todd Lindsay will till up the top. Chairman Kusmer said that he would like to get the stream, pond and roads staked out after the grass comes up.

Mr. Lagrou will ask Sunrise Cooperative about planting options for the grass – the ground will be tilled up first.

The EPA water class certification classes start soon and will be taken by Mr. Lagrou with Walters (as in the past), not with the cheaper company as previously discussed even though they advertised they were EPA approved. The cost is \$195.00, not \$215.00.

The three shelterhouses have been re-roofed by S & S.

Mr. Lagrou informed the trustees he had gotten a quote of \$250.00 from Valley Electric to replace a light bulb that has been out for two months in Conner Park. Upon discussion, additional quotes will be obtained and reviewed at a later date.

Prices for fencing are being sought for the ballfields as the tile on the top is breaking up.

Mrs. Ickes told the trustees that Kimberly Wood, Parks Board member whose term expires December 31, 2017, returned her letter indicating that she would like to have her term renewed. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to renew the term of Kimberly Wood on the Parks Board effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. Upon a vote – Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion passed.

The Parks Board meeting minutes from September 11, 2017 were entered into the township's meeting minutes.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou informed the trustees that the trucks will be hot-oiled at Wonderly's again this year, as they have been doing for the past five years, and the quote was \$750.00.

Work is finished on the Morrison Road catch basins. A 12" riser was needed and it came in today from Spoerr Precast Concrete. Discussion took place on pricing and vendors.

The township crew will be looking for a catch basin on Morrison that is believed to have been closed up, and if they find it, will open it back up.

Mr. Lagrou stated that tree removal will be done, as discussed in the Parks' report earlier in tonight's meeting.

A swale at Myrtle and Cole near Tim Zimmerman's property was creating a smell, and multiple agencies were called in – Sandusky County Sheriff's Department, Ballville Township, and the EPA. Mr. Lagrou reported that it is the result of black mulch in Doug Crowell's drainage tile that was cracked. The tile was dug out, flushed out, and a new cap was put on.

S &S will be giving the township prices on ditch dipping, a project that can be done in December-January. The township was always happy with Randy Beeker for ditch-dipping, but he is no longer in business.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Hastings Mutual has contacted Mr. Lagrou regarding the barn fire(s) at Gonya Farms. A wood barn that was destroyed has been torn down. The township will receive a check to hold for a big metal barn that will either be torn down, or repaired, and is yet to be decided. Solicitor Strickler confirmed that per ORC 3929.86 (C) and (D), the township should receive and hold \$2,000 for every \$15,000 in value for fire loss/damage until the matter is resolved satisfactorily, at which time the township will pay the money received back to the owner of the property.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the township has no objections to the application filed by E-Z Shop for a change of corporate stock ownership regarding their liquor license. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes, the motion carried.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for repayment of the \$13,000 advance from the General Fund to the Fire Fund. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Kusmer– Yes; as Resolution 2017-44:

RESOLUTION 2017-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO REPAY \$13,000.00 ADVANCED TO FUND 2281 FIRE AND RESCUE, AMBULANCE AND EMS FUND FROM FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND IN RESOLUTION 2017-36

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for a reallocation of funds. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-45:

RESOLUTION 2017-45

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

Mrs. Ickes passed along a thank you note from the family of Rita Hoffman, deceased, mother of employee Ken Hoffman, for the flowers the township sent at the time of her death.

Solicitor Strickler will have a resolution at the next meeting, retroactive, for expenditures for flowers at the time of death for an employee or employee's family member, as suggested by the State Auditor's office, per Mrs. Ickes.

A brief discussion took place on the Employee Handbook.

Mrs. Ickes advised that the township's cyber liability insurance policy premium would be less than the Sprouse Agency had quoted (\$50,000 coverage for \$255 premium), and they therefore asked if the township would want to increase the amount of coverage for a slightly higher premium (\$50,000 coverage is actually \$193.00 premium / \$100,000 limit is \$309). The trustees wish no change to the \$50,000 limit, and therefore took no action.

Mr. Kusmer advised that the township is working with Josh Randell of Liamer on township email accounts.

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

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen K. Ickes, Fiscal Officer

W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman