

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018 – 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 December 19, 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:

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| Total bills: | \$ 14,897.84 |
| Total receipts: | \$ 19,199.13 |
| Cash total: | \$ 883,011.72 |

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; the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Harold McCall recently moved into the township and was interested in coming to a meeting.

Bruce Leonard of 1220 SSR 53 was present regarding a mobile home he would like to put on his property and he requested that the zoning issues on this matter be reduced to writing. Zoning Inspector Dave Bain said he will be sending a letter to Mr. Leonard because this does not meeting the township’s zoning code. Mr. Leonard stated he wants a zoning variance, and is just waiting for a letter from Mr. Bain. Chairman Kusmer advised Mr. Leonard that as part of the zoning process he will be able to apply for a zoning variance.

Dave Wammes of Jackson Township was present once again to discuss the Winters Ditch project and asked the trustees if they would sign his petition for the project. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to support the project by signing the petition. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried, and the trustees all signed the Winters Ditch project petition. Mr. Wammes thanked the trustees and the trustees wished him good luck on the petition.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis
Mr. Gillis advised that he had nothing new to report.

Two deeds for McGormley Cemetery were signed by the trustees:
Robert Samuels – Section 16, Lot 14, Grave 7
Susan Geraghty – Section 12, Lot 23, Graves 1-2-3

Chairman Kusmer introduced Jim Barney of Kocher and Gillum and asked Mr. Barney to provide a little background on himself and his law firm.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood

Mr. Wood informed the trustees he had nothing new to report. The Parks Board will meet again next week.

Mr. Kusmer provided information on the \$800,000 state grant for the development of the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park. He recently submitted a proposal for this in order to meet the January 3 deadline. The township has approximately \$190,000 of its own money for the new park. Letters of support were included in the proposal, and the search for private donations will begin soon.

Mr. Lagrou advised that he will follow up with Valley Electric regarding the light bulb replacement in Conner Park.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Bain reviewed the Ballville Township Zoning Report from January 2, 2018, which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

The Zoning Commission will meet January 10, 2018.

Mr. Bain reported that he has taken the 2017 zoning permits to the Sandusky County Auditor.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou informed the trustees that he was approached by Republic Services about the township's old computers and fluorescent bulbs for disposal at our cost. A brief discussion took place and it was decided to stay with Sandusky County's OSS for disposal of these items at no charge.

The township ordered five loads of salt today (125 ton) - a total of 12 loads can be ordered through the ODOT contract.

Mr. Lagrou made a request that five hours of his vacation time from 2017 be carried over to 2018. Due to the recent weather conditions he worked and, therefore, he could not take all of his vacation time as planned. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to allow Mr. Lagrou to carry five hours of unused vacation from 2017 to 2018 due to being unable to use it due to weather conditions. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried. The trustees thanked Mr. Lagrou for his hard work and told him it was appreciated.

Mr. Kusmer and Superintendent Lagrou briefly discussed the issue that came up last year at the Rick Jenkins residence, and whether it was a good time to correct the water flow problem while the ground was frozen.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to renew the brush drop-off contract with Universal Farms for \$2,500.00 this year. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried. A brief discussion took place regarding the necessity for a written contract and resolution.

CLOSE OUT 2017 BUSINESS

Purchase orders and checks for bills for 2017 were signed by the trustees at this meeting.

There being no further business to conduct for 2017, Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to close out 2017 business. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

OPEN 2018 BUSINESS

The first item of 2018 was a motion made by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to name Mr. Stotz as the Board of Trustees' Chairman, and Mr. Kusmer as Vice-Chairman. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

Mr. Kusmer moved, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to set the trustees' regular meeting dates and time for the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Ballville Township House (no change). Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

A motion to re-appoint the trustees and fiscal officer as the Audit Committee was made by Mr. Kusmer, with a second by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to sign a contract with the law firm of Kocher & Gillum for legal services as solicitor for the township for 2018. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried and the contract was signed.

Reservations for the Sandusky County Township Association annual dinner on Thursday, January 18 were discussed. Trustees Geyer, Kusmer, and Stotz, Fiscal Officer Ickes, Superintendent Bill Lagrou, and Zoning Inspector Dave Bain will all be attending. Any spouses or guests will be reported to Mrs. Ickes to make reservations, with payment made by the employee or elected official.

Mr. Kusmer advised he would be attending the Ohio Township Association conference later this month, and Mrs. Ickes stated she would also be attending. Mr. Geyer and Mr. Stotz will not be attending. Zoning Inspector Dave Bain will be attending and will determine when he will attend based on the recently released conference itinerary.

The annual Inventory meeting will be held Monday, January 8, 2018 at noon at the township house. The fiscal officer will place a legal notice for this in the News-Messenger, and notices will be posted on the township website and at the township house.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to have Trustees Dave Stotz and Bob Kusmer serve on the Regional Planning Commission as voting members, and Trustee Rick Geyer serve as an alternate. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

Ballville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Crowell advised that the fire department has had a lot of runs in the last week.

The trustees reviewed the 2018 Approved Employees and Wage Scale and the 2018 Full-Time Employees Leave Listing reports from the fiscal officer and two items were clarified. Bryan Myers shall receive 80 hours of vacation this year as of January 1, 2018 using 3-8 years of employment with a hire date of 7/6/2015. Part-time employee Craig Riehl is to be removed from the approved employee list. Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to make these two changes for 2018 and approve the amended reports. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried. The final copy of both reports are attached to the minutes.

Purchase orders and checks for bills for 2018 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 6:35 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen K. Ickes, Fiscal Officer

W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman