

**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.**

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

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the January 16, 2018 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: .....\$ 21,858.66

Total receipts: .....\$ 22,321.43

Cash total: .....\$ 878,158.10

It was moved by Mr. Kusmer, 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).

Ballville Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Doug Crowell discussed various matters regarding the fire department. Their three-year contract with the township is coming up for renewal in 2018. Also, Chief Crowell advised that the word “Township” is not part of the fire department’s name, something that has caused confusion over the years because it has sometimes been used that way. The department’s name is correctly stated as Ballville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

The township’s ISO rating has not changed, and there are things the fire department can do that will improve the rating, including showing proof that that it can haul and pump a minimum of 250 gallons of water for two hours straight. Chief Crowell discussed this further with the trustees.

Chief Crowell advised that they have applied for the \$450 Fire Marshall’s Training grant.

He further advised that the Gonya Farms fire damage to the smaller building has been repaired satisfactorily, and Chief Crowell will submit something to the township’s fiscal officer for release of the insurance payment that the township is holding.

Before Mr. Crowell left the meeting, Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for the renewal of the contract for brush drop-off for residents at Universal Farms for \$2,500 annually. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2018-3:

**RESOLUTION 2018-3**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF BRUSH FROM THE RESIDENTS OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP, SANDUSKY COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO*

The brush drop-off contract for 2018 was executed by the trustees and Mr. Crowell, as approved in Resolution 2018-3.

Jess Wrightington and Kim Wright (property owner) of 907 Timpe Road discussed the drainage problem at the residence Ms. Wright purchased in June last year. Several contractors have evaluated the problem where water pours into Ms. Wright’s basement starting in the front and going to the back. The water has been several feet deep despite several pumps, including a commercial grade pump. Upon discussion, Trustee Kusmer advised that this neighborhood has had water problems for years, and the township’s cost to correct the problem is estimated to be around \$500,000. Ms. Wright asked that the trustees scope the tile to help determine the problem. Superintendent Lagrou added that this is not the township’s drainage system, but one that the residents have added onto over the years. It was mentioned that the end of the drainage system goes into smaller piping instead of larger. Chairman Stotz advised that the township will look into this matter.

**6:00 P.M. 2018 OPWC ISSUE II ROAD REPAVING PROJECT BID OPENING**

The Sandusky County Engineer’s estimate for this joint project for Ballville, Green Creek, Sandusky, Scott, Townsend, and York Townships is \$690,000.

Four sealed bids were received, and Fiscal Officer Ickes opened them in the following order, with Trustee Kusmer reading the bids aloud as follows:

Kokosing Construction .....	\$754,245.25
Gerken Paving .....	\$711,642.75
M & B Asphalt .....	\$693,146.15
Erie Blacktop .....	\$639,458.70

Following the bid opening, Trustee Kusmer advised that Sandusky County Engineer Jim Moyer, who was present, will review the bids for form, and then provide a recommendation for the lowest and best bid. The project will be awarded July 1 once the outcome of the Issue II grant is known.

**CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson**

The trustees signed a cemetery deed presented by Superintendent Lagrou for Donald Baker, McGormley Cemetery, Section 15, Lot 15, graves 5 & 6.

Mr. Lagrou advised that the township will be getting a new wreath and artificial flowers for the Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum from Otto & Urban (florists) this year.

**PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood**

Mr. Wood had nothing new to report.

Valley Electric replaced the light bulb in Conner Park for \$250.00, as quoted. The cost to repair the ballast problem in that light almost doubled the cost. Discussion took place on the lifespan of different lights in the park, and the kinds of lighting available.

Superintendent Lagrou advised that BHillz Excavating is dumping dirt from a Sandusky County Sanitary Engineer's project at the township's S. River Road property at no cost to the township. The Chudzinski-Johannsen Park would be a good place for this dirt, but it is too wet to get into the park right now.

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou**

KLA Risk Assessment has contacted Mr. Lagrou to schedule a review of the township's facilities, etc. A date will be determined in the near future.

A request has been made for crack-filling and sealing of Fox Run and Lewie Drive in the next year or so. Mr. Lagrou will look into this as these relatively newer roads are township roads.

Discussion took place on a complaint from Denny Snyder (Smith & McGormley) regarding water in the front yard. Mr. Lagrou will monitor the ditch conditions.

Five loads of salt have been ordered. We have 100 ton left, and the trucks are full. Bad weather is expected over the next few days. Two loads (175 ton) of salt can still be ordered.

Quotes for plow points and tailgate shields have been obtained from Kalida Trucking (\$1,077.75) and from Dexter (\$1,236.00). Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for the expenditure with Kalida Trucking for \$1,077.75 for the plow points and tailgate shields. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

Superintendent Lagrou reported that Ax-Pro is done removing trees and stumps.

Mr. Kusmer advised that the township will be looking into a complaint about a broken tile.

**ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector**

Mr. Bain reviewed the Ballville Township Zoning Report from February 6, 2018, which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

Solicitor Jim Barney will work with Mr. Bain to formulate a letter to be sent to Michael Compliment for the issues on his property.

Mr. Bain informed the trustees that the Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on February 21 regarding two appeals - filed by Bruce Leonard and Joe Walby.

Mrs. Ickes advised that Dale Hill has accepted the Board of Zoning Appeals alternate vacancy.

Solicitor Barney will prepare a resolution regarding the new zoning resolution.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for a transfer of interest earned on the balance in the new park fund from the General Fund to the new park fund. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; as Resolution 2018-4:

#### **RESOLUTION 2018-4**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO TRANSFER INTEREST EARNED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$916.90, IN FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND, TO FUND 4901 PARK DEVELOPMENT FUND, FOR INTEREST ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CHUDZINSKI-JOHANNSEN PARK FUND BALANCE FROM JULY-DECEMBER, 2017, AND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF SAID FUNDS*

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for a new fund for the 2018 OPWC Issue II receipts. The project was bid was tonight. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2018-5:

#### **RESOLUTION 2018-5**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO ESTABLISH FUND 4401, 2018 OPWC ROAD REPAVING FUND, FOR THE RECEIPT AND PAYMENT OF PROCEEDS FOR BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP'S PORTION OF THE JOINT AWARD WITH GREEN CREEK, SANDUSKY, SCOTT, TOWNSEND, AND YORK TOWNSHIPS FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION TOWNSHIP ROAD REPAVING PROJECT 2018*

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, for the passage of permanent appropriations for 2018. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2018-6:

#### **RESOLUTION 2018-6**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO ADOPT PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,718,301.36 FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018*

A brief discussion took place on correspondence from the Regional Planning Commission with Mr. Stotz stating that he would respond for the township. Mr. Geyer advised that he would attend the meeting for Sandusky County Soil and Conservation.

Mrs. Ickes reported that the 2017 Annual Financial Report was filed with the Auditor of State on January 29, 2018.

The December 31, 2017 and the January 31, 2018 Bank Reconciliations, purchase orders and checks for bills were signed by the trustees at this meeting.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to enter into Executive Session regarding pending litigation. Following a roll call vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried, and at 7:05 p.m. the trustees, fiscal officer, solicitor, and zoning inspector entered into Executive Session. At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to leave Executive Session and return to the regular trustees' meeting. Upon a roll call vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion passed.

The last item of the trustees' regular meeting was discussion on life insurance coverage for the township.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellen K. Ickes, Fiscal Officer

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David P. Stotz, Chairman