

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 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.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the March 6, 2018 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; the motion carried.

Ellen Ickes, Fiscal Officer, provided printed financial reports to the trustees: Appropriation Status, Payment Listing, Receipt Listing, Fund Status, Cash Summary by Fund, Resources Available for Appropriation, and Comparison of Budget and Appropriated. Mrs. Ickes advised that the property tax settlement had been received from the county. A verbal financial report was given as follows:

Total bills:\$ 52,860.23

Total receipts:\$ 398,533.16

Cash total:\$ 1,197,661.64

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).

Devin Black, Rice Township resident and Democratic candidate for Sandusky County Commissioner, was present to observe, wanting to get involved at the local government level.

Timpe Road residents Kim Wright and Jess Wrightington returned to tonight’s trustees’ meeting and requested that the township assist them with the water drainage issue at Ms. Wright’s residence. They would like to know if the township would pay for an in-tile camera to assist them in finding out if a tile is broken. They have narrowed the water problem down to where they believe it is coming in the sidewall and probably not from underneath the home. The couple informed the trustees that Ever Dry had done some work at the home prior to Ms. Wright’s purchase last year, and there is an unbelievable force of water that comes in where Ever Dry worked on a wall. Upon discussion, Superintendent Lagrou advised that the township’s right-of-way stops at the catch basin. Mr. Wrightington posited that perhaps the tiles were broken when sewer work was done, and if it would be possible to locate the tile up to their house, working backwards from the catch basin. He stated that they had two feet of water in their home from a recent one-day rain, causing him to lose another day of work. They are asking for any help the township can give, and a discussion took place on having Adkins Sanitation look into this with a tracer/small camera.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to have Adkins Sanitation TV out the sewer and trace it at Ms. Wright's Timpe Road home the next time that Adkins is called out and already on a township job. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

Paul Shoemaker of Pinewood Drive was present to ask for an update on the fence issue with his next-door neighbor, Terri Weickert. Mr. Kusmer advised that the matter is in the hands of the attorneys and an agreement is believed to be in the works - the township's legal counsel is waiting for a return call from Ms. Weickert's attorney.

Ballville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Crowell was present to speak to the trustees about the upcoming April 30 expiration of the township's fire contract. Discussion took place on the receipt of the property tax settlement received; rollback amounts were not included in the discussion. Chief Crowell advised that they would like to receive \$215,000-\$220,000 a year – they currently contract for \$210,000 a year.

Mrs. Ickes provided copies of the current contract to the trustees and Chief Crowell for their use at the meeting, and Chief Crowell discussed language changes that need to be included in the contract as they relate to the Fire Marshall Code Enforcement (section 1.4 of the current contract). The importance of the language is that it should state that the township relies on the Ballville Volunteer Fire Department for fire code inspections, or it must hire its own fire code enforcer.

Chief Crowell informed the trustees that the Ohio Fire Code no longer has to be adopted by townships because it is automatically effective in Ohio. Following discussion, Trustee Kusmer advised Chief Crowell that the township will look at renewal options. Chief Crowell pointed out that there have been more runs and inspections, and that they have replaced the Old Fort Fire Department for services with the township. If they have to do with less, ISO rating is one thing that will suffer, and it is a goal to be fair to the township residents that they get what they have paid for. The trustees will review options.

Phil Klausz stated that he had nothing to report.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson reported that the orange stain is back on the side of the Oakwood Mausoleum, despite being cleaned and treated last year. There is a rubber membrane under the roof tile that pools up and the orange runs down the side. The contractor that did this work in 1999 advised they no longer do this type of work, and suggested the township contact CL Deemer Roofing. Mr. Lagrou will look into this. The eight-year warranty was up long ago. The problem may be from the membrane deteriorating.

Cemetery cleanups run April 1-15 and this information will be posted by Mr. Lagrou in a free section of The News-Messenger and on signs posted around.

The Cemetery Board meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1 at 12:00 noon at the township house.

Mr. Ferguson discussed the possibility of advertising for the Oakwood Cemetery lot owners' meeting – whether it was legal to do so – the meeting will be held May 14 at 7:00 p.m. Upon discussion, it was decided to discuss this with the township solicitor, Jim Barney.

Superintendent Lagrou presented the trustees with a deed to be signed for Victoria Harger, McGormley Cemetery, Section 15, Lot 14, Grave 5.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Bain reviewed the Ballville Township Zoning Report from March 20, 2018, which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

The Haunted Hydro was discussed at length due to the number of issues at the property. Mr. Bain has asked Mr. Turner to keep the three trailers that are licensed and road-ready together (not scattered) on the property.

Fire Chief Crowell advised that the new fire code, effective December 15, 2017, may affect the Haunted Hydro adversely. The complete code will be available in book form in June, 2018, and it is needed to enforce the new code. Discussion took place on the various issues on the Haunted Hydro property. Chief Crowell will monitor the situation.

Trustee Kusmer suggested that Assistant Prosecutor Mark Mulligan send letters and work on zoning enforcement with the township as needed. Properties that need assistance right now are the Michael Compliment and the Patricia Friend East State Street property.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood

Mr. Wood reported that the Parks Board again discussed the township's bicentennial at its last meeting, and they want to handle it, starting sooner rather than later. They are all on board for the 2022 celebration, and will begin seeking donations for it.

The township's Easter Egg Hunt will be this Saturday, March 24 at noon in Conner Park.

Mr. Wood said he hopes that the township will complete the re-roofing project started last year in Conner Park, but understands that it depends on the township's funds.

The Parks Board does not believe that bee pollination should be part of the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park as it is not friendly to children. Pollination will likely take place just fine in its natural state.

Mr. Wood stated that the township will be receiving \$300,000 from the state capital improvement budget, and Mrs. Ickes stated that there are two resolutions to establish the fund, and for the appropriation of the money, for the trustees to pass tonight.

Discussion took place with Trustee Kusmer regarding plans for the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park bridge, and the materials to be used (treated, recycled plastic, etc.). Trustee Geyer asked about a solid waste grant for recycled materials. Mr. Klausz suggested that Unique Fabricators be contacted regarding galvanizing items, and Mr. Kusmer will look into this.

Mr. Lagrou said that it appears the township is still in the running for the OSS grant for Conner Park for recycled plastic picnic tables and benches.

Conner Park restrooms should be open by April 15 after the EPA paperwork is completed.

Mr. Wood asked about fixing the drainage problem that always causes flooding near one of the ballfields.

Mr. Lagrou will send a thank-you note to the City of Fremont for loaning their roller to us for Conner Park and the cemeteries.

The 2017 Sandusky County Parks District grant was discussed. The township received \$7,893.00 in December. Upon discussion and review of the quote, Mrs. Ickes pointed out that the company name has changed from David Williams & Associates to DWA Recreation, Inc. The trustees advised that the township will only spend approximately \$2,300 out of pocket after careful selection of options. The total purchase order will be for \$10,200. There will need to be a reallocation to Capital Improvements for this amount at the next meeting. Mr. Lagrou would like to have this in before the Relay for Life in Conner Park in June, and it may take 30 days to get it here and installed.

Mr. Lagrou and Mrs. Ickes met with Becky Ames of KLA Loss Prevention yesterday, and he reviewed some of the suggestions made by Mrs. Ames. Hiring summer help under 18 years of age is not a recommendation they would make

The batteries from the Ballville Volunteer Fire Department will be available and passed out to adults at the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou

Discussion took place on Kim Wright's Timpe Road property. Mr. Lagrou will look into this, and the trustees indicated their interest in being involved.

There is a sinkhole at Dr. Stone's CR 31 due to a hole in a tile.

Barbara Mason, 2015 Elm Drive, sent a letter to the trustees. Mr. Lagrou advised that the tile is probably broken, and the township will be out to fix it. It is only two feet deep and near a catch basin.

Mr. Lagrou updated the trustees on the progress being made regarding the Southland Meadows Detention Pond ownership issue. He has been working with Crystal Sounders of the County Prosecutor's office, and he offered copies to the trustees of the most recent documents the county has discovered.

Baker's Diversified had to repair #2 plow's frame that was bent. It has been a hard year with plows and catch basins.

KLA Loss Prevention had recommendations regarding sign reflectivity, and provided the township with samples of forms and information on sign inventory for safety purposes.

The trustees advised they all received their notices from the Sandusky County Engineer regarding the annual meeting on April 10.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Ickes advised that the MORE grant will be used primarily to pay for OTA and Local Government Conference registration fees paid by the General Fund.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to discontinue the transfer of interest from the General Fund to the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park Fund. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried. Mrs. Ickes will have a resolution prepared for the next meeting regarding this.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to set up a capital improvement project fund for use whenever the township will receive these funds from the state. Specifically, there is a need now for the state's capital improvement funds awarded for the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park that the township will receive soon. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; as Resolution 2018-10:

RESOLUTION 2018-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO ESTABLISH FUND 4903, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, FOR THE RECEIPT AND PAYMENT OF PROCEEDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE OF OHIO FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for the appropriation of the \$300,000 that the township will soon receive from the state capital improvement fund for the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; as Resolution 2018-11:

RESOLUTION 2018-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO APPROPRIATE \$300,000.00 IN FUND 4903 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND WHICH HAS BEEN AWARDED AND WILL BE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF OHIO FOR CHUDZINSKI-JOHANNSEN PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion took place on the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and other events, and shelterhouse fees were discussed, and the cost to the township. The fee structure has not been changed for many years, and Mr. Lagrou suggested no more than a \$10.00 increase if the fees go up. The current rates are \$40.00 for residents; \$50.00 for non-residents, and the use is for the entire day.

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. Kusmer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 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

David P. Stotz, Chairman