

**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 – 12:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman David P. Stotz leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Richard A. Geyer and W. Robert Kusmer and Fiscal Officer Ellen Ickes.

Chairman Stotz advised that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the township's General Fund finances, and to consider the need for a levy on the November, 2018 ballot.

It was discussed that the inheritance tax, which ended in 2013, was no longer supplementing the property taxes the township receives for General Fund revenue, and that the township has never been able to meet its General Fund obligations by the property taxes alone. The township must cut back and spend very carefully in order to have a sufficient carryover for the next few years.

Mr. Kusmer advised that the total property valuation in Ballville Township, per the Sandusky County Auditor, is \$158,585,250. Passage of a current levy for General Fund operations in November, 2018 could mean a collection year in 2019, and disbursement to the township of the levy funds in 2020.

A 1 mill levy would net the township approximately \$146,000 + total revenue of \$188,000 for total estimated resources available of approximately \$334,000 a year. A 1-1/4 mill levy would net the township approximately \$182,000 + \$188,000 in revenue for a total estimated resources of approximately \$370,000 a year.

The trustees discussed cost-saving measures, including in the following areas:

Health insurance changes

Cemetery grants that may become available

Employee overtime changes

Parks Board compensation and meeting frequency changes. Savings of \$2,310 by having the parks board meet six times a year and having superintendent report to the trustees at their meetings instead of the Parks Board Chairman. Suggested not closing gates at night to keep costs down.

Parks – portable restroom units

Grants

Zoning - zoning permit and zoning appeal fees

Shelterhouse fees

Further discussion took place on the necessity for a current levy for General Fund operating expenses.

No action was taken by the Board of Trustees.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 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