

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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 February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the February 6, 2018 Trustees’ Public Hearing for Zoning Resolution Changes 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:\$ 26,449.23
Total receipts:\$ 720.00
Cash total:\$ 852,587.75

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.

Mrs. Ickes provided the trustees with copies of the “Certificate of County Auditor That Appropriations From Each Fund Do Not Exceed The Official Estimated Resources”, based on the permanent appropriations passed on February 6, 2018 in Resolution 2018-6.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ballville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Crowell gave Mrs. Ickes a copy of a letter dated February 20, 2018 stating that the smaller Gonya barn damaged in a fire had been cleaned up satisfactorily, and that the funds the township is holding can be released back to Gonya Farms for that building.

Chief Crowell’s letter also states that the larger Gonya (steel) building has not been demolished or repaired, and that the township should continue to hold the funds for it.

Jake Allison, Executive Director of the Sandusky County Veterans' Service Commission, was present to request that the township waive the costs for a cremation opening and closing (\$350.00), and headstone foundation (160.00), for an indigent veteran burial in McGormley Cemetery's Veterans' Section.

Discussion took place regarding the rare circumstances surrounding the Marine Vietnam War veteran, Douglas Winter, since he was not a township resident, having moved to Fremont from Cincinnati in the last year or so. Mr. Allison advised that the burial would be in one of the plots the Veterans' office had purchased already, and that all other options for burial had been exhausted (Oakwood Cemetery does not have any more veterans' graves available).

Discussion also took place regarding Mrs. Winter's burial on her husband's grave, if/when it were to take place. Mr. Allison advised that the government will only pay for the name of a veteran's spouse on the veteran's headstone, although a family could pay for dates, etc. Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to waive the \$510.00 in fees this one time for Mr. Winter's cremation open and close, and the foundation for the headstone. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson had nothing new to report.

Phil Klausz suggested that the trustees consider having the county veterans' office pay for the headstone foundations (\$160.00) with no charge for the township's labor. Discussion took place. Mr. Allison thanked the trustees and left the meeting. Superintendent Lagrou advised that Mr. Winter's military ceremony had taken place last week in McGormley Cemetery.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

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

Trustee Kusmer suggested that the township give only 30 days to clean up a property before action is taken to obtain better results.

Mr. Bain stated that the Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting tomorrow, February 21 regarding zoning appeals filed by Joe Walby (re: 1314 Buckeye St.) and Bruce Leonard (re: 1220 S. SR 53).

The Haunted Hydro property located just inside of the township on Tiffin Road has vehicles/trucks parked on it, and a fence that is shorter than the items sitting behind it. Mr. Bain will look into this and contact Bob Turner of the Haunted Hydro to clean up the property.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood

Mr. Wood advised that at the last meeting, elections were held: (Kerry Wood, Chair; Red Haslinger, Vice Chair; and Sue Babione, Secretary).

The trustees were informed that the Parks Board wants to plan and run with the 200th anniversary celebration for the township on March 1, 2022, similar to the 175th anniversary celebration. It was discussed that it would be good to get the word out now as several people have already expressed interest to be a part of the planning, and maybe the township can utilize some of the things that the county will use in 2020 for its anniversary celebration.

Mr. Wood stated his concern with the recent cost of repair by Valley Electric on one of the lights in Conner Park(\$500.00), and discussion took place on other types of lighting, LED, contractors with lifts the township could perhaps use to replace lights, etc. Mr. Geyer asked about the “share” program with other entities for equipment. Discussion took place on this.

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 24 at noon in Conner Park. Donations for candy were briefly discussed as Mrs. Ickes has brought this up in the past.

The purchase of red garland for the Ballville Bridge was also discussed.

Mrs. Ickes further advised that the General Fund carryover balance was considerably lower this year than last year - approximately \$290,000 coming into 2018 versus a \$425,000 carryover going into 2017. She advised that the township should only make expenditures that are necessary to operate within our budget, and still ensure a carryover balance for next year’s expenditures. The budget for the parks and the township were discussed at length.

Superintendent Lagrou advised that GameTime will be the vendor for the Parks Grant equipment (grant awarded and received in December, 2017) and he will provide a copy of the quote to Mrs. Ickes for a purchase order.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to purchase red garland, as voted on by the Parks Board, for the Ballville Bridge at a cost of \$2,615 from Display Sales. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for the expenditure of not more than \$150.00 for the Easter Egg Hunt. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

The Parks Board meeting minutes from February 12, 2018 were entered into the township’s meeting minutes.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou

Superintendent Lagrou asked the trustees if the two old, unused, “toughbooks” laptop computers could be tried out by the Ballville Volunteer Fire Department to see if they could run software for them. The option of leasing the toughbooks to the fire department was discussed.

The Rick Jenkins property on Maple Lane, discussed in 2017 due to an erosion problem, is the county’s responsibility, not the township’s. Mr. Lagrou advised that the swale is in County Ditch Maintenance, and they will fix the waterflow problem.

The faxed notifications the township receives from OUPS will be emailed instead as of March 31. Due to the high volume of notifications, a dedicated email account has been recommended. After discussion, Mr. Lagrou was instructed to set up an email account for OUPS notices.

On March 13, Mr. Lagrou will attend a two-hour mandatory BWC training at the Holiday Inn in Bowling Green.

Mrs. Ickes advised that she was recently contacted by a new vendor for a quote for the township's BWC group ratings. Groups are established by entity type – in our case, townships with other townships. The current provider, CareWorksComp, is endorsed by the Ohio Township Association. We have had a good experience with them, and fortunately, on a limited basis. She recently received the CareWorksComp renewal notice for this year, which has come in at \$744.00. Mrs. Ickes spoke with Andy Frank of CareWorksComp today, and he authorized a reduction of the township's premium to \$600.00. Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to renew the township's contract with CareWorksComp for the township's BWC group rating and service for \$600.00. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; the motion carried.

Timpe Road draining issues were discussed. Mr. Lagrou advised that he recently went out and looked into this. He has determined that the township is not responsible for the drainage system, which is made up of a series of add-ons over the years by Timpe Road residents. He provided dimensions and described it as large tiles flowing into smaller tiles. The township does take care of the road. Upon discussion, Mr. Lagrou will advise Ms. Wright, who was present at the February 6 meeting, that the township cannot assist her with this drainage problem.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lagrou advised that the township crew will be pulling old bushes out and taking down two trees at the township house as they are getting large enough to interfere with power lines.

Mrs. Ickes stated that the County Engineer just sent the annual mileage certification form out, and Mr. Lagrou said he would complete the form and return it to the County Engineer.

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, for passage of a resolution to amend the text of the Ballville Township Zoning Resolution (voted upon February 6, 2018). The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2018-7:

RESOLUTION 2018-7

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for the reallocation of General Fund account line items and the transfer of interest from the General Fund to the new park fund, as voted on February 6, 2018 in Resolution 2018-4 – a reallocation is necessary first. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2018-8:

RESOLUTION 2018-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO REALLOCATE WITHIN FUND 1000, GENERAL FUND, AND 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 FOR A TOTAL FUND 4901 APPROPRIATION OF \$192,988.55

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

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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