

**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.**

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

Chairman Stotz asked if there were any changes or corrections to the meeting minutes of August 21, 2018. Mr. Geyer stated that he had a change on page 2, paragraph 6, because what is in the minutes is not what he said. In discussion with Mrs. Ickes, she stated that what was in the minutes is what she heard as Mr. Geyer's words, that she stood behind her minutes, and that it didn't need to be changed. The discussion ended with Mr. Geyer telling her that she was not a trustee. Mrs. Ickes gave Mr. Geyer a copy of the page in question and requested him to make the changes that he wanted in writing on the page. Mr. Geyer marked the page by adding text to the first sentence of the paragraph. He read most/all of the sentence as he wanted it aloud and/or showed it to the other two trustees: "Trustee Geyer stated that Mrs. Ickes had wanted to charge Bill Lagrou for mileage, but Mr. Geyer spoke up for Mr. Lagrou as he has no problem that Mr. Lagrou uses it." Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to make the change Mr. Geyer had read aloud. Upon a vote – Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz- Yes; the motion carried. The page was handed to Mrs. Ickes with the added text.

After Mrs. Ickes received the hand-written change from Mr. Geyer, she questioned him because what he had read and what was just passed by the trustees did not agree with what he handed her in writing. He had read his addition/change to the minutes, but he had not crossed out words that were not read from the original minutes. Mr. Geyer then took the copy of the page and drew a line through text that he wanted deleted. Mrs. Ickes requested a new motion, made by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer for this change to the minutes. Upon a vote – Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion carried. Paragraph 6 of page 2 of the August 21, 2018 meeting minutes were corrected to read as follows:

"Trustee Geyer stated that Mrs. Ickes had **wanted to charge Bill Lagrou for mileage** ~~wanted to take Superintendent Lagrou's township truck away from him~~, but Mr. Geyer spoke up for Mr. Lagrou because he has no problem that Mr. Lagrou uses it. Mrs. Ickes replied that the discussion over the use of the truck was based on IRS regulations and compliance with those rules, all part of discussion on the new employee handbook the township has been working on for some time. Trustee Geyer said that the truck was in the township for the township. Trustee Kusmer stated that the township's previous Solicitor, Randy Strickler, had advised that there was no problem with it when the vehicle is police force. In conversation, it was mentioned that the truck has a light bar on it, is marked as "park ranger", and Chairman Stotz stated that it was well-used."

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the August 21, 2018 meeting be approved as amended. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; the motion carried.

Trustee Geyer also asked about the parentheses on Page 5, paragraph 2: "(for the Issue II road repaving project)". Mrs. Ickes stated that meeting minutes should tell someone who was not at the meeting what happened, and this was just for clarification. No action was taken.

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. A verbal financial report was given as follows for today's meeting:

Total bills: .....\$ 118,003.37  
Total receipts: .....\$ 12,459.42  
Cash total in all funds: .....\$ 1,193,473.60

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). No public comments were made.

**CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis**

Superintendent Lagrou stated that Murray Faraday would be buried, with his wife, in the veterans' section as an indigent burial. The veterans' office is paying for all expenses (open/close, and the headstone foundation). They are having trouble reaching Mr. Faraday's daughter and they need her to respond as soon as possible before the check for payment expires.

Anstead Construction will be sealing the concrete at the McGormley veterans' section at their expense for labor. The township will only have to pay for the materials for this work. Jack Ferguson OK'd the township's use of his powerwasher a day or two before the sealing so everything is cleaned up before it is sealed. It was discussed that the township is very grateful to Ansteads for this, and there will be thank-you notes sent to them.

Mr. Lagrou advised that he received a check today for Grover Dowell's grave purchase, but that he had mistakenly overquoted the cost to Mrs. Dowell. He will give her the option to re-write the check for a lesser amount, or for the township to issue a refund. Mrs. Dowell will be interested in a columbarium burial for a son that is still living at this time.

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

Mr. Bain reviewed the Ballville Township Zoning Report from September 4, 2018, which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

Dave Hrupcho of Tucker Road spoke to Mr. Bain about a problem with someone putting brush on his property, and he was advised to contact the Sandusky County Sheriff's Department.

After some discussion, it was decided that Solicitor Barney will review a letter regarding zoning problems from the Zoning Inspector to Patricia Friend before it goes out.

A property on Cole Road owned by Rich Farmer was discussed regarding the size of a pole structure he wants to erect and make into a house. Trustee Kusmer stated that this was something there was a lot of in the 1990s and it is cheaper than regular construction, and it should have the look and feel of a home when it is done.

Trustee Geyer started a discussion about a property across from Phil Klausz on Cole Road (Peterson residence) which was apparently sold recently at a sheriff's sale, bought back by the bank.

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

Mr. Wood advised that he had nothing to report until the Parks Board meets again.

Gary Chudzinski has inquired about having a remote control airplane landing strip behind the evergreens at the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park until the park is developed. Discussion took place that different kinds of wildlife live there, including eagles and hawks, and that this has been discussed before. Mr. Wood stated that this use of the property would violate the contract with the state. Mr. Kusmer advised that Mr. Lagrou should call Mr. Chudzinski and tell him "no" regarding the request, and that trees will be planted in that area. Mrs. Ickes stated that the grant money has not yet been received.

Superintendent Lagrou discussed trees that have died in Conner Park and need to be replaced as they have donation plaques with them. McGormley Cemetery has crabapple trees that need to be replaced. And also, that Tom Halm needs a tree at his house since an agreement was made when the township tore up his side yard for drainage work that the township would purchase a replacement tree for him. Mr. Halm recently has chosen a greenspire Linden tree, the same kind of tree planted by the ball diamond in Conner Park. Mr. Lagrou will look at vendors for future tree purchases and he would like them to have a one-year warranty. It was discussed that a vendor might replace a tree the first time one dies, but if it dies after that, the vendor will not replace it. Mr. Gillis' tri-colored beech tree with his wife's plaque in Connor Park has died twice.

Mr. Lagrou stated that Walt Whittle of Martin Avenue contacted him and has advised that he will be making a \$1,000.00 donation to the township for anything that the township can use it for, but he didn't seem to want the donation to go toward playground equipment – tools are more likely a preference. Discussion took place, and Mr. Lagrou will ask him again about playground equipment. Mr. Whittle will also be donating hand tools that he has multiple pieces of, and Mr. Lagrou stated that it is always good to have tools in their trucks.

Mr. Wood said that when he worked for the state a list of donors was called to help out if money ran short on a project. He gave an example of a project that ran out of money, and donations made up the difference.

Trustee Kusmer stated that donations will be forthcoming for Chudzinski-Johannsen Park as the park is developed.

The Parks Board meeting minutes from August 13, 2018 were entered into the township's meeting minutes.

## **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou**

Thursday this week will be a busy day in the township. Milling on Cole Road is likely to begin, and Carlos Baez of the county engineer's office will double check where the milling should be done. Flaggers are needed, and Trustee Kusmer asked, and Trustee Stotz also offered, to help. Mr. Lagrou advised that the road cannot be shut down.

An Issue II pre-construction meeting will also be held on Thursday, and the superintendents have been invited. Carlos Baez from the county engineer's office will be present, and they might have someone working on milling with the townships. Completion date is the end of September. Ramps will be installed into residents' driveways for three weeks until the project is completed.

Mr. Lagrou advised that Sandusky Township would like their millings from Poorman's subdivision repaving project. Gerken Paving is the contractor on that project and they do their own milling.

ProMedica Memorial Hospital will be having a large crane there to install rooftop equipment and Taft and Glen Springs will be shut down for a day. Permits were discussed and whether the city, county, and township, could all use the same permit as all of these entities have roads involved.

A purchase order for Streakers for a skid loader and broom might not be needed for the Issue II repaving project, but should be left open for now. Mr. Lagrou has been advised by Lee Laird that the township won't need a skid loader until the end, and that Northcoast has a tractor and broom the township can use. The township will use all three trucks and needs a couple of flaggers. Discussion took place on optional drop-off sites for millings, if needed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Cyclone Services cannot be used for trash hauling until the current contract with Republic Services is up in December, 2020. They have to receive a note 60 days ahead of the expiration to cancel, and it was discussed to be aware that they may want to charge for dumpster removal.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent Lagrou advised the trustees that on September 18 at 4:30 (before the regular trustees' meeting), Jamie from OSS would like to meet the trustees at the recycling center at Hydraulic Square. OSS plans to meet with each recycling township and photograph the respective trustees with items that can and cannot be recycled for the OSS website, and this would be Ballville's photo time.

Mrs. Ickes stated that Assistant Prosecutor Mark Mulligan recently advised that he was hoping to correct the ownership issue on the Southland Meadows detention pond soon. A check was presented tonight to the trustees for payment of delinquent taxes on that property. Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, not to pay check #28684 payable to Sandusky County Treasurer in the amount of \$256.04, dated September 4, 2018 since it is for the delinquent taxes on the Southland Meadows property taxes. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried. The check will be voided and the taxes will not be paid.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for passage of a resolution prepared by Solicitor Barney for the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park to enter into a contract with the state to accept grant funds. The motion passed 2-1 following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - No; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2018-34:

**RESOLUTION 2018-34**

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRUSTEES TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FOR CHUDZINSKI-JOHANNSEN CONSERVANCY PARK*

Mrs. Ickes advised that Michelle Crockett of Burnham & Flower advised her today that the health insurance renewal that comes due effective January 1, 2019, will have an 8% increase in premiums for the same policy coverage the township has now. The trend for grandmothers policies, such as the township has, is to continue with them until the policies are no longer available . It was not expected that this policy coverage would continue to be available for 2019. PEBA (Public Employees Benefits Association) provides a discount to the township, but has no effect on the township’s rates. An increase in the deductible is not allowable if the township wishes to stay with PEBA. Options for cost-saving include: 1) changing the deductible anyhow; 2) changing to an 80/20 plan up to a certain amount; and 3) going with a secondary HRA plan administered by Medical Mutual. There is also a FORMFIRE survey that the employees can fill out themselves online for shopping other Medical Mutual and Anthem coverage if the township wants that. Ms. Crockett will provide January 1, 2019 renewal information for the township so that it is available by the September 18 meeting.

The August 31, 2018 Bank Reconciliation, 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 6:50 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