BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with Chairman W. Robert Kusmer leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Trustee Richard A. Geyer.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the July 7, 2019 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – 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. A verbal financial report was given as follows for today's meeting:

Total bills: .....$ 23,803.71

Total receipts: .....$ 550.00

Cash total in all funds: .....$ 1,176,925.47

It was moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the financial report be approved and the bills be paid. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer –Yes; the motion carried.

The trustees reviewed account activity for the Croghan Colonial VISA credit cards for the last billing period, and Chairman Kusmer signed the credit card attestation(s). Payment by check is included in the above referenced bills.

Mrs. Ickes advised that the 2017-2018 audit by the Auditor of State will begin on Monday, July 22. Superintendent Lagrou and the township crew will help load up the files for the audit which will be conducted in Toledo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Gary Nossaman was present and stated that he wants to fill the vacancy left by the passing of trustee Dave Stotz, and asked how to do it. Mr. Kusmer advised the deadline for submitting resumes for the appointment to the position has passed, but that he could run for election for the unexpired term.

Ron Shoemaker is also interested in running for Dave Stotz's trustee position in November.

Chief Doug Crowell provided Ballville Volunteer Fire Department BWC certificate renewal to fiscal officer.

Jan Sorg expressed condolences for the loss of Mr. Stotz.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis
Mr. Gillis advised that the township's website needs to be updated because the current cemetery costs and other information is not current. Chairman Kusmer advised that the township will be working on that.

Superintendent Lagrou stated that he looked at the Oakwood mausoleum roof. He and Mr. Gillis agreed there is no leak because it is dry inside. Jerry Eakin from Deemer Roofing has not gotten back to Mr. Lagrou on his assessment of the problem.

The Cemetery Rules and Regulations were submitted to the State of Ohio by Mr. Lagrou, and we are in compliance as required by the new rule to have this on file with them.

The township had Willis McCune's funeral last week.

It was discussed that Hartung Title in Port Clinton had done some research on Hill Cemetery, but did not charge us anything because they did not find a title. Mrs. Ickes advised that Solicitor Jim Barney is working on the township getting a quiet title to the cemetery. The process is that we must file a complaint/suit in Common Pleas Court and advertise six weeks in a row in a local newspaper that anyone with an interest in the cemetery should come forward to claim it. When no one does, then the township will get a deed to the cemetery, per Mrs. Ickes.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector
Mr. Bain reviewed the Ballville Township Zoning Report from July 16, 2019, which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

He talked to Bob Turner about special use permits when Mr. Turner came in one Thursday, and Mr. Bain has not heard back from him. It appears that nothing has been removed from the Haunted Hydro property.

Ballville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Crowell asked about the Oakwood St. commercial property. Neighbors there report the owner is in and out every once in a while, and they have advised that the owner said he would fix the roof. Chief Crowell has not talked to the owner in person, and now they are at the time limit the fire chief gave him.

Upon discussion, Chief Crowell advised that the Bruce Leonard property needs an EPA demolition permit even if the township doesn't require a permit**.**

Chief Crowell asked about the fire department sign out at the road. Mr. Bain will look into that.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood
Mr. Wood advised that the members discussed attendance at meetings at the last meeting, and the members who had questionable attendance explained their circumstances and they intend to be present in the future. There is no urgency in adding an alternate since we do have one alternate.

Discussion took place on the roadway at Chudzinski-Johannsen Park. The work is to be completed by the end of September.

The Parks Board meeting minutes from June 10, 2019 were entered into the township's meeting minutes.

Kerry Wood is also looking into grant money for lighting – it is First Energy, not AEP, that might have a program. Mr. Kusmer stated that both companies have programs that will pay the customer a stipend/portion, and he will contact someone that may have information on this. Lighting options were discussed. Mrs. Ickes provided a few numbers for Conner Park lighting and we are paying less than we did in 2016.

Chudzinski-Johannsen Park was discussed, and it is hoped the park can be utilized yet this year. They will plant trees and grasses.

Mr. Lagrou talked to Brandon Shull recently. The labor is the same as quoted two years ago for roofing the remaining Conner Park buildings. The metal roofing for the work is safely stored away.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou
Buchman Road work has been done satisfactorily.

The Timpe Road purchase order for Kim Wright's repair work will be signed tonight. Mr. Lagrou will contact the other contractors that Zimmerman was successful bidder.

Mr. Lagrou has not heard from Unilliance on the Darr Road erosion correction work.

Our Lady of the Pines wants to know about drainage and the "celery field". It was discussed that there are no drains on this property so the celery could grow. The celery fields starts at the pump station and goes all the way to right behind "Norm Fausey's place". Discussion took place. There are complaints about mosquitos. Ken Frost, Safety Service Director from the City of Fremont, may be able to spray River Street down Cemetery past the celery fields. Cost has not been discussed.

The township is still mowing detention ponds, and Mr. Lagrou will bill the county for that.

Baker and Rice Roads area will not be mowed because of a recent murder in the area and evidence may be found, so the township has been asked to leave this and the surrounding areas alone for now.

It was discussed that 15 years ago there was a problem at the township tile and catch basin where Briarwood and Japack Drive meet. An attachment and six inch tile worked to correct the problem. It has recently been dye-tested by the township, and it appears that the tile has separated. Mr. Kusmer advised the connection is private. Discussion took place. The township will look into this.

Columbia Gas has asked for permits for a Hampton Road gas line run and a Lutz Street road cut.

Mr. Geyer asked about dedicating Progress Road. Mr. Lagrou said they have gone through the process before and one neighbor would not sign. Mr. Kusmer suggested that the requester speak to his neighbors, many of whom are new, about signing on to this. Mr. Kusmer said the township went through this in the 1980s and again around 2010.

OLD BUSINESS
Republic Services item on the agenda. We have a three-year contract and are good.

NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to put the road levy renewal on the November 5, 2019 ballot. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; as Resolution 2019-15:

RESOLUTION 2019-15
A RESOLUTION BY THE TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP DECLARING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY LEVY AT THE MAXIMUM RATES AUTHORIZED BY LAW WITHOUT THE VOTE OF THE ELECTORS TO BE INSUFFICIENT AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF A RENEWAL LEVY IN EXCESS OF SUCH RATES

Mrs. Ickes advised that the township will have four issues on the November 5, 2019 ballot: the road and bridge renewal levy, two trustee positions and one fiscal officer position.

Mr. Kusmer moved, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to go into Executive Session regarding personnel. Upon a roll call vote - Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion passed and the trustees and Mrs. Ickes entered into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. At 6:55 p.m. Mr. Geyer made a motion, with a second by Mr. Kusmer, to leave Executive Session. Upon a Roll Call vote – Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; the motion passed and the trustees returned to the regular meeting.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to appoint Phil Klausz to the open position left vacant by the death of Dave Stotz, with a second by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote – Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion passed. Thursday July 18, would be the projected start date if Mr. Klausz accepts the appointment. The trustees will send letters thanking all persons who submitted resumes for the trustee vacancy.

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 7:00 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellen K. Ickes, Fiscal Officer

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W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman