BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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. Chairman Kusmer advised that Trustee Philip F. Klausz was not present due to a previously-scheduled personal matter.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of the August 6, 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: .....$ 23,653.82

Total receipts: .....$ 5,944.42

Cash total in all funds: .....$ 1,167,591.95

Mrs. Ickes advised that the second half property tax settlement had not yet been received, and it is the township's primary source of revenue.

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.

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

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis
Hill Cemetery ownership has yet to be obtained through a quiet-title action.

The new Ohio Department of Commerce grant was discussed at the last meeting. Chairman Kusmer advised that the grant will be applied to legal fees for Hill Cemetery if the township is awarded anything this year. The grant was submitted and accepted. Mr. Gillis advised the Hill Cemetery quiet title work is a good use of the grant. Kusmer said there is about $40,000 for the grant this year and no one really knows the criteria for the award.

The recent Meyers funeral was discussed. No funeral home name was given for the burial. Sue Geharty of the Sandusky County Veterans' office advised that Douglas Meyers was not allowed to be buried in the veterans' section because he did not serve overseas.

Mr. Lagrou advised that there were two options considered for the cemetery grant – Hill Cemetery quiet title work or fence repair. Mr. Lagrou said that B & W might be able to straighten the fences rather than replace them because you will never get the same fence when replacing. Superintendent Lagrou stated that it is estimated to be $3,750 to repair 8-10 eight foot pieces, no prime or paint included.

On the grant application, Kusmer advised that the township never had title to Hill Cemetery, something Mrs. Ickes discovered this when going through the township's parcels and properties while creating a master list for the township.

Deed signed by the trustees:
Sold to Michael Sears for Douglas Meyers burial
McGormley Cemetery, Section 2, Lot 15, Grave 3

Mr. Lagrou and Jerry Eakin of Deemer Roofing checked the Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum recently. Fortunately, there is no problem there, just the copper coming off the end of the plates.

The Indigent Burial Policy from Woodville Township from 2014 was distributed by Mr. Lagrou, who provided a copy to Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Gillis.

Monica Heath owns two graves at McGormley and wants to swap them out for two graves closer to her parents. All that is needed is approval by the trustees and a new deed; the old deed must be returned. The trustees offered no objection to the swap. Mr. Lagrou will have that done before the next meeting.

A glitch with Pontem software has occurred. Mr. Lagrou called Pontem to add Phil Klausz to the cemetery deeds because he replaced recently-deceased trustee Dave Stotz. Once Pontem made the change, all deeds going forward should have the name of Mr. Klausz on them as a trustee. Unfortunately, the name was also changed on all deeds, including deeds issued in the past with the name of David P. Stotz (they incorrectly now say Philip F. Klausz). Mr. Lagrou advised Pontem the change is only for future deeds, and he was advised that a name change changes the name universally; this is not what the township wants. Mr. Lagrou offered a suggestion to print "Ballville Township Trustees" instead of printing the names of the trustees. If the trustees sign legibly, their names will appear on the signature lines and the problem with the naming convention won't happen again. This is what Pontem will be asked to do. All of this is included in the annual fee.

Scouts Joe Rich and Dalton Ewing, of Troop 339, were present as a requirement for a badge they are working on.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector
Mr. Bain reviewed the Ballville Township Zoning Report from August 20, 2019, which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

The trustees approved Mr. Bain's request to have this Thursday off and next Thursday as well.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood
The Chudzinski Johannsen Park roadways were staked out today. Mr. Kusmer will ask for a price on the pond while work is being done on the roads, and the contract can be extended for this work. The pond will be 4-5 feet deep.

The board had a meeting recently and talked about the sign for Chudzinski Johannsen Park that was damaged in transit. Mr. Kusmer advised that a new sign is being constructed and should be here within a week to replace the damaged sign.

Mr. Lagrou got an updated price on the Sandusky County Park Grant. It is $400-$500 more now. We received the cash amount of approximately $7,893.00 in 2017 and have not spent it, with the approval of the County Parks. Discussion took place on re-bidding the expression swing, bays and matting underneath. Mr. Lagrou will check with Andy Brown at the Park District. The township had two quotes on this when the township first considered the purchase and applied for the grant.

The township Halloween party date has been set for Wednesday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. Donations probably will be used; the Parks Board would like to save the Connie Klausz Fund for other activities. If the township makes candy purchases, the WalMart card could be used for the Halloween candy because it will be tax-exempt.

Demolition of the Hydraulic Park storage building was discussed. The building does not have the historical significance that may have been believed it had at one time. Mrs. Ickes advised that demolition is a General Fund expenditure. The majority of cost will be in asbestos removal, per Mr. Lagrou. A lot of drainage tile, plows, parts, etc. are stored there, and tires found along the roads are kept there until they are disposed of.

Ovarian Cancer Walk is September 7, 2020.

Chudzinski Johannsen Park will have to have more grass mowed. Boundaries discussed.

Tritch Door had to come in to fix a door on a Conner Park shelterhouse recently. Superintendent Lagrou had them check all of the doors for safety purposes.

Mr. Lagrou wants to take a class on September 12 and October 23 for his license for next year's renewal. Classes are in Sandusky, and he wants to get at least one in this year if he can.

As part of the 2017-2018 audit, which is taking place now, the State Auditor's office asked about sport field use fees. Mr. Lagrou went back as far as the 2008 minutes and found fees were discussed, but nothing where they were voted on.

Currently, baseball fees are $250.00 for the spring season (practice and about 10 games each – spring and fall). The Fremont Emeralds Soccer Club pays $50.00 per striping of a soccer field and there is a spring and a fall season. The cost is $4.35 for a can of paint, and 10 cans cover all three fields. The paint has to be purchased 12 cases at a time - the supply lasts for three years.

Grace Community Church pays $100.00 for the season for sand volleyball, and are here for 8 week. Mr. Lagrou said the only maintenance is tilling up the sand because it becomes very hard otherwise, so that is done before the group comes out. They also usually book a shelterhouse. Discussion took place on the use fees.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to set sports field use fees, beginning with the Fall, 2019 season. Upon a vote – Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion passed to establish sports field use fees as follows:

Soccer - per week, per field	$75.00
Baseball per season	$250.00
Volleyball	$100.00

The Parks Board meeting minutes from August 12, 2019 were entered into the township's meeting minutes.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou

The township received an annexation resolution from the County Commissioners for KF Ventures for a thin strip of land, a lane, next to Poorman's subdivision that is believed will provide access to condos that will be built back in there.

Ballville received an Issue II invoice from last year's repaving project from Erie Blacktop that Mrs. Ickes sent to Green Creek township for driveway work done for them. She has not heard back from Green Creek.

Mr. Lagrou met with Unilliance on Friday last week about starting work on the water/drainage problems at Kim Wright's Timpe Road home. Ms. Wright is eager to get the repair work done.

Mr. Lagrou received a letter from a resident on Greenfield Drive in the Rhoda subdivision near Sacred Heart Church complaining about speeding, and he advised that the Sheriff's Department could monitor that. ODOT does not recognize "Children Playing" signs, but the township can put them up anyhow.

Trenching safety training will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday in Cygnet in an indoor facility. Superintendent Lagrou wanted to know if all four of the guys could attend this training. This is sponsored by the BWC and the training and lunch are free. The session next week is full, but he hopes that, by placing two of the guys on a wait list, they can get in The other two could attend another session in March. Scott Goodwin was present and advised that this is a good training. He spoke about federal OSHA, and he advised that people are not following the regulations that are out there. Trenching failures cost lives and can be prevented.

Trooper Sorg and Mr. Lagrou have discussed the need to make sure the golf cart resolution that the township passes states that golf carts can be on any road where the speed limit is 35 mph or less in Ballville Township. Discussion took place.

Superintendent Lagrou will be renewing his notary and trustees approved this.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to pass a resolution regarding golf carts on roadways in the township. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; as Resolution 2019-22:

RESOLUTION 2019-22

A RESOLUTION ALLOWING UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES AND LOW-SPEED VEHICLES ON CERTAIN ROADS AND STREETS IN BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP

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 6:45 pm. 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