BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020 – 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 were Trustees Richard A. Geyer and Philip F. Klausz, along with James Barney of Kocher & Gillum, Solicitor.

Phil Klausz took the oath of office presented by Bob Kusmer.

Moved by Mr. Klausz, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the December 173, 2019 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Tom Ackerman, Fiscal Officer, provided printed financial reports to the trustees Appropriation Status, Payment Listing, Receipt Listing, Fund Status. No financial report given until year-end is closed out and will have update at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Deputy Karn stated it is the sheriff's office attention to attend meetings as much as possible to address and concerns or complaints. The plan is to attend a meeting a month.

Cindy Welty introduced herself and said she is running for common seat court judge. She gave statements on her qualifications.

Chris Snyder introduced herself and said she is running for clerk of courts. She made statements on her intentions of the changes she would make if elected clerk of courts.

Sandusky county Commissioner Scott Miller let citizens know that the commissioner's office is open for communications visits and so on. He let the trustees know if they need them to come over to discuss things they are more than welcome to come over to meetings. He stated from the county standpoint things are looking good. Budget are turned in and we have nice carryover. Stated they took a dip on the rebuild of courthouse but have bounced back. The upgrades made should save money in the end. Working with Sheriff Department the drug use levels are going down in the county. Working with Children and Family services and helping families in need. He stated the Bond rating is an AA2 and got uptick in credit rating. Bob Kusmer asked about the virus problem in county computers. Scott said they have worked with multiple federal agencies to make sure the hacking and viruses are taken care to the best of their abilities. Commissioners make effort to try to talk with all officials in the county on a quarterly basis to make sure communications are made between all departments. Scott fielded a question about the health department and commented on that he is working with them and did voice concerns to them about monies that they are asking from the townships. He did stat the money is much less then it appeared in initial communions sent out by the health department. Bob Kusmer stated he would be attending a meeting in February to find out details about health department issues.

Bob Kusmer and Trustees let Mike Warner that they looked his business and he meets all zoning requirements and they will be refunding is zoning permits fees as he should not have been charged in this particular case. He said he need to work with zoning inspector about a sign he wants to put up. Motion was made by Phil Klausz to refund Mike Warner for both his permit fees. Second by Rick Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Joe Garrett made comment about AEP billing which expires in August and he is working to bid out the service and hopes for betting pricing for the township. He got signature from Bob Kusmer to get AEP to release customer data to do pricing.

Doug Crowell commented that did not have Fire Department numbers yet. Did mention that down on membership. Normally about 25-28 people and now down to 18. They have ordered a new tanker. Old tanker is 32 years old. 4-6 months away still to receive new tanker. Renovations to the stations have put the trucks on back burner and now the stations are complete they are now looking at replacing trucks.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairmen. Phil Klausz made motion to have Rick Geyer to Chairperson, Second by Bob Kusmer. Rick Geyer declined and explained that it is his belief the Bob Kusmer is the most knowledgeable person for the position. He knows the Ohio Revised code and the meeting run smoothly and we keep a united front. His suggestion is we keep this expertise especially since we have new fiscal officer. Bob has contacts people from Ohio township association. He has contact with Bill Reinke. He know how answer zoning questions. Rick apologizes to Bob about their rough start and Rick make motion for Bob Kusmer to run another year and chairperson and Phil Klausz and Vice-chairperson. Second by Phil Klausz. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Meeting date and time is set for the same day and time. Motion by Phil Klausz to keep meeting date same day and time. Second by Rick Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Re-appoint for audit committed which is Trustee and Fiscal officer. Motion by Phil Klausz to keep audit committee Trustees and fiscal officer. Second by Rick Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Motion by Rick Geyer to keep solicitor at same rate. Second by Phil Klausz. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Sandusky county township banquet is January 16 and will be attended by Bill Lagrou and Bob Kusmer.

OTA winter conference will be Feb 5 – 7th and will be attended by Bob, Phil and Tom. Rick may attend based on his schedule.

Inventory meeting is set for Monday January 13th at noon.

Appointment to regional planning. Motion by Bob Kusmer to put Phil Klausz in. Second by Rick Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Alternate is Bob Kusmer. Motion by Rick Geyer. Second by Phil Klausz. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Health department Motion by Phil Klausz to have Rick Geyer represent. Second by Bob Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis

No cemetery report at this time.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Bain reviewed the Ballville Township Zoning Report from January 7, 2020, which was entered into the township's minutes.

Doug Crowell asked about Machine shop on Oakwood. No further information was given. Any mention about Christian bookstore. Complaints have been going to city but in Ballville Township. Owner has passed away. Doug is working on the situation.

Daycare place on State St has semi-truck deals that they put stuff in. Believe it is for temp renovations.

Bartson road issue has been sent a letter and Jim Barney is researching the situation to see what all needs to be done.

Harold Ingram has asked to change for Zoning Appeals and would like to go the Zoning commission. Rick Geyer made motion to move to Zoning Board Commission. Second by Phil Klausz. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood

No meeting at this point. Bill Lagrou added some trees planted at Chudzinski-Johansson Park.
Got well licenses at Conner Park.
Look into lightning at Park about LED lights
Talked to Brady Shull about dugout and rest rooms. Hope to be done in February.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Bill Lagrou

Trees are coming down. Did trade one out for two small ones that they found issues with during inspecting.
Info for sale of 97 GMC truck. Bill suggests that we make opening of bids on first meeting in February 4.
$7,000 is low bid offer. Mileage is 119,000. All service records are included.
Bills from Kalida. Lighting was upgraded on New Kenworth truck. Also on Sterling was upgraded with new lighting. Plow was fixed too.
Talked with Lisa from EMA. Do not need another meeting at this time.

Tornado sirens test. The one on Cole Road did not work. Do not know what issue was. Connor park siren overlaps that siren so we were covered. Looking for grants to try to replace all sirens. Would like to get bigger sirens replaced with grant money. Will check again if February to see if sirens are working with some changes that, they made.

Surge protectors purchased and Tyson Root replaced them and when they were switched out. After turning power on, they burned out. Found out these surge protectors have some type of issue. Bill is working to find out if these are the issue. Looking into recall to replace or get new one cause they need replaced.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

Rick Geyer moves to go into Executive session. Second by Phil Klausz. Roll call upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes;
VOTE TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Rick made motion to 3% raise and Chad Myers sick leave 7 days and 40 hours vacation. Second by Phil Klausz Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Phil Klausz motion to allow Bill Lagrou to carry over 6 hours vacation. Second by Rick Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Rick Geyer makes motion to adjourn. Second by Phil Klausz. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

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W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman