BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with Chairman W. Robert Kusmer via online using ZOOM. Also, present were Trustees Richard A. Geyer and Phillip F. Klausz.

Mr. Kusmer asked Mr. Geyer to keep the minutes due to Tom Ackerman having difficulty entering the Zoom meeting.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr.Klausz, that the minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Klausz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

Tom Ackerman, Fiscal Officer, sent printed financial reports prior to the meeting to the trustees: Appropriation Status, Payment Listing, Receipt Listing, Fund Status, Cash Summary by Fund:

Total bills: ..... $ 32,980.38

Total receipts: ..... $ 543,092.69

Cash total in all funds: ..... $ 1,770,639.04

Moved by Mr. Klausz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the financial report be approved. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comments.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Bill Lagrou

Eight (8) or nine (9) cremations are expected to arrive in May 2020 and be buried at McGormley Cemetery with the possibility of one (1) at the mausoleum. Two deeds have not been paid yet, so we are waiting on those. Cemetery clean-up took place in April 2020.

Tom Ackerman, Fiscal Officer gained access to the Zoom meeting.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Bain submitted his Ballville Township Zoning Report via email from April 7, 2020, which was entered into the township's minutes.

PARKS REPORT – Kerri Wood and Bill Lagrou

Bill Lagrou mentioned that two non-profit organizations, NAMI and Cystic Fibrosis, have paid for rental of shelter houses. Mr. Lagrou has offered to keep both organization's $50 deposit until a later date when the possibility of their events taking place becomes more certain. The non-profit

organization, Heartbeat of Fremont, was scheduled to hold an event on May 2, 2020, but no deposit was ever made.

All well samples have been approved and we are in good standing.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned that he will not open the public bathrooms in Connor Park until a later date.

A pair of soccer goal nets and basketball nets need replaced, so Mr. Lagrou will bring the subject up to the Park Board whenever they have a meeting in the future. Mr. Lagrou would like to purchase all of the nets for approximately $400 - $450 from BSN Sports where the township will receive a 10% discount.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou

Sealed road bids for the repaving project on Brown Dr., Oak Dr., Richard Dr., and Swiss Dr. as well as the cul-de-sac on Melissa Dr. were submitted a previous trustee meeting and are as follows:

$ 73,706.00 - Bergman

$ 79,514.00 - M & B Blacktop

$ 85,406.00 – Erie Blacktop

$ 96,312.00 – Gerken Paving

A motion was made by Mr. Klausz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to accept the road bid for the repaving project on Brown Dr., Oak Dr., Richard Dr., and Swiss Dr. as well as the cul-de-sac on Melissa Dr. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Klausz, seconded by Mr. Kusmer to contract with Mike Willis from Willis & Sons to rent a bulldozer at $100 per hour to spread the dirt and asphalt grindings across the street from the Ballville Township House. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - No; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

The ODOT Salt Contract has already been voted on by the trustees and has been sent to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

S & S Hauling completed the paving of the "road cut" that was made across Center Street and the yard was re-seeded after a private project was completed at the Mason's Hall. Mr. Lagrou sought approval by the trustees to return the $ 1,800 deposit to S & S Hauling.

After getting the face of the 2008 GMC snowplow completed by B & W Welding, Mr. Lagrou sought approval to move forward on getting it sand blasted and painted because of the damage by salt pitting. He received estimates from the following:

Meggitt Sandblasting & Paint, Vickery, Ohio – $800 to $950

The Dexter Company (Sandblasting & Paint), Bucyrus, Ohio - $800 to $900

Mr. Klausz mentioned the Meggitt Sandblasting & Paint has been having problems since his son took over the business; therefore, Mr. Klausz asked Mr. Lagrou to check on pricing by Dammon Paint in Fremont, Ohio.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lagrou has been researching the pricing on fuel tanks to place in the bed of the truck to take advantage of the low gas prices. Prices for fuel tanks at various establishments include the following:

Rural King has a fuel tank for $429.00

Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) has a 98 gallon "L-Shaped" fuel tank which fits under the toolbox of the truck for $499.00

Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) has a 100 gallon "Square-Shaped" fuel tank that can be bolted down to the floor of the truck for $400.00

A motion was made by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Klausz, to allot up to $600.00 for the purchase of a fuel tank along with a fuel filter for the tank. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

A bid of $5,600 was submitted for the GMC truck. Mr. Ackerman asked if he should put the $5,600 for the sale of the truck in the Roads fund or the General Fund? Currently, we have the $5,600 in the General Fund for the purpose of repurchasing equipment at a later date. Mr. Ackerman mentioned that we should create a Capital Improvement Fund, but we must go through the Sandusky County Auditor for approval to set-up a Capital Improvement Fund.

Mr. Lagrou stated that there was a tree leaning on Southland Ave., therefore, he had to make the decision to have the tree removed due to an emergency situation to keep the tree from falling. He contacted Ax-Pro Tree Service who came out at around 8:00 pm to remove the tree and completed the project at around 10:00 am the next day. Ax-Pro charged the township $1,800 to remove the tree which included taking the stump out and reseeding the lawn. Mrs. McCubbin called Mr. Lagrou inquiring about the tree and stump removal.

Mr. Klausz expressed concern that the price for removal of the tree at $1,800 seemed a bit high, whereas, maybe it should have cost closer to $1,500. Mr. Klausz recommended that Mr. Lagrou check with Hawk Tree Service (Tiffin, Ohio) and Jarrett Tree Service (Bellevue, Ohio) as well as Ax-Pro Tree Service (Fremont, Ohio) to request a quote on the price from each of these businesses for removing a tree in an emergency situation.

The Zoom meeting ended abruptly due to the 45 minute allotted time by Zoom. Mr. Kusmer set-up another Zoom meeting in which all trustees and guests were able to re-enter the meeting.

Mr. Lagrou asked if Governor DeWine opens up the State of Ohio on Friday, May 1, 2020, when should the trustees open Conner Park? No decision was made on the opening of Conner Park based on waiting to see what Governor DeWine does.

Mr. Geyer asked why the Sandusky County Parks District contacted the Sandusky County Engineers' Department requesting that they put "No Parking" signs along the Sandusky river in the right-away. Mr. Lagrou stated that the Sandusky County Parks' District put signs in the right—away next to their property in Ballville Township and asked the County Engineer if he would be willing to continue the "No Parking" signs in the right-away next to the Sandusky river up to the Ballville EZ shop. Mr. Lagrou mentioned that the Sandusky County Engineers' Department owns the property right-away on River Street next to the Sandusky River. On the other hand, Mr. Geyer mentioned that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) stated that people are allowed to fish in the Sandusky River.

Mr. Ackerman asked the trustees if we should review the contents of the Safe Deposit Box located inside the Croghan Colonial Bank at a future meeting of the trustees and include the contents on Ballville Township's inventory list? The trustees agreed to look at the contents of the Safe Deposit Box at a regular meeting of the trustees in the future. Mr. Ackerman asked if there was a fee for the Safe Deposit Box and Mr. Kusmer mentioned that we pay the fee on an annual basis.

Mr. Ackerman brought up an idea of naming the road that goes through Chudzinski-Johannsen Park. Mr. Kusmer stated that maybe we could have a contest among all Ballville residents to come up with a name for the road. Mr. Kusmer also mentioned that naming of the road could have something to do with the schoolhouse which is located in Ballville Township and was named Tindall School House. The placard still remains on the Tindall Schoolhouse. The schoolhouse used to be on Dave Rimelspach's property but was moved to the Leemaster property.

Purchase orders and checks for bills were signed by the trustees at the township house prior to the Trustee's regular meeting held on Zoom.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Klausz, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Klausz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Richard A. Geyer, Trustee

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W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman