BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 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.

Moved by Mr. Klausz, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Klausz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

Tom Ackerman, Fiscal Officer, reported that the financial report would be ready by next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comments.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Bill Lagrou

One funeral occurred last week and all trustees have signed the deed. Mr. Ackerman just needs to provide the official stamp on the deed sometime next week.

Four (4) foundations have been poured since the start of Spring 2020. Maumee Valley Memorial (Maumee, Ohio) and Balconi Monuments, Inc. (Sandusky, Ohio) use these types of foundations.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Bain submitted the Ballville Township Zoning Report through May 5, 2020 via email to the trustees which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

Raul Pena lives in a trailer at 2753 Hayes Ave. and would like to build a house on the same property. Mr. Kusmer mentioned that he will need a special use permit. Mr. Klausz said that the lot size would need to be reviewed and asked if Mr. Pena's trailer was on a sewer and he said, "Yes".

Dave Bain said that Lisa Lotcyz wants to build a storage facility up to 28 feet in height. Mr. Klausz asked Mr. Bain if the building was a primary structure and if so, then the height of the structure could go up to 35 feet. Apparently, the property has an address of its own. Mr. Klausz asked Mr. Bain to find out what Ms. Lotcyz's intentions are for the use of the building and if someone is going to live there which would make it a primary structure.

Ben Decker asked about the height restrictions for property zoned agricultural. Mr. Decker is adding a 29 foot ridge off the ground to a barn on his property. Mr. Decker said Ballville zoning has a 26 feet height restriction in agricultural. Mr. Decker mentioned that there are residents in Ballville that are building garages which have a roof pitch higher than 18 feet. He said that there are farmers that have grain beds which are 87 feet in height and barns that are greater than 87 feet. Therefore, Mr. Decker is asking the trustees if they would consider relaxing the height restrictions on buildings on properties zoned agriculture or get rid of height restrictions altogether for those residing in areas zoned agriculture.

Mr. Decker explained that he is not a farmer, but he is a contractor and he stores a backhoe in his barn. He understands not being a farmer and owning property in an agricultural area is a grey area, because 50 years ago these barns, silos, etc. were used by farmers. But, many of these former farms have been purchased and used by people other than farmers and the property including barns, silos, etc. are used for different reasons today.

Mr. Kusmer mentioned that a letter was sent to Tim Pollard by Jim Barney, Ballville Township's attorney, which stated that the vehicles including cars, trucks, boats, etc. on his Bartson Road property need to be removed or the Ballville Township Trustees will have the vehicles removed and the bill will be placed on Mr. Pollard's property taxes. The letter also addressed the issue of the building that Mr. Pollard is erecting on the Bartson Road property as being a non-residential building.

PARKS REPORT – Bill Lagrou

No Park Board Meeting was held in May.

The Zoom meeting ended abruptly at 5:58 pm, 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 at 6:02 pm.

Bill Lagrou stated that the soccer goal nets and basketball nets in Conner Park need to be replaced and would like to purchase new nets but will wait until the Park Board has their next meeting to bring up the topic.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou

Bill Lagrou mentioned that Chuck has decided not to work for the township at this time. Brooke Baptista would like to come back to work during the summer to assist in mowing grass in Conner Park, etc. Mr. Lagrou is asking the trustees if they would want to employ Brooke and start her employment in June. The trustees agreed to discuss the possible hiring of Brooke Baptista during the next township trustee meeting. Mr. Lagrou stated that Bob Nepper will be the person mowing the grass in the parks and cemeteries.

Mr. Lagrou called all of those persons who have reserved the shelter houses in Conner Park during May and all have cancelled while at least one is waiting to see what happens. In regard to the baseball field, there is only one team that is still planning on playing at Conner Park during the week, but Mr. Lagrou told them that there will be no baseball games scheduled on the weekends due to the shelter houses being rented during the summer. Mr. Lagrou does not want any interference between a baseball game being played and those that rented the shelter houses on the weekends.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned the that GMC snowplow was repaired. Mr. Lagrou also obtained quotes to sandblast the truck including painting the frame and plow.

Meggitt Sandblasting & Paint (Vickery, Ohio) = $ 850.00 - $ 950.00

The Dexter Company (Bucyrus, Ohio) = $ 800.00 - $ 900.00

Damman Paint Company (Fremont, Ohio) = Plus or minus $350.00

A motion was made by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Klausz to contract with Damman Paint Company to sandblast the truck including the frame and plow for a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars ($ 500.00). Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Klausz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lagrou reminded the trustees that the Brush Drop-Off would take place on the upcoming Saturday, May 9, 2020, from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Universal Farms, LLC, 219 Stahl Rd. Fremont.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned that the Recycling Center was filled to the brim during the last few weeks. Mr. Lagrou would like to ask the residents if the recycling bins are full to please not leave their recyclables next to bins because people threw their trash all over the place last time. Mr. Lagrou knows that Fremont residents are bringing their recyclables to the Ballville Recycling Center, but the O.S.S. Solid Waste Management staff do not mind since people are at least participating in recycling. Mr. Geyer asked if Fremont City has their own recycling. Mr. Lagrou stated that Fremont City has curbside pick-up of recyclables, but the Fremont Curbside Hauler is not picking up recyclables at this time.

Mr. Lagrou said that gasoline was purchased at one dollar and fifty seven cents ($ 1.57) per gallon from the Friendship Food Store in Ballville Township to fill-up the 100 gallon portable fuel tank, pump and filter which were recently purchased from Tractor Supply Company (TSC) for approximately $ 500.00. The 100 gallon fuel tank was positioned in the truck against the cab and strapped down to anchors in the truck bed.

Mr. Lagrou stated that Clorox cleaning wipes have been getting low. In addition, the employees are wearing masks. Mr. Klausz asked if the Big Whiskey Distillery near County Road 108 and State Route 590 was making alcohol for disinfectant. Mr. Lagrou mentioned that the Ballville employees have been making wipes with a Pine Sol and water solution. Mr. Lagrou said that David Williams associated with a business that deals with playground equipment advised that a product, Simple Green, can be mixed with water and used with a brush to clean all the playground equipment. Mr. Lagrou said that Cousino Medical Services can take measurements of offices, closets, bathrooms, etc. to clean and disinfect the COVID-19 on contact including all of the trucks, tractors, and equipment and provide a price quote.

Ron Shoemaker, Chairman of the Ballville Zoning Board of Commission, said that the Zoning Board was scheduled to meet on June 25, 2020, but he would like to postpone the meeting for 3 months until after the country gets over the COVID-19 pandemic.

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