BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 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

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Klausz, that the minutes of the June 16 2020 meeting minutes. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Klausz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

Tom Ackerman, Fiscal Officer – No Financial Report

Ballville Township did receive the Cares Act grant in amount of 17,529.82, which will help with any supplies or labor to take care of C

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ken Olsen of Michaels Rd spoke about the conditions of the roads Ponds Side, Ponds View and Michaels Rd. The roads are crumbling with cracks and depressions of over 1-2 inches. He would like to see if these roads could be done soon or on the agenda. The roads have too many bumps and it is hard to ride bikes. We really need something done.

Fred Flower on Ponds View Lane also spoke and have been there for over 32 years and roads have not been resurfaced since then other than some patchwork. These roads have been asked about years ago and have been passed over year after year.

Bob Kusmer told them that they were on the list to be done but this year a few other roads were chosen over them roads. Bob drove the road a few weeks ago. As long as the money it there this road will be done in the next paving. Bob also discussed Issue 2 money, which was allocated for Cole Road, which is a road that can be paved for those projects. Ponds View is not eligible for that money cause of the shape of the road.

Monies was discussed on how the money is brought in and how it can be spend. Some monies have to go directly to Roads and some to general funds which is for parks, cemeteries, etc. which is property tax. Roads are funded from vehicle and gas tax, which is used for paving, maintenance.

Discussion was also brought up about the purchase of Chudzinski-Johannsson Park. Bob talked about that currently that property is paid for via grant money. Everything that has been done at that park has been paid for with is grant money and donations.

Rick Geyer asked about the roads, which is Ponds side Dr, Michaels and Ponds View. Ponds View is determined to be a private road which Fred Flower has repaved himself with neighbor.

The crowd applauded and a thank you to Mr. Geyer. Rick was asked where money coming from and he answered roads. Rick asked Mr. Ackerman if we have money for roads. He answered that there is money in some accounts that could be used depending on the cost of the road. The discussion is brought up to get the engineer involved to be able to get an estimate done. Phil Klausz asked to table this discussion until we can get an estimate from the engineer. If it cannot be done

this year, we can make this possible next year and as long as money in place. This is normally a winter project and it will cost more at this point in the year.

April Pratt asked if there is any other projects that money in roads is being used for other projects that this road can be used for. Bob Kusmer answered that by saying nothing in roads is being used for other projects.

DEREK SPROUSE – OTARMA INSURANCE

Derek went over coverages and limits. Pricing was down since last year and well, as coverages are the same or better than last year. Since this is a group insurance through OTARMA, we do get good prices and will get a rebate of around $1400 in the near future.

Bonds are no longer in place per individuals and covered under faithful performance of duties, which was chosen by the township.

Derek did pass out all the info to each trustee and Tom get a book with line-by-line coverages to put into the records.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Klausz, to have Bob Kusmer sign the documents for the insurance and check was given to Derek to cover the cost for 18,751.00. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Klausz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Bill Lagrou

Graves still left nine veterans. Will get with veterans association to purchase more sites.

Bob mentioned that cemetery grant is coming up and due July 31. We need to decide on a project. Sidewalk at McGormely was discussed as a possibility.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Bain submitted the Ballville Township Zoning Report through July 7, 2020 to the trustees, which was entered into the township meeting minutes.

Dave went over report with trustees for any further discussions.

Dave has been getting emails if we have any resolutions about abandoned houses. There is nothing that township can do. If taxes were not paid then maybe the land bank could come in.

Did get a letter about proposed changes from our zoning board. We will look it over and have discussions as well as a possible public meeting.

Public discussion was brought up about how zoning is changed. There are asking how the land on Hayes was changed to allow the Health Care facility to be build. There did not seem to be a meeting for this change or if any land owners were notified.

PARKS REPORT – Karri Wood Bill Lagrou

Park board meeting is set Monday.

Park is fully open and did remove a few of the tables in the shelter houses to get socially distancing. Cleaning and sanitizing the park to keep up with the COVID regulations.

Doug Crowell brought up CARES act and would like to see if they can have some expensed reimbursed for what they have bought for the township.

Doug asked about vacant houses and what the township can do. Jim Barney answered that the township cannot have any ordinances other then maybe tearing building down if they deem fire hazard by the fire chief.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

River Drive residents have sent trustees a petition to remove the light. Trustees will look over the petition and make sure that it will pass to get this done. Will update at next meeting.

Westwood Drive residents said there is a boat being parked in the road. Not sure, this is a legal issue. Will look at this issue to see if anything can be done.

Talked with Republic Services about the hydraulic leak. They have sent crews out to clean and will do it again in the near future. Will keep an eye on it to see if this is cleaned up.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Barney is working on getting Hill Cemetery recorded but the legal description is over 200 years old and they are having a rough time reading it.

Tim Pollard is in the process of building a home on Bartson Road and is planning to build a home and he will have drawing and get a home built and add it to permit.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob brought up house bill 606 which allow immunity for business and local government in regards to Covid. It passed the house and the Senate but the Senate took out local government. It is in joint community and the township association is trying to get that put back in.

There being no further business, Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, moved it 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,

Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman