BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 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 September 15 2020 meeting minutes. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Klausz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Holly Elder introduced herself and let everyone know she is running for county commissioner. She hopes to work with us soon.

Wendy Wittiker introduced herself and she is running for Clerk of Courts and Ballville has a special place in her heart cause grew in Ballville Township by Misty Meadows. She is looking forward to November 3rd.

Josh Courtney gave an update on the celery patch property. He had taken out a little over 3,000 pounds of junk. Donated a lot of the metal that was found. He is asking to possible to get this moved to agricualatrial for zoning. If he wanted to do this, he would have to go to zoning board for that decision. He would like to possible looking at a potential farm market on the property in a couple of years. Josh also brought up a concerned property on Siler that is abandoned and has overgrowth of trees and shrubs. Was wondering if cleanup can be done on that property and who could make that decision. Trustee Phil Klausz said maybe call the health department to see if they can make that decision.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Bill Lagrou

Cemetery board had their semi-annual meeting today. We re-organized today and the cemeteries are looking good.

Veterans association is not open at this time so do not have answer from the question at the meeting today.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Mr. Bain submitted the Ballville Township Zoning Report through September 15, 2020 to the trustees, which was entered into the township meeting minutes.

Discussion on property on CR 201, which appears to be being turned into a trucking company. The property owning in hauling hazardous material and tankers. He is hauling fuel, alcohol and diesel. The owner has no permits or anything and it has trucks coming and going all day and night. It feels like a truck stop. The owner has been a truck driver for years and he has parked his HazMat truck at his residence and slept inside. He now has multiple employees using his property to park trucks.

He has three tankers and four trucks coming and going on the property. The neighbors are worried about the possibility of spills and could contaminate the wells in the areas. They have contacted the EPA and contacted Doug Crowell to see what can be done. Doug is supposed to contact the state Fire Marshall. The trustees will be trying to contact local officials to see what can be done as well as looking into the zoning issues as far as running a business. A letter will be sent out by Dave Bain about running a business out of that property.

Phil Klausz brought up to Jim Barney about the letter sent to Wisteria Drive has not made any difference. They still look like they are running business out of that location and using streets as personal parking lot. Jim said need to go see Jim Melle or Beth Tischler about next steps to proceed to get this problem taken care of.

There is a letter from Danny Penn about requesting to be alternate on zoning committee.

Moved by Mr. Klausz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to accept Danny Penn to zoning commission. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Klausz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

PARKS REPORT – Kerri Wood Bill Lagrou

Halloween party is still scheduled for October 28th. Need to find some people to run the event. Will ask park board people. Discussion was had about food and drink which need to be pre-packaged.

Last water sample was submitted this past week.

Baseball 1 game left and soccer goes through October. Park will be closed starting in November.

Next Parks meeting in next Monday.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

Made discussion about CR 168 and trucks using that road to Arm and Hammer. Signs will be made to help direct traffic to Tiffin Rd. It seems GPS takes the down CR 168 and hopefully signs will be made and can take care of this issue.

No trespassing signs will be installed out by wolf creek to keep people off private property. The owners paid for signs and township will put signs up.

Babione on CR 31 is looking at filling in his ditch and was asking about the crossover tile that runs under 31 and wondering if a catch basin can be put in at that location. Bob Kusmer will take a look out there and determine what might work best out there before we make decision on what we should use to make sure it works for the water flow there.

Erie Blacktop plans to work on road October 22 and may run into first week in November on Cole Rd project. Bob granted a 30-day extension with certain stipulations on weather temperature.

Bergman is supposed to be done with their contract on September 30 on their paving projects. We have tried to make contact with them with no replies. Bob gave copy of contract to other trustees and thinks we need to enforce late penalty of $200 a day. They are currently 6 days over at this point and no contact has been made.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Klausz, to charge Bergman liquated damages per the contract of $200 a day. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Klausz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

Bill got four prices on trailers for the pressure water and tank. Discussion was made on each of the trailers. Bill has been checking reviews to see the quality of the trailers. Bill and Phil will look out at Streakers and check to quality of the trailers.

Still waiting on quotes for replacing the roof and the furnace. The next meeting we will make a decision on who to use and get this project started.

Questions that Bob submitted during the CARES act webinar were answered. We can stock up on supplies as long as it is not out control. Maybe 1 to 2 years' worth. Also the question about payroll hours and overtime hours to be used for it. They did say that overtime could be used as long as it is documented.

Discussion on CARES act money and what we can be used for. The City of Fremont is offering a grant and we are thinking of possible doing a care package for businesses and residents with items such as masks and sanitizing and cleaning supplies. Further discussion will be made at the next meeting and some decisions can be made.

Bob Nepper would like to come back to work do be able to do leaf collection and plowing. The trustees have no problem bringing him back. Tom Ackerman will check with OPERS to see if he can opt out of this since he is just a part time seasonal worker.

Been taking trucks for hot oil in Tiffin and not using Wonderly anymore since the person who did that is no longer there.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Kusmer has made contact about the b.r.i.c.k. FEMA grant and there is another site for FEMA grants we can try to get it done. She thinks it will be hard to be approved for round one cause of the entire COVID crisis. We do need to go through a process to be approved and prove the losses to be approved. There are other grants and avenues for monies that she will help us with.

NEW BUSINESS

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,

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Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

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W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman