BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 18 20, 2021 – 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.

Mary Ann Reser was given the Oath of Office to be sworn as new Trustee from Ballville Township appointed by Judge Brad Smith.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the April 16 2021 meeting minutes. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes Mrs. Reser – Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT –

Total Receipts – 79,398.65
Total Payments – 158,559.59
Total in all accounts – 2,290,845.224

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept the financial report. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes.

Tom Ackerman asked the trustees to hire Charles E Harris & Associates, Inc. to help up with past Hinkle Financial filings at a cost of $1000 to clean up filings before our audit takes place.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept to hire Charles E Harris and Associates, Inc. to help with Hinkle Filings at cost up to $1000. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Olalde at 1016 Oakwood St along with Kim and Rick Lagrou as well as Joe and Catlin Timmons (not in attendance) about the abandoned building next to them Owned by Dave Reitz and the property have been a cat haven and other animals such as raccoons, skunks, etc. John has mowed the lawn many times to keep it up but the building is in bad shape with roof problems and broken windows and such. He hired someone out to take care of the cat issue in the past and it is now a problem again. He has contacted the health department and at this point, they cannot do anything. Dave Bain said he talk with Mr. Reitz and he said he would get things boarded up but at this point, nothing has been done. Rick Lagrou offered to buy the property but he wants 50,000 for it. Rick offered pictures he took about the property and shared that with other trustees and Dave Bain. Bob Kusmer said he would look into this situation and get back with John or Rick soon.

Jane Kruse lives at 11 Fox Run Dr. and it was brought to her attention about that she is running a business out of her house. All she needs to do is get a permit from Dave Bain and this will be taken care of as far as the township is concerned.

Scott Miller County Commissioner welcomes Mary Ann Reser as new trustee as county commissioner and resident of the township.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Board meeting is scheduled June 1 at noon. Gormeley fence will be agenda and need to review the price of graves for the veterans. Bill has prices for the fence and will be brought up at the next meeting. He is thinking the cost will be around $7500 - $8000. It was brought up that maybe the old fence could be sold.

Brent asked about Oakwood Cemetery. The township is concerned about if they are made to take over the cemetery and how the township will be able to afford it. We are told that all the old Oakwood Cemetery board has quit and new people have been put in place. Rick Lagrou is the new Chairperson. The bill that was passed recently says if the township takes it over, they most turn over money and all the records of the cemetery. The superintendent has agreed to stay on another year at the cemetery. The trustees will try to gain knowledge on what is going on with it. They said in comment once they go bankrupt they will turn this over to the township.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave Bain gave trustees report as of May 18, 2021. Dave went over report and discussed what is going on with each.

There was discussion about the new kayak business at river and reservoir needs to get the buildings passed by code before they can be used.

Bob received an email about the possibility of a new Dollar General store and they are looking for a new piece of ground. They will be looking for a place to go and we need to be aware of that they are looking and watch for updates on this.

Doug Crowell has brought up about the new barbershop on Tucker Rd. They were approved a variance but the concern about the new building built for what he has the location. It was brought up about a home based business. The public is coming into the business, which requires a fire inspection and occupancy rating. Fire department needs to be a part of the process.

Property on Oakwood has been looked at by the Fire Department and the problem with what is going on is that the taxes are being paid. The fire department is trying to work with Health Department but at this point health department cannot be done at this moment. It was brought up if the township did work on the property such as mowing can it be charged on taxes. The township has many hoops to go through to be able to do this process.

PARKS REPORT – Kerri Wood Bill Lagrou

Kerri Wood said at the past meeting that they are still arranging the events for the bi-centennial. Kerri asked Bob about cutting the paths at Chudzinski-Johannsson Park as well as cutting in the parking lot. He was thinking the millings from Michaels and Pond side can be used as the base for the parking lots. The job would be done the same time a path cutting. The charge is $1200 a day for the work. Currently looking at 2 to 3 days of work.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to hire Unillance to cut the paths and parking lot at Chudzinski-Johannsson Park for $1200 a day for up to 3 days. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – No; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes.

Kerri asked if Mary Ann was brought up to speed about the finances at Chudzinski-Johansson Park, which around 500,000 grants and about 160,000 is still available to use.

Bill asked about getting the shelters back in place to original set up with serving tables and such and the trustees say to do this now.

Bob brought up July 15 the Sandusky county township association will be at the back shelter house on that night.

Mary Ann asked Scott Miller if money will be given to the county for Cares act and he answered, he was told 11 million could be given to county but until he gets check and it clears, they do not know all the guidelines. He is hoping this can be shared with the townships and he will keep us updated as he gets the information.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

S&S started the roof today and should be couple of weeks to complete. The foundation for the salt shed should be started within a week or so.

Bill was contacted by AX-Pro and they are no longer in business. They had four trees to be removed. Bill contacted Bill Sowers to get the final four trees down. There is also four poplar trees in the park to be taken down too.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to hire Bill Sowers to remove the four trees at Conner Park. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes.

Cares act giveaway is set for this Saturday.

Bill contacted the people who put up the tornado on CR 41 to come check the batteries and such. B&C communications contacted Bill about doing a yearly maintenance on the sirens and the cost to do the two sirens would cost $780. Scott Miller thought there is a program to work on sirens and this will be checked into.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – Rick was wondering if the recycle center if two more bins could be added. He measured the area and if two bins can be available, we do have room available to put them in.

Mary Ann Reser - Was contacted by Mrs Huffman Smith Rd and she had a tree removed on her property and was wondering why the city took down her tree and they said they would replace the tree, which was a pear tree. Discussion took place and they thought it was utility company who took down tree and Mary Ann will follow up with her.

Bob Kusmer – June 25th Bob will attending county township association with OTA and upcoming legislation.

Tom Ackerman will look into getting resolution for fire tax levy coming up this fall. Tom will contact Jim Barney to get this done.

Old Business –

New Business –

There being no further business, Mr. Kusmer made motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, moved it to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – 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