BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 5:30PM

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.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, that the minutes of the August 17, 2021 meeting minutes be approved with a few misspelling corrections. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – No financial report this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Gorski asked about the zoning issue at 165 Wisteria Dr. This situation has been taken to prosecutor and we are waiting on them to take action.

Scott Miller (Sandusky County Commissioner) stopped in and gave a county update on the upcoming monies given from ARP grant. Scott brought up that there is a lot of talk about the housing inspections. As far as the commissioners that at this point there has been very little research done on this project. In the upcoming months, we will have meeting with the public to talk about this. The plan has been started and the first meeting to discuss this is November 15 with local builders. He is thinking this might get started around April 22nd maybe a decision could be made. Scott also discussed how the industrial/commercial works and how it is managed and run. The industrial/commercial will continue run and we are just looking to add residential if the community feels it is necessary.

Brent asked about the county sewer contracts and wondering why the rates have stayed the same. Bob Kusmer believes this have been many years and that contract should be coming up soon. The townships pay more than the city rate. Scott Miller will look into this and bring it up at the next commissioners meetings, this should be discussed, and everyone should be included in the upcoming discussions that should take place.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Discussion took place about the masuleum and was asked how many spaces were available in there. There currently seven for sale still. Some of these spaces have been purchased but not been used.

The fence at McGormely will be taken down shortly and then the pieces will be sold. We have a few peoples are interested in it.

Oakwood cemetery board will be having a meeting on September 14 at the church by Ballville Bridge at 6:30pm. There is questions on their financials and we should get these records.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave Bain gave trustees report as of September 7, 2021. Dave went over report and discussed what is going on with each.

No further discussion was made on Dave's report.

PARKS REPORT – Kerri Wood Bill Lagrou

No park report this meeting.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

Tile on Barker Rd was fixed. New catch basin will be installed on CR 31.

Cares act give away is set for this Saturday from 9am to noon.

Issue 2 road project is done and ready to go.

Fire Department – Bill discussed the auto-aid that the fire departments have come up and a map is being done on how this program works. This program ties in local fire departments that would automically give aid to other fire departments.

Bill also discussed about emergency responses about major events such as hurricanes and such where they can help and are paid. The issue is that Ballville Fire is private. Bill is wondering if the township could be the lead so they could be paid. There is discussion of liability. Jim Barney will look into this if Bill can get him the information.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment today.

Bob Kusmer – No comment today

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann found some information on the Celek Drive parking issue. She found information that they were going to put a no parking in but there were many issues so who would enforce this and ended rescinding the issue. We think at this point we need to let residents know that there is an issue with parking and it could possibly turn into no parking again and hope residents will help with that situation. Discussion took place that maybe no parking should be made where there is an island or cul-de-sac.

Mary Ann brought up about some type of communication with our residents. She have reached out to local EMA about getting email addresses. Discussions need to take place on how to get emails and do an email newsletter.

Old Business – Public records request was sent with information and timeframe they asked for.

New Business – Review of the township financial audit. Tom Ackerman said he felt good how the audit went and that the personal have to fill out a form about reporting fraud if they see that they need to report it to state auditor. This is currently being worked on and will be done shortly.

The use of funds is what needs to be corrected and special funds should be used outside of any regular funds. This year we discussed having a yearend meeting to set up funds and have discussions of future spending. All in the entire audit was good and all can be corrected.

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