BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 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 Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting with some spelling corrections. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

Trustee Reser went on the record to clarify her statement from the October 5 meeting. She stated several times she not in favor of residential zoning the commissioners were proposing, she meant residential building code.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman gave the trustees various financial reports.

Total Receipts – 26,827.79
Total Payments – 135,940.90
Total in Accounts – 2,786,345.26

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Scott Miller (Sandusky County Commissioner) brought up about the last meeting and wants to clarify that the commissioners are not pursuing the residential inspection codes. It been clear in the minutes and disclaimer on the online minutes.

Second, bring up a few things that are now public. First the reason he did not attend the church about the codes. His wife and I had bought tickets for a chili feed and had this planned. He also invited anyone who wanted to talk with him or the other commissioners please ask to do so. The commissioners meet each week on Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to noon and all are welcome.

Next as resident of Ballville Township. Ballville Township is great community, we have great people involved in the community, lot concerned citizens, we look forward to the trustees making competent, and clear decisions I am not in favor of the circus they took place last meeting. I think you know where I am going with this Rick (Geyer) and I think you owe these people and apology and you certainly owe Mary Ann an apology. Rick comments that he already did that. Mary Ann did say he did apologize to her. Scott then said there is no reasons for that kind of activity. You can have your differences Rick we all have our differences. I can listen to that difference but in a professional tone.

Peter Morrisberg from AEP Energy brought up their idea of a potential solar farm in Ballville Township. These are not rooftops or small projects. These are major acreage solar farms. Currently have not contacted anyone but have some areas picks out. It would be between 160-400 acres or property. They are in just in the exploring Ballville Township for this project. This would be about 4 years before a project would take place. They look to lease land and not purchase the

land. He did pass out information to the trustees of the project. He explained the panels they would use and how they work. They would like to be as close as possible to a substation. Ballville would receive seven thousand per megawatt based on the township mileage would dictate. It would be around 450 thousand in township revenue per year.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Next Cemetery board meeting is November 16 at noon.

Still working on the Gish transfer and buyback.

Edwin Peters has family at McGormely Cemetery and he would like to bury with them. He would like to a full burial. We might be able to do something as a cremation but not sure. Bill Lagrou showed the trustees the map and not sure if this could work. Bills suggestion to him maybe a grave close to the grandparents.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave Bain gave trustees report as of October 19, 2021. Dave went over report and discussed what is going on with each.

Dave picked up signs that were too close to the road that were in the right of way and put sign in township hall to pick up.

The next day Rick Geyer came pulling into Dave's driveway, got out of car, and asked, "Where's my signs?" Right Rick? He asked where signs where. I did not have any idea. Dave put them in the shed at township hall. Rick says, hey, hey, hey. Dave say hey hey hey wait a minute. Rick is asking Dave to calm it down. Rick asked him where they were and Dave you picked them up Thursday and Rick came on got them. Everything is solved. Dave asked why he came to his house and asked where they were. Rick said I do not think he understood and he came to his house to ask where the signs were. Dave said they in the building out here. Rick said you were correct and Dave told me he got them on Thursday and Rick picked them and there is no problem. Rick and Dave had heated discussion and Dave said I am going to forget about it and don't you ever come to my house and start talking to me like that again. Rick said Listen to me I did not talk to in any nasty way. Dave said, "Well my wife was sitting in the house and she could here you way outside sitting in the parking lot in the driveway there. Rick said I just asked where signs where and Dave said in building out here. Rick said right we got them.

Mary Ann asked about Mrs. Serrick and the vehicles that she did not have titles. If we give here opportunity to remove vehicles we need to follow up. We have given here a solution and we should give her some time and we then to follow up in a month or so.

Bob Kusmer said he wants to clarify that he did have Dave go out a pull signs in the right of way as people about signs being in right of way approached him about signs in the right of way. They questioned Bob on why there signs need to be back but when trustees run they can put where they want. Bob told Dave to remove any signs. Rick said he noticed that some signs have been moved and Rick said he moved mine out. Someone from the crowd asked, "Are you running Rick? When you say your signs?" Rick answered Yep. Another question from crowd to Rick asked you are not running for office you got signs of your own out there? You said "your" sign. Rick did not give response. Rick said he is not answering the questions. Then he was asked you do not have any of

your own sign out there? Rick answered "No, I do not thank you very much" I don't have any signs out there thank you very much"

Bob Kusmer addressed the deer cleaning business and explained to that business could fall under home occupation, and needs a special use permit. Will have to go through appeals and to make sure you follow all other laws concerning it. Steve Karlovetz would need to apply since he is the property owner.

PARKS REPORT – Kerri Wood Bill Lagrou

Park board met and minutes given to trustees. They are still working on the bi-centennial and the fireworks look to be a go and will need to look into the reservoir and a place to set them off.

Bob Kusmer said to make contact Mike Gilbert and Larry Michaels to let them get material around so they can prepare.

October 30th will be the Halloween party at the back shelter house.

Tennis court still needs done but should be done soon.

Park will be closed November 1.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to purchase $7200 worth of trees from North Branch Nursery for the parks. Trees for Chuzinski-Johannson Park come from donations. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – No; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

EMA Lisa Kueling stopped in to discuss allowing the Ballville Fire Department to be under the township during an emergency in case get called out they will be able to be reimbursed for their expenses. Bob Kusmer suggest that we can add this under new contract with the Fire Department and we would need a resolution. Jim Barney will be involved in this process to make sure things are written correctly. Lisa discussed the process of how this would work and how and who could be called out. Lisa would get the emergency information and then would contact Fire Department to see if they could help. Further discussion will take place over the next few meeting to work out the details on this and how it will all work.

November 2-4 there is tire drop off at county engineers for the township to use.

Engler printing is going out of business and Bill is planning to make purchases on there going out of business sales.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

Josh Courtney wanted to know about the house on Siler Street in disrepair and the back end is opened up and animals going in and out. We need watch this property. It appears the property has back taxes not paid yet. Scott Miller said the land bank is aware of the property and will see if anything happens with it.

Bill gave trustees and list of trees that need to be taken down. Bill will send the tree list to area companies to get some bids. Bill also has a list for removal of stumps.

Cheryl Wednt called about a house on Dier Place, which is private drive. She is looking to see if this road can be a public road. Need to check with Carlos at Engineering to see if it makes code.

Issue II looks to be good so far and Bill would like to add Yingling Rd as well as Guernsey, Edgeworth, Finley and Conner. That way everything off Cole would be done.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment today

Bob Kusmer – Bob got invoice from First American Title and the cost was $135 and the title search was done after car was already removed so we will have to pay invoice.

Mary Ann Reser – Attended regional planning meeting and there were amendments to look at for the zoning regulations for Riley Township on the Whitemans Grove area. The long and short of it is that what they proposed did not make sense of it and its been tabled for now.

Woodville Township changed their zoning regulations to address solar power. Discussion took place made and they voted to accept the new changes on the solar power. Mary Ann kept copies and when we look at ours zoning resolution to update it then maybe we can use it as a guide.

Old Business – Mary Ann talked about ODOT grant application and asked Rick questions about a conversation she had with him when she was first appointed. Rick took her a tour of township and discussed issues in the township Mary Ann said Rick was frustrated that we only work on Cole Rd and other subdivisions need done. Mary Ann asked Rick if he would be interested in applying for the grant and she would support Rick on taking the leadership on applying for a grant. Rick declined doing another application and he said to go with Bob grant application. During the discussion Rick admitted that several of the issues he expressed concerns about had previously been resolved prior to her appointment.

Oakwood Cemetery is looking at a vote to turn in over on November 9. Lot owners all have a vote. Sounds like the vote will be to turn over to township or everyone would pay taxes.

New Business – No New Business

There being no further business, Mr. Geyer made motion, seconded by Mrs. Reser, 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

W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman