BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 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 October 19, 2021 meeting minutes be accepted. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – No Financial Report.

Tom Ackerman stated he is working on Temporary Appropriations and should have copy for trustees at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Tammy Steinle is here cause she in attempting to buy the two lots on Dier Place and Myrtle Drive from the Schrader Family and she has conflicting information whether these are buildable lots. She is wondering if she will need a variance. Bob Kusmer passed out copies of a lawsuit on this area. Zoning show they have enough frontage. They would have to obey all the setback zoning laws. The court case that part of that area is considered a private road which needs to be figured out. There was talk on whether this road could be made public and would have to work with the county engineer. All parties involved went over to Dave Bain computer to look at the area and discussed what could be done.

County Commissioner Scott Miller brought up about the ARP monies that they are receiving and the projects they are planning on using the monies. Most of the money will be used for water projects as well as communications in the county.

Scott also brought up about the residential zoning and inspections. There are a group of people are looking into this but it is not the commissions. The committee will do the research and they would like all the information by April 2022 whether they would pursue it or not. If they would pursue it there would be public meeting to discuss this. Right now, the commissioners have no intention of pursuing it at this time. The county website has a statement on the current situation. The committee will still be working on all this which also includes commercial and industrial. Bob Kusmer said he sits on the committee and they have not discussed residential as the commercial/industrial side of things are not running properly yet. Scott said Russ Zimmerman has been asked to remove himself from the advisory committee. At this moment Scott does not know if Russ has stepped down from the committee.

Mary Ann asked how the committee got appointed. The committee was formed because all the various backgrounds of the people on the committee. Bob said the discussions of the committee have been about the commercial/industrial and to get that running properly. If the committee has a recommendation to make they do go to the commissioners to approve or not. Mary asked who appointed this committee and Scott said these people were brought in by them for Commercial and Industrial side.

Scott Miller mentioned things that are now in public record. On October 5 Rick said about Russ Zimmerman, Scott Miller and Charlie Schwochow about where they sit with residential coding and inspections. Scott quoted from Rick It takes two to one and Scott Miller and Zimmerman are for it

and Mary pointed out didn't Scott come to meeting which he did and Rick quoted "Screw him, Screw him seriously. Mary Ann said so when Scott came he wasn't speaking the truth. Rick said No he is an idiot forget him. Scott said Rick went on about Zimmerman and falsefully saying what was said in the meeting. Scott asked Rick then "Do you have any questions about this" Rick answered "I don't have any questions" Scott then stated with this in public record he will take this to commissioners and have a response for this. Rick said" That's good appreciate it" Scott also said Rick you need to watch your attitude and thinks Rick should give Mary Ann a written apology since nothing is in public minutes. Scott asked Rick "Are you going to apologize to Mary Ann or not?" "Are you or not. Your hand is shaking." Rick said "I'm not answering you" I'm not answering you" Scott said "so you're not going to apologize to a woman you said shut up in a public meeting. Ok thank you"

Rick stated for the record that he did apologize to her. Someone asked if it was in writing and Rick said it will not be in writing and it none of your business. Scott said it is my business and its in public record. Rick said "listen to me" Scott said I don't need to listen to you, you told me to be quiet the other day to me. I don't need to listen to you and Rick I don't need to listen to you either and exactly what I said to you is exactly the truth. Scott said then you calling me an idiot today in public. Rick no I'm not calling you that. Scott said you said exactly what you said. Rick said I'm not saying that, I'm not saying that.

Jack Ferguson said he has been a part of the township since 1954 and some of these people want to run for office in this township where do they get off not knowing what's going on. I attend this meeting for a purpose to find how things are going. Where do these people that run how they can run since they don't know what going on with the township?

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

Waiting to the vote from Oakwood Cemetery which will be on November 30th from 6:00-7:30.

The vote says to here by move that the association transfers the real and personal property of the cemetery to board of trustees of Ballville township and transfer the final assets of cemetery to a permanent endowment fund.
Jim Barney will look into to new law which stat all monies should be transferred with all the property to the township.

If we do get this what will happen? They say they will be out in 30 days. Will we have to take this over at that time? Some of the board will be done as well as the caretaker could be out in 30 days.

Bill Lagrou gave minutes from the last meeting.

The fence at McGormely is done being taken down and discussion took place on how to sell it. This needs to be advertised to bid on this. The current plan is take bids on the old fence. We will take bids until December 21st meeting.

Couple of trees need taken down at McGormely and would add this to tree list already established.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave Bain passed out report as of November 2, 2021. Dave was not present at meeting.

Mary Ann brought up letter sent to Mrs. Serrick when she came to meeting and she said she couldn't get titles and now we found out these vehicles can be taken without titles. In probate has closed and been settled so we should continue to follow up and get these vehicles out of there and set a deadline. Bob said he needs to see a copy of the letter to see what was said.

Bob read the report to the trustees.

Ballville zoning had an October meeting and Bob went over that report which is put into records.

PARKS REPORT – Kerri Wood Bill Lagrou

Restrooms are closed at the park.

Halloween party was last Saturday. Kids had a good time.

Bill was approached by soccer parents and wanted to look at new goals and backstops behind the goals. The soccer association would pay for these purchases and they are asking trustees if this ok to do. Trustees are good with these purchases.

Merle is working on the signs for Chudzinski-Johannsson park and hopes to get these completed this year.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

OTARMA will be in tomorrow at 9am to look at the properties.

Leaf collection starts this week. They follow a route and will do that route 4-5 times.

Still looking to do a catch basin on CR 31.

Bob Kusmer brought up the grant applied for and talked to Carlos and they estimate came back at 335,000 and they will change the grant and ask for 100,000 and shorten the project to make it total cost of 155,000 which 55,000 would be taken care from the township.

Bill did get 2 bids for trees to removed. Bill Sowers bid was for 12,600 and Hawk tree service was 9,650.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to go with Hawk tree Service at cost of 9,650 for tree and stump removal. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment today

Bob Kusmer – Tom Ackerman mentioned that the fire contract has run out and need to be renewed. For some the contract ended April 30. A new contract will be looked into and we look at a five contract so it matched the tax levy. Jim Barney currently would be an oral contract and we have made payment to cover the rest of the year.

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann check with Beth Tishcler and if she would lose the election tonight then she would not go to end of year because she was appointed. If this is her last meeting she wants to Thank everyone. Bill thanks for take time for explaining things. Bob thanks for being a mentor and taught me a lot and hope he wins tonight as she believes Ballville would be in a lot of hurt without his leadership. Rick you a mixed bag of everything and I've learned a lot from you. It always been my intention to learn a lot and wanted to make her own decisions. She was disappointed at Rick for not bringing more things to the table on things he has concerns with. We can't agree on things 100% and have healthy decisions. She says thanks to everyone and hoped to be back at next meeting and to meet the new trustee or have her seat back. Tom thanks for sharing financials and hopes she can help out with financials in the future to help show people how things are being paid for like the new park with is all donation monies. I am speaking that I am going to lose because I don't know if I'm not. Rick has been working against me. Rick said big time, big time. If you are I wish we could have come to some bridge but either way you are who you are and nobody gets to change that but you.

Mary Ann put together a letter about Celek Drive about what Fire Chief Doug Crowell brought up about the parking. She gave the letter to trustees to look over and make any changes if necessary.

Bob say hopes she wins and been a good asset to the township and a new voice and she is not afraid to express her opinions. We will not always agree and just move on from there and work towards betterment for the township. Mary Ann says thanks and Rick said it's been a pleasure.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – Bill Lagrou said Fire Department is looking at applying for some grants. These grants need a government entity to apply for this. Bill is asking the trustees to use the township to be listed as the entity.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, that the township be the lead in this grant. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bill brought mutual aid agreements if the fire department is called out.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, would be led in mutual aid agreements. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

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

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W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman