BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 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 Trustee, Mary Ann Reser. Absent Trustee Rick Geyer.

Moved by Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the November 2, 2021 meeting minutes be accepted. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – No Financial Report.

Gave Appropriations report to trustees to look over

Moved by Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to approve financial report. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Julie Hasselbach from Sprouse Insurance went over the medical renewal of medical insurance. The cost is going up 4.93%. The year before went up 7.3% and year before that 8%. She went over benefits and what it covers.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept the new insurance policy at new rate raised by 4.93%. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Gegorski stopped to talk about the dumpster on Wisteria Drive. This is fourth dumpster since the fire in January 2019. This last one has been there since July. He is asking what we trustees can do about. Bob answered that only way is put in more regulations. Jim Barney let the trustees that they can appoint him to go ahead and act against these individuals and not have to go through county prosecutor. John also brought a new business that appears to be started and there is roll off vehicles which to be a towing service.

Josh Courtney stopped in on update the Celery Garden property. Josh has adopted a few roads around the area to due area cleanup. He had a lot of trash on Oakwood Cemetery area around the river and stacked it up and called Bill Lagrou and Bill had the guys pick it up to throw it away. He showed the trustees a couple pictures from neighbors of the celery garden which was taken back in the 1960's he believes. Bob is wondering if we can get these pictures to display at the bi-centennial next year. Mary Ann brought up she works for Juvenile justice and if he wants to reach out and they have people who pick up litter and could help out. Josh asked about the possibility of signs being put up about littering and such and if there is way to help deter the littering issue with signs. Bob said he would look into that possibility.

Scott Miller county commissioner reported that the county is doing well and things are getting done. The county funds are building up and doing well. The county working hard to keep employees employed under the current situation. They put a copper roof on the old county jail because it was cheaper than slate at this time.

The coding board is looking for people to fill some open spots on the industrial/commercial board.

This week the commissioners are heading to Columbus with all county commissioners for various meetings on a wide range of topics so Scott will update us with and changes.

Scott said nice to see Bob and Mary Ann back as trustees for Ballville township for the next 4 years.

Scott brought as a Ballville resident that he has issues with zoning and things are seeming to go weird. He expects sheds and building to go but what he doesn't expect is dumpsters in roadways. Scott said with all the nice big houses how a property owner could put a two and half plus garage that is two story in a backyard that does not have a driveway access. It's a big garage in the middle of a yard. Where does the water go? He wants to know how that happens to go through zoning. When you drive into the township the sign says zoned for your protection. How does these types of things happen?

Mary Ann stated since she has been trustee every meeting has some type of zoning issue and we need to look into the current zoning laws.

Scott says since you might have said yes and this week doesn't mean you have to say yes, this week as we might have made a mistake on the last decision.

Bob said they will be working on redoing the zoning. Next Monday for the first time we will be meeting all day budget meeting. We will be talking to all committees and set up a five-year plan and plan the future of the township.

Doug Crowell asked Scott Miller that there was a request from the sheriff to take over 911. Scott said they researching it at this point. There is pro and cons to it but at this point don't look like they will pursue it.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – They had the semi-annual meeting today and current Ballville cemeteries are looking good. Oakwood cemetery will be transferred over the Ballville township. Jim Barney has not had any contact with anyone from Oakwood lawyers or trustees. At this point Oakwood has voted to end things at end of the year. Bob sent Beth Tischler a letter with all concerns with what needs to be done to make this transfer.

Bob asked if we can go in there January 1 and do work as a burial or such and something happens. Jim believes the township is immune to any issues that happen there.

Jim believe a memorandum of understanding needs to be done so it covers what we can and cannot do. Kind of a management agreement. At this point we need something from Beth Tischler saying what we can do come first of the year.

The cemetery board might be looking for a new member so keep people in mind.

The fence is complete at McGormely and the old fence will be auctioned off at the next meeting at 4:30pm.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave Bain passed out report as of December 7, 2021 and went over his report.

Board of zoning meeting dates have been set for the year and will be published in the paper as well as the website.

The of appeals amended the Steve Karlovetz appeals meeting to change the deer cleaning business to add fish cleaning to the business. Since they amended the language and anyone has up to 30 days to appeal that decision.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to hire Jim Barneys firm (Kocher and Gillum) to go after Pollard, Kuehne, and Luse for zoning violations and take all measures possible to enforce the law. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

PARKS REPORT – Bill Lagrou

Well licenses are done and need to be sent in with check by end of the year.

Hope to get the bridge decorated soon but with all the things going on have not had time to get it done.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

Still looking at the idea of fencing in the recycling center. Might need to look at this when the building at hydraulic comes down. Still looking at this everyday and cleaning it up as necessary. Bob thinks we get everything moved out of this building this year and plan to get building down soon.

Township Rd 168 has a tile that need to be put in and if we want it done it would be good time since Bower Tile is out there working. The cost of tile would be $2000.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to put a new tile in for 2-3 thousand across 168. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Waiting on Carlos for pricing for the township road project.

OTARMA review came through and need no smoking signs in the fuel containment that needs be put up as well as torch set need a metal shield between two tanks. Bill will get this done in upcoming weeks. CDL drivers need background checks to be done this upcoming year.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – Not Present

Bob Kusmer – Filed of the ODOT grant. Will find out soon if we get it or not. There is point criteria on how they will determine who gets the money.

Timpe Rd letter was sent out that topographic work will get done about upcoming sewer project.

Buchanan Rd project mostly has been designed and the money from the county money will be there for this project. Bob discussed the plans about the project and what will be getting used.

Budget meeting is set for Monday December 13 at 9am.

Bob got a proposal from Josh about getting our website updated and redone. He gave us proposal to update it and also do ongoing maintenance which would be getting emails to use for upcoming newsletters and such.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept proposal for website updating. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mary Ann Reser – Jerri Miller will be budget meeting at 9am.

Mary Ann will miss February 15th meeting.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – Fire contract.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept the new fire contract for five years at an annual cost 220,000 a year which is known as Resolution 2021-18. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

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