BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2022 5:30PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. With Chairman Rick Geyer leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, present were Trustee, Mary Ann Reser and Trustee Bob Kusmer.

Moved by Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the January 4, 2022 meeting minutes be accepted. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman passed out permanent appropriations to the trustees.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept permanent appropriations. Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Moved by Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to add fund 2042 which would be for Oakwood Cemetery known as resolution 2022-2. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Moved by Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to approve transfer of funds known as resolution 2022-3. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – County Commissioner Scott Miller gave update on the county. He said the budgets are looking good. The are looking at wages and will be looking into keeping up with companies in the near future. Bigger challenges with EMA and Ambulances now have to be cleaned up on every run and they now have to suit up on every run. Three commissioners have realigned and on thirty-eight different committees and board. This year Scott is president of commissioners with Charlie Schwochow as vice. Hot topic is still industrial/commercial code and they are trying to make it more efficient. Scott they will not be going after residential. That's a big no and will not happen as long as I'm commissioner. There is an advisory commission who will second that. Land bank is a private LLC and is currently making changes and looking to look at properties around the area.

Bob Kusmer asked Scott Miller on December 21st meeting commissions passed a resolution dealing with Fremont Municipal court. Scott answer that municipal court handles certain cases that does deal with Ballville townships. Bob said he asked if this could be for zoning. Scott said it mostly deals with traffic and domestic cases. Bob has concerned we are have issues with county prosecutor helping out with zoning issues and we have hired out a private firm to take this on and this costs township extra money. Scott said he will talk with Beth Tischler about this issue and see if they can handle this. Scott said township should not have to hire out.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Jack Ferguson asked about where the money is that Oakwood has and can we get it. The township is doing all the work and they are dragging their feet. There is equipment there that needs lots of repair and do we need new mowers and have money for it.

Bill Lagrou said all three the employees have had forty plus hours each. There are trucks there and their dump truck is in bad shape. We have been using our backhoe to dig graves. Bill have contacted all the funeral homes so payments will now come to the township.

Bob had called Julie and Beth to get things going and we need to get things and we need to have sit down meeting and stop texts and emails. Julie does not know what to do and is waiting on Beth advice. Currently Jim Bowlus and Julie are currently signing the checks to pay for stuff for Oakwood.

Mary Ann said she talked with Beth Tischler and its going to be slow going on transferring the property. The money isn't going to transfer today or tomorrow. We should advance some money to Oakwood fund and track and then when money comes we transfer it back into the general fund.

Bob Kusmer he just wishing there was some conversation on what was going on and not exchanging texts and emails and have a sit-down meeting with everyone.

Discussion took place on several topics and get a list together asking for some things to move along even including getting some of the money forwarded to us to get things paid for.

Moved by Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to hire position of sexton for Oakwood Cemetery. known as resolution 2022-4. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, that there are two job opening in Ballville township. One for Oakwood Sexton and one maintance position to replace Ken Hoffman when he retires. Deadline for applications is January 28th. They will view on February 1st and interview later that week. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bill brought the state patrol contacted him and someone hit the fence out to Lebanon Cemetery and broke a post and some of planks. He will update trustees after he gets the report.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave Bain passed out report as of January 18, 2022 and went over his report.

Bob Kusmer asked about Kathrine Serrick if there is a date of completion. Dave said four months up to first of April.

PARKS REPORT – Kerri Wood and Bill Lagrou

Last park board meeting was cancelled due to illness.

The state grant for parks in due on March 19th.

Bill got a bid for the gates at Chudzinski-Johannson park. The bid for both gates for entrances just under 10,000 and extra gate would be under 7,000. Bob asked if these gates have the wheel. Bill said no but he will look to add these after we get them.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

Tornado siren has been repaired and we will not know if it works or not until the next test in February.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – Had a Sandusky County economic development meeting which they discussed the land bank.

Bob asked Rick about article about parking issue getting on the website. Rick responded that he sent it over last night to the lady Bob said to send it to.

Mary Ann Reser – Attended the Sandusky County Regional Planning meeting. They basically re-organized and it was pretty much uneventful.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – Bill Lagrou gave his Fire Department year end report which he passed to trustees and fiscal officer. Bill went over each of calls and explained what they were and what they were called out for.

There being no further business, Mr. Kusmer 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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Rick Geyer, Chairperson