BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 15, 2022 1:30PM

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

Moved by Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes be accepted with some grammar changes. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

County Engineer Carlos Baez came in for Bid Openings for road project.

First one is for the Issue II project. Contracts for this cannot be awarded until after July 1. Bid estimate for this project is 720,000.

Koksing Construction – 776,926.00

M&B Asphalt – 757,044.00

Gerkin Paving – 846,200.00

Second bid is for Roads projects in Ballville and Green Creek Townships. The project estimate is 192,000.

Henry W Bergman – 196,491.50

Koksing Construction – 208,887.50

M&B Asphalt – 193,874.00

Gerkin Paving – 222,158.00

Erie Blacktop – 209,646.25

Carlos will take them and go over them and post them soon.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman asked about the Oakwood money. No updates have been found out. The judgement on the property is still pending and nothing happens until that is complete. This process should be closing soon.

Shantel Laird came in from Croghan Colonial bank to discuss transitioning payroll to direct deposit and the process that will be used. She also discussed issues with using checks and fraud and is suggesting we look to pay venders electronically and the benefits. All ACH payments through Croghan has no charge.

Mary Ann if its that easy that Tom just enters info and it gets paid. Shantel basically said it is really that easy. There will be a few tests done to make sure that things are set up properly.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jeremy Lohr stopped in and introduced himself and is running for Sandusky County Commissioner. Jeremy went over qualifications and what he has been doing as a business owner.

Dumpster on Wisteria drive got brought up again as well as the business running out of the house. Trustees were asked what can be done with the zoning issue. Bob Kusmer responded that the zoning committee will be meeting next Wednesday to go over the entire zoning book and start updating it. The township attorney is currently going after this particular case as well as two others.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Chad Lindsey said one burial in past 2 weeks. Have a couple cremations scheduled over next week.

Cleaned catch basins up over the past few days and been working on equipment.

Chad asked the trustees for a new hand blower and a new wet/dry vac.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to approve purchases for Chad Lindsey no to exceed $400 for Oakwood Cemetery. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bill got prices for security system.

Catawba price is 1259.80. Monthly is 34.95.

RSS is at 2219.84. Monthly is 34.95.

Still waiting on Northcoast for a quote.

Will be looking to get estimate on the backhoe to get fixed.

Computer at Oakwood is setup and internet connected. We need to look at anti-virus software as well as getting Microsoft office up and running.

Dave Frederick found some marble for the mausoleum. The price back in 2012 was 595 and he can get these for 300 now. He will be able to get 8 for the township.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to purchase 8 of the mausoleum stones. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bill would like to start marking trees at Oakwood and let our tree service companies to come in and take down as they have time.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave Bain passed out report as of March 15, 2022 and went over his report.

Bob brought up he was contacted by Gary Pollock about the property on Tucker Rd to see what is going on with it? Dave will look into this property.

PARKS REPORT – Kerri Wood and Bill Lagrou

Looks like Fremont Ross will be able to do the parade and looking at vendors to get lined up.

The day will begin with a parade and then at parks will have vendors and activities going on and then the day will finish with fireworks.

Roads Report – Bill Lagrou

Catawba needs to update the security system in the township hall. The cost for a total upgrade would cost 1,409.40. Most of it is out dated at this point.

Bill brought that he has two looking for part time work. We need to start looking at hiring soon.

Discussion took place about the purchase of mini-excavator. We will get bids from Cat and Kubota as well as look at Deere.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – Looked over electric aggregate. The only thing they didn't have in there was indemnification clause. Sent that to Joe to put in there.

Got text from Sheriff Chris Hilton thanking us about the grant money we gave go them for their project.

Lots of good feedback on the first bi-centennial event.

Health board and had annual meeting. Not a whole lot came out and had election of officers and I got elected chairperson and Bill Lamalie is Secretary.

Tax Incentive Board met. These are companies that get tax abatements. Big thing is labor shortage. There currently more job opening then there are unemployed workers.

Mary Ann Reser – Mentioned on website need to be updated since it has old dates.

Old Business –

New Business –

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