BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

MAY 17, 2022 5:30PM

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

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, that the minutes of the May 3, 2022 meeting minutes be accepted with minor grammar changes. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman mentioned we did receive some of Oakwood money of 563,036.78. There is one more account still pending that we need legal documents to get which might be around 150.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Amber Pitts of 120 Canterbury Dr. Her family has lived there since 2005. The family has recently got chickens on the property and she is asking the trustees if she can keep her chickens. She went over the reasons for her and her family to be able to keep the chickens. Amber called the township before purchasing the chickens and coop and she talked with Dave Bain and he said he didn't mind that she had the chickens as long as they are confined. Dave later told her that she could not have the chickens due to being in a residential area.

Mary Ann Reser said she received call from neighbors and they concerned about the chickens. Mary Ann said that our zoning does not permit it. The trustees also contacted our attorney on the situation to make sure they are reading law right and he confirmed that in residential zoning this is not permitted. They are ok in agricultural zoning in the township.

Rick Geyer said he is in favor of her having these chickens.

Bob Kusmer said our zoning says she cannot.

Rick said "I'm telling you that I am in favor of you having the chickens."

Mary Ann said that we can't vote on this because it violates our zoning resolution.

Bob Kusmer said the township regulations that you are not to have any animal Coventry in any platted sub division.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Jim Gillis

Chad Lindsay said there is gas leak in has and Columbia Gas is working on it.

Currently averaging 6200 income per month for this current year.

Bill and Chad looked at mower decks that trustees said he could purchase for $900 but the found he another deck with mulching capabilities and would like to get that too which would be total of $1500 for all three.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to purchase all three decks for cost of $1500. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Foundations for tombstones. Chad met with Mr. Cheek and his family about doing these for Oakwood. Oakwood would charge 55 cents per square inch. Joe Cheek and his family would build these for 55 cents per square inch which would break even for these and we would not have to build them.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to hire Cheek family to build the foundations. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Chad said he had the luxury to have Jordan Fisher work with him and gave him great understanding of what it will take to maintain the cemetery.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave passed out his reports ending May 17, 2022 and went over it.

Mary Ann asked about what was said regarding the chickens being allowed on Canterbury Drive.

Dave said he takes all sorts of calls and he explained you need the land for it and he mentioned nuisance in there and if someone complains then this will be an issue. He didn't ask for her address.

Bob said if they are in subdivision they are not allowed by our zoning laws.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

The new water softeners seem to be working and the bathrooms seem to be cleaner when we clean.

Plaques did come in from Cen-Tec. We currently charged $350 for tree and plaque and going to ask park board to raise this to $400.

Jim Barney still working on fireworks contract and should have it ready at next meeting.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Brian Edwards from Sandusky County Tax Map talked about Myrtle St and Deir St. Myrtle is listed as the whole street. This is a mistake made many years ago and he is suggested that we replace Dier with Myrtle with a resolution and vacate Dier as a street. Brian made suggestions on how to fix this situation. The street needs to be completely Myrtle all the way through.

M&B is planning on starting May 25th on our roads repaving project.

Road Stripping will be getting done. Cole Rd from Tiffin Rd to Buchanan Rd. After we see the pricing we can decide on doing more.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept Contract 1 to B-Hillz 77,749.20 and contract 2 Rim Tile 148,500.00 for the Drainage projects. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Security Prices for Oakwood and Township house

Catawba 2809.45 & 1409.40

RSS – 2219.84 & 1212.67

Northcoast – 2800.00 & 1520.00

All three cost of monitoring is $34.95 a month.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to go to RSS for security of the buildings. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – Brian Woods from landbank contacted Bob that they have money available on applications need to be in by May 10th. Bob contacted Randy hammer about property on Oakwood that's need taken down. Bob has filled out application and Bill has done his part for the fire department to be able to ask for money for this project.

AEP is going for a rate increase of 21% as well as Columbia Gas around 20%. There will be meeting to complain about this and Bob has that information about these meetings.

Bob has a fire department amendment for the current contract to be added which will add EMS services.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to add this amendment to the fire contract to add EMS services. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mary Ann Reser – Beth Tischler stopped by her office and said she is working on they Oakwood paperwork to be able to get the rest of the money.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – Jim Gillis has decided to resign his position for the cemetery board.

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