BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 7, 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 Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the May 17, 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

No official report for this month

Next meeting should have reports for township and separate reports for Oakwood.

Tom Ackerman brought getting a credit card with a cash back option.

Discussion took back on getting a new credit with a cash back option but see if we can use a statement credit and not cash back.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to raise the current credit card limit to $1000. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Tom will look for some credit card options that would be able to use the cash back as a statement credit.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Gillis brought up why he resigned and he was just a figurehead as well as Jack. Jack has a lot of knowledge and that needs to be used. That was one of reasons that I resigned. He would like to see the trustees need to use the input from the board and get the information to board on what is going on and get that information to the public.

Discussion took place on different issues including the money from Oakwood Association. There is currently still around 150k in their account via a trust. Bob Kusmer said right now we are waiting on the legal wording to get this money properly switched over to the township. This process isn't a quick process and we are just waiting.

Josh Courtney owner of The Celery Gardens. He made himself a student of the township minutes over the years. It pretty clear in the minutes that Oakwood had tried to hand over the cemetery and paperwork and such years ago. I want to make sure my public comments are on the record. I was in February and Mary Ann I'm sorry about my last visit. I know you haven't been here the last two years and I've been in and out of meetings. When I say the township this or that I mean if two of three voted for something I'm going to say the township voted yes. I'm speaking to the township entity. Speaking about the dumpsters we got residents that come in and if zoning laws say dumpsters can't be there and township to stop but then it's a hypocrisy for the township to have 15 dumpsters in a residential neighborhood and they are exempt from having this without a fence and we have to have staff clean it up and that a waste of township assets. Meeting minutes say that building in unsafe and falling down and nothing has been done about it. This is the highest used

dumpsters in 41 sites. Move it out to township hall and put a pen around it. I called State. The river is protected from Fremont to Tiffin and we got dumpsters 400 feet from the river. I asked them to send a representative and talk you about why it's important to take care of that area. The camper is out at his site right now and I'm living in its part of the time and I'm a farmer and have agriculture exemption that's in the state code and I've said it 2 and half years ago and continue to be questioned. I am buding a house to live in and a farm use building and it's a local historical site and offered it to FFA, 4-H, Lions club and any entity that would like to use for meeting or camp fires or service work. I made it available to them and continue to do that. I'm happy to provide plans to show what I am doing but some members have become agricultural law experts since the year I've been because of me. I think its ridiculous. I stopped up on the corner of Siler and Buckland and bought some stuff. I will contribute to use them and there not a single acre there and no crops being grown there. Have you asked them for their license? Asked them if they have business license. If not, there are some hypocrites sitting here. If you get in my way I am going to go right through you. I talk fast, work fast and I don't wait for anyone. I was here in February for a ground-breaking ceremony and was not even mentioned in the minutes because it interfered with the township day. I said I would change it to 1-1:30. I found out the township meeting being changed to 1:30 for whatever reason. My address is 1061 Cleveland Ave. You can send any formal request or complaint to that address. I would like the zoning law to be enforced equally. I share a quarter mile property line with St Joseph Cemetery and that's an entity the uses the property and mentioning a common a nuisance and common dump. For years many things have been dumped off the hill. I am asking the township to tell them to stop this dump. The hill they own is littered with trash and asked the township to clean this up.

My name is Alison Nieset and my business partner Ashley Beckman and we own Shear Delight Pet Salon on 5th St. There are currently purchasing the property on Bartson Rd. and looking to build and new salon and boarding on that property. They are asking to get a special use permit for the kenneling part of the building. They will limit the number of dogs outside because of the potential noise issue in the area.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Jack Ferguson

Chad Lindsay said May income was $8900. Chad said the insurance company contacted him about the Oakwood Association was behind on insurance premiums.

The three employees Antonio Villarreal, Pierson Ash and AJ Lindsey are doing a great job learning the job and have been three great hires.

RSS will be there tomorrow to get the security systems in. Should take 1-2 days to complete.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave passed out his reports ending June 7, 2022 and went over it.

Ms Serrick on the vehicles what is the next step. Jim Barney said if we can find out what kind of vehicles are back there and we can send a letter and tow them and store them and she will be charged on her property tax for the expenses. Jim Barney will look at the laws to get this process going.

Mary Ann thinks we need to start acting on this case and stop talking about it all the time and get this next step going.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Bill asked Jim Barney about the Fireworks contract. Jim says in the last paragraph in the contract states that the company does not take reasonability for any accidents on there part. After discussion Jim will ask them to get this changed before going for with this contract. There are things the township is responsible for like security of a 750 feet radius around the fireworks display. Bill Lagrou will look into getting this changed.

Bob Kusmer brought that we were informed by Representative Click that we have received capital improvement grant for 250,000 for Chudzinski-Johannson Park. It will finish paving road, put gates up and put lining in the pond.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept the money from the grant of 250,000 for Chudzinski-Johannson Park. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – No; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

After the storm had some minor problems with standing water but things were pretty good. The area at 198 and Cole was the biggest issue. It did not go over the road.

Bob Kusmer took some picture out to Timpe Rd and send them to Carlos for the upcoming project we are currently working on.

Bill brought up getting maintance programs for the ditches this fall started. Bill check with different companies to get some prices.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – The name changes on Dier Place it has to be brought up by one person out in the vicinity to ask for the name change.

Mary Ann Reser – We have a cemetery board position that needs to be placed on the website.

The dumpsters we are need to decide on whether to move them or not or add a fence.

We need to go ahead with trying to get a newsletter started and what the best approach to get this started. We do need to do a spreadsheet for email to be able to get this started. I think this is a good idea to get information out.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – Fred Reckenwald asked about the 250,000 grants was the vote 2 to 1. Rick said he voted against it. Fred asked why? Rick said he is not for anything for that park at all. I'm not for that at all, zero.

Bill Lagrou asked to go under executive session for property security.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to go into executive session for sale or transfer of property. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to come out of executive session. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; 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 – 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