BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

JULY 5, 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 June 21, 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 discussed getting a new credit card and has contacted the company about it and it has no fees and we can get a statement credit without getting cash back instead. Also, the bill will be one statement showing all the users.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to apply for the new credit card and see what happens. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Derek Sprouse from Sprouse Insurance went over property insurance through OTARMA. Derek discussed all the options we could decide on. The price increase was around $2900 mostly due to added new cemetery equipment.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mrs. Reser, to accept the policy as written with no changes. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Josh Courtney from the Celery Gardens asked trustee Reser about the Juvenile Justice and was telling her he is trying to impact teenagers with a possible internship which would be 10 hours total. Once that internship is completed to be able to go to temp services to be able to get a job with us. Josh said in a meeting back in February that she had missed that he invited everyone to ground breaking for his property and it was not in the minutes.

He said he is following the letter of the law in Ohio and if anyone has complaints please contact him via mail. Last week he had a township official trespass on his property during business hours and he was having meeting with local business person he is hoping to work with. Without any prior notice he asked about a structure and interrupted my meeting. I have right to do what I am doing and this has gone to the supreme court of Ohio. I am happy to answer any questions the proper way in a formal setting. I am following the law to a "T." I made a call to the sheriff and made a record of it. I am on the property and resident of Ballville township and live on the property full time. Mary Ann Reser asked "what is it that you want from us?" Josh said when he first came in February 2020 that his mission is to clean up the property. He would keep the township aware of what he is doing which he has been doing for the past months.

Jack Ferguson asked in reference to Mr. Courtneys structure on his property. Jack asked before that he asked about getting a structure like he has and was a "no" to his request and was given up explanation about zoning. He is wondering why he is able to keep his? Josh Courtney answered that because the state of Ohio allows it because it is used for agricultural materials for his property. He said that property on Siler is only being used for to gain access to property to be use that only

temporary and will be returned to original use when property is cleaned up. Jack Ferguson said his property was zoned agricultural too and he was not allowed a container like he has.

Marsha and Ron Sherman brought up concern about water drainage issue on Buchman Road. Last July we had a flooding issue into basement and again last fall we had same issue. We contacted the township and they said it was are back yard tiling issue. Just recently when we had the terrible rain we still have an issue. Found a tile was broke and was fixed by S&S . Was also told that the tiles in the area are old and will probably break more in the area as time goes. Bill Lagrou responded with that he is working with S&S to get some prices about possibly replacing the whole system.

Bob Kusmer answered the question of when this could be fixed. Bob said they will have to get an estimate on the project and have to bid a project like this out. Bob said they cleaned out the tile 500 feet in both directions.

Mary Ann was going to find out if we have any money left from the American Rescue Plan and will also ask the county commissioners if they have any money still left to give out to maybe help finance a project like that. Timewise I would like to say this moves quickly, but it does take a lot to get a project like this going.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

Chad Lindsay said June income was 8,750.

The foundations are getting done and we will make a few dollars on these.

Chad brought up that someone has requested to have us buy back graves minus the 20%.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to purchase the graves back at purchase price minus 20%. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Rick Geyer got letter from Bill Rusch asking to join the cemetery board. Rick made motion to accept Bill Rusch. Mary Ann said there is another letter of interest. There were no seconds on the motion.

Rick read letter from Tim Grabenstetter that asked the trustees for more information about the cemetery board. Tim asked number of meeting a year. What type of board whether it's a controlling board or advisory board. Is there any liability? Trustees said there is no liability.

The two will be invited to the next meeting so they can see what's going on as well the meeting will be quarterly rather than just twice a year.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave passed out his reports ending July 5, 2022 and went over it.

Dave went over a trespassing letter from Josh Courtney. Dave don't believe this was trespassing cause the owner was there on site.

The harassment letter came from Hayes Ave and the lawn is not been cut. Dave is just been following up with this and he has been accused of harassment in the situation.

Discussion took place on property on Hayes Ave that is being looked at by Promedica Hospital to be able to put a sign up for the hospital. They are looking to buy a property on the corner of Hayes Ave and Taft Ave. Pictures were passed out on the proposed sign. Bob Kusmer said he will look into this and get back with them.

Jim Barney said Mr. Armbruster called him and that he said he talked to Dave and all was taken care of and cleared up. Dave said he got things taken care of.

Jim Barney gave update on Mr. Pollard. He filed lawsuit on the zoning issue. The sheriff has served him and its been a couple months. He has not responded and Jim will file with court asking if we win the case by default and have hearing on what the damages will be. It will probably be that he will have to tear down the building. Mary Ann asked if it is to be tore down and he doesn't what will happen. Jim said if he doesn't and he will be contempt of court order and could go to jail.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

SCRAP ad is being put together and check has been given for the full-page ad.

Soccer goals delivered today.

Mary Ann asked about chicken dinners we discussed before and Bill said this will not be done at that time and just use food trucks.

Fireworks is set for October 1st and rain date is Saturday October 8th. If it does rain the parade and all other events still be done the 1st.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Calls have been received for brush pickup. The trustees said this is the week that Universal has free brush drop off for the residents that they can use.

Road stripping has got a quote from Griffin painting for a cost of around $2100.

Bill brought up Buchman Road and will get S&S get estimate on a project there as well as a few more locations for them to get estimates on projects for water drainage and tiling.

Bill brought up issue on township road 9 about tile going in out there that Lindsay's are putting in which run along the right of way. The issue is between the property owners and need to get an easement done between property owners.

Bob Kusmer just got call from the Sheriff about branches hanging on power lines. The address is 1946 Fennimore. Bill said the power lines are in back and need to contact AEP about this. Bob said that he had told the sheriff that about this. Bill will check this out after the meeting.

Contract for issue II is done and this can be ordered. The amount 757,344.00 for all the townships. Each township is responsible for paying their part,

Moved by Mr. Kusmer, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to accept this contract as lead township for this project. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – I will not be at meeting on July 19th.

Bob Kusmer – No comment.

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann got the thumb drive from Rick for email addresses for the upcoming newsletter. She will combine that list with hers and get that ready. She went on publisher and put together a sample for possible use for the newsletter. She thinks there should be a fiscal update and other things coming up in the township.

Old Business – Mary Ann asked Jim Barney about legal notices on how it can be sent to public rather then using the newspaper for everything. Regular meetings can be put on website and such but if special meeting then newspaper still needs to be done.

New Business – No New message.

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