BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 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 Trustee Mary Ann Reser motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Reser, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, that the minutes of the August 16, 2022 meeting minutes be accepted, Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

No Financial Report. Did receive the last of the Oakwood Cemetery checking account money.

Mary Ann asked about budget. Tom said he has most the estimated revenue stuff and will get a copy to trustees for next meeting to approve. Still working on getting an accurate number to use for Oakwood account.

PUBLIC COMMENT – The trustees were asked about advertising for the bicentennial celebration since there has not been much made about it to the public. Bill Lagrou said he is working on getting stuff out and should be some stuff out to the public soon.

County Commissioner Scott Miller just stopped in to say hi and he thinks Ballville is doing a great job and things look great. Oakwood Cemetery is looking good.

A resident, Pat Mowry, commented she received her newsletter today and it was nice to have something showing what is going on in the township and said thanks.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

Jack Ferguson said they have discussed having meetings four times a year in January, April, July, October. The meeting will be the third Tuesday of each month, at noon. The next meeting is October 18th.

Chad Lindsey said last month income was $12,410, most of that was for foundations. Chad brought up that foundations that current money has been going from the township to the builders to the monumental company. From now on the builders and the monument company will handle these transactions only so township will not act as middle man in these.

Chad has brought up that lots of people are asking about using credit cards for payments. Mary Ann said there are some rules to follow for government agency for charging 3%. Mary said the county uses point and pay. Mary Ann said she going to a conference in October and there are several vendors there she can get information from, and bring it the next cemetery board meeting to discuss.

Chad asked about getting a new phone since his phone currently isn't good for pictures and such since its an older type phone.

Bill Lagrou brought up getting trailer for the new excavator from Streakers. The cost of the trailer would be $11,490.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Kusmer, to purchase trailer from Streakers for $11,490. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes motion carried.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave passed out his reports ending September 6, 2022. Dave went over his report.

Bob Kusmer asked Jim Barney about Ms. Serrick and the junk vehicles. Jim said she sent him a letter with excuses about what is going on. Jim will take next steps on getting these vehicles removed.

Mary Ann asked about the issues on River Road with the current kayak business. Bob Kusmer said a letter will be written about the violations and the letter will be served to the owners.

Bob Kusmer had a meeting with Promedica about the possible sign they would like to put up near the hospital. They are looking into making sure that the lot meets our zoning before purchasing the property.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Next Park Board meeting is Monday as well as one on September 26th at 7pm, to finalize the bicentennial celebration.

Bob Kusmer got the ODNR agreement and has submitted the first plans for the project. This is a reimbursement agreement where we do the work, then pay the invoice, and we then send them the cancelled check and they reimburse us.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Bill said the cemetery pickup truck is at Garners being worked on. We had a leaking brake line and there will be a lot of repairs on the truck to get it back running properly.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No comment.

Bob Kusmer – Bob answered Jack Ferguson about the sanitary sewer on Bartson Road. Bob told him he talked with county and said at this point there is no action on the project and probably won't happen unless they get grant money or receive findings and orders from EPA.

Bob was contacted by Omni Fiber about them coming into the area to offer fiberoptic internet. This would give the Township another option for internet. This would be a hard-wired system hung on the poles.

Bob Kusmer was asked by the upcoming Ovarian Cancer walk this Saturday to come out and give a talk.

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann said the newsletter went out and thanked everyone for writing an article and the next newsletter is plan for April 2023.

Old Business – Mary Ann brought up about zoning inspector. Discussion took place about when to interview for zoning inspector. The trustees decided on Wednesday September 14th at 6pm.

New Business – Rick Geyer asked Tom Ackerman to read a letter from the zoning appeals board. The letter is attached at end of these minutes.

Rick Geyer made motion to pay them $35 a meeting and the cemetery board.

Bob Kusmer said they can't pay the cemetery board via Ohio Revised Board. Rick said then we pay the other boards too. Jack Ferguson said cemetery board is ok for now. Mary Ann asked if we paid for the boards before? Rick said yes. Mary Ann asked which funds would we pay them out of? Tom Ackerman said it would have to come out of each of the funds associated with the boards. Bob Kusmer said he is against paying them as it's a volunteer position and they are being told that in advance of becoming member of a board. Mary Ann asked if we paid them previously and then we stopped? Bob said it stopped due to a financial crisis. Discussion took place over the issue. Rick is making the request for all the boards to be paid. Jack Ferguson brought who knows down the road if we don't again hit a financial crisis again and we have to stop it again. The letter was for zoning appeals only but Rick is asking to pay all the boards. Tom Ackerman brought up that we need to look over the numbers and discuss this further.

Tom Ackerman asked Bob Kusmer how the zoning appeals fee of $500 came about. Bob said with the cost of the legal ad and certified letters they need to go out that they just came up a flat fee that seemed fair after all the expenses.

Discussion took place to maybe have an appreciation dinner for the members or something different. Further discussion on this will take place in upcoming meeting after more research is done. Mary Ann asked they she would like to hear from the other boards and right now will not decide on this.

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

Ballville Township

Board of Trustees

Dear Board Members:

On behalf of the Ballville Township Zoning Board of Appeals we would like to may a request. At one time the Zoning Appeal members received compensation for each hearing we conducted. We, as members of the Zoning Appeals Board, do not take our decisions lightly and do put time and mileage in viewing the actual location in questions, discussing the requested issues, both pros and cons), and take our times in making decisions.

We therefore are requesting the Ballville Township Trustees reinstate the paying of Zoning Appeal Members for each hearing we have to attend.

Thank You for taking the time to review this request and for consideration in honoring the same.

Thank You

Richard L Hoffman, Chairman