BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 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.

Mrs. Reser made a motion to table of the minutes from September 20, 2022, seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman said no financial report.

Tom Ackerman said he talked to Rick about advertising for the zoning inspector position. Tom asked the trustees if he needed advertise the entire job description or can it be shortened up. Trustees said that it can be condensed. Tom will get this advertised in the newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Kerry Wood brought up that Ranger Joe has passed away this past week.

Dann Penn thanked everyone for the bicentennial celebration and he had a good time with his grandkids.

Scott Miller (County Commissioner) said the township did a nice job with the bicentennial and he said the fireworks were equally or better than most in the area. Following the commissioner Charlie Schwochow said he was able to see the fireworks from his house and said they were over twenty minutes.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –
Jack Ferguson did not have comment.

Chad Lindsey said Oakwood has had its busiest month and the income was 10,350. He got a call about the civil war vet that didn't get a tombstone and a local individual found it and they will send it to Oakwood, there will be a dedication by the veteran's association and the VFW when everything arrives. It will be in late October or early November.

Bill Lagrou who purchased a grave at Mount Lebanon and would like to sell it back to us. It was purchased for $50. If we bought it back it would be the purchase price minus the 20%.

Bill stated that he was asked about the mausoleum purchase and was wondering if they can put three in the same spot. Bill said all three will be cremated. Trustees said this will be no problem to do this.

The house over at Oakwood has had the basement flooded and it has been cleaned out and there will be some bills coming in for the cleanup.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector

Dave passed out his reports ending October 4, 2022. Dave went over his report.

Bob asked about Mr. Kiser's property on Tucker Road and what the issue is at this point because it looked pretty good. Dave said there is an old truck still there and everything looks normal now. He will follow up about the truck.

Mary Ann Reser asked if the Turners had come in to get a permit for the building. Dave said it should be part of the variance. Mary Ann asked what are we going to do? Dave said that it up to you guys now. Bob Kusmer said they were notified by letter and they have not responded. Jim Barney said he will write them a letter.

Jim Barney brought up the property of Ms. Serrick that he put a lien on it and that currently there are seventeen liens on the property. If we go after that and remove the cars we will never get paid due to all the liens already on it.. Mary Ann said we should still try to get the cars removed and carry on with the situation.

Tim Pollard stopped in about his Bartson Road building. He says he has been getting the run around about the sewer issue. Tim says the waste management sends him to health department and they sent him to talk with the township. Jim Barney said the township has nothing to do with the sewer. Tim doesn't know what to do. Bill Lagrou says he needs to get to the sewer on Tucker or down towards the doctor's office for his sewer. Mary Ann asked if he talked to Steve Sheets and the sanitary engineer. Tim isn't sure who he has talked to and he keeps going in circles. Mary Ann said if he isn't getting the answer from the sanitary engineer then he should go to county commissioners meeting to help solve his catch 22 issue.

Jim Barney said he will call Steve Sheets to find out if a conversation has taken place about this property.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerry Wood said the last meeting was about bicentennial and the celebration had gone well this weekend.

Bob Kusmer gave a thanks to Kerry and his people on the board. They did a great job and the fireworks were second to none. Bob wanted to also thank the person who paid for the fireworks, whoever that was.

Bill thanked Jack, Brent, and Phil for passing out the bags with the masks and cleaners.

Bill said there is tile work going on at Chudzinski-Johannsson park. Jack and Bob have been working on it.

Bob brought up that there is an auction at North Coast. It has trees to sell and it will end a week from Wednesday. He is looking to buy trees for each of the parks.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

M&B will be sending out the invoices for the Issue II project. We will be receiving them all and we will then send out the invoices to each of the township involved.

Bob had the contracts for the Buchan Road project and Rick will be signing them to get this project started as soon as the crops are gone.
Bob said that the Timpe Road project will probably happen next fall.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No comment.

Bob Kusmer – No comment.

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann said she thanked Kerri when she came in about the bicentennial celebration and that she had attended. She thanked the donor for the donation for the fireworks. She said her grandchildren and other children were out playing and having a good time and the fireworks show was one of the best she has seen.

Mary Ann brought up the issue about the minutes from the last meeting. She said the minutes were not good and had lots of grammar issues which is important to her not to have. She had been texting Tom and had a discussion. She asked Tom to clarify that he isn't responsible for taking the minutes?

Tom Ackerman said the duties of the fiscal officer is only to record the minutes and not actual responsible of taking them. The township can decide a method of who will take them. Tom is willing to divert some his pay to get someone who would be interested in taking the minutes. He said he dreads the minutes. Mary Ann said she doesn't know what the solution is and she doesn't want to approve minutes written like they were. Rick said he would like Tom to continue to do the minutes. Rick said stuff is missing but he would still like Tom still to do the minutes, but there are corrections to be made. Tom said he will continue to do them but would like to have a further discussion on this. Tom said that it takes a lot of time taking the minutes and there are many more things on his list he would like to do before doing the minutes.

Discussion took place on possible solutions to the minutes . The also talked about the past person who took them, which was Ellen Ickes, maybe even looking for a court transcriptionist or someone like that to do it.

Mary Ann said we should set a date for the budget meeting. Discussion took place and it was set for Friday December 2nd starting at 9am and going until it is done and agenda will be discussed.

The Appreciation dinner would be set for Friday December 9th.

Old Business – Bob Kusmer said Mr. Pollard will already have a six thousand dollar fine and he asked Jim Barney what the next step is. Jim said he will go to the court for a judgment on the case and then see what will happen. We will let the court deal with it.

Discussion took place about the illegal business on CR 201, Jim Barney will start the process to get this business to stop. Chad Lindsay said he seen that most of the stuff on the property is currently being closed. County prosecutor Beth Tischler said since this is an agriculture property everything dealing with agriculture that is there. There is nothing we can do about the business. If there is another business that is not agriculture then we have an issue. Discussion took place to give them

to the end of year to see if it closes or sells. Jim Barney will still write a letter listing the zoning violations at this point so at least he knows what is going on.

Mary Ann bought up the zoning inspector applicants. Currently there are zero and we need to come up with some ideas on how to get people interested in this position. Bob Kusmer thinks we need to make some attempts to reach out to different people about this opening.

New Business –

Phil Klausz brought up the pandemic bags and supplies that maybe we should look into donating the supplies to homeless shelter or somewhere where they can use the products. Bill Lagrou will look at the products to see if there is a shelf life, and when they would expire.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of employment, seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

There being no further business, Mrs. Reser made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Geyer. 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