# BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

## JANUARY 3, 2023 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 approve of the minutes of the December 20. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman gave the trustees Year End Payment Report, Receipt Report, Fund Status and Appropriation Reports.

Total Receipts for year: $2,600,439.36
Total Payments for year: $1,335,845.26

Tom brought up that after moving two million dollars to Star Ohio account that account now has $2,823,401.20. December interest on that account for that month was $7,676.04.

There is about a million dollars sitting in our Croghan Colonial Bank account.

Mrs. Kusmer made a motion to approve financial reports. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Tom passed out Permanent Appropriations for trustees' approval. Estimated resources for the township are $5,121,979.06. Appropriations for the year are set at $3,530,957.84.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to approve Permanent Appropriations given by Tom at $3,530,957.84. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Tom Ackerman brought up the issue of Trustee and Fiscal Officer pay. There are tiers based on Ohio Revised Code but the issue is what tier does Ballville Township fall into? Discussion took place between Jim Barney, Tom Ackerman and the Trustees on what tier we are currently in. Tom Ackerman and Jim Barney both said they will look into this and make phone calls to the state and Township Association to see if they have any answers. Mary Ann thought she has read that it was based on estimated resources or amended estimated resources from the County Auditor.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to close out 2022 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

**NEW YEAR BUSINESS** – Mr. Kusmer made a motion to elect Mary Ann Reser as Chairman and Bob Kusmer as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mary Ann Reser took over as chairman and will run the meeting.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to keep the trustees meeting on first and third Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm. Seconded by Mr. Geyer Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to keep the audit committee to the trustees and fiscal officer. Seconded by Mr. Geyer Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mr. Geyer made a motion to appoint Jim Barney as township solicitor. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Sandusky county township association banquet will be attended by Bob Kusmer, Mary Ann Reser and Bill Lagrou.

Ohio Township Association Winter Conference will be attended by Bob Kusmer and Tom Ackerman. Bob Kusmer also suggested that the township employees be given a chance should come down to look at equipment and visit with vendors.

Mary Ann brought the inventory meeting is set for Monday January 9, 2023 at noon. This is a public meeting.

Mr. Geyer made a motion to nominate Mary Ann Reser to Regional Planning Committee. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mr. Geyer made a motion to nominate Bob Kusmer to Health Board Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Reser Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mary Ann Reser read off Resolution 2023-01 to go into agreement with Green Springs Fire Department through 2026. Mr. Kusmer made a motion to enter into said agreement. Seconded by Mr. Geyer Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Josh Courtney from The Celery Garden has come to check if there is any action taken on the property line and the issues with the trash coming on to his property. Mr., Courtney sited Resolution about prohibited uses of land around the township which deals with garbage and dumping. He said he has a dozer for sale and was wondering if township was interested in looking at it. Mr. Courtney brought up about the amount of tires on the property and other dumping is still going on and is there been any action taken by the township. Bob Kusmer asked if there's any idea when did the dumping being taken place. Mr. Courtney has tried to work with the cemetery association but isn't having too much luck with it. Mr. Courtney stated that in our Resolutions about zoning it says the trustees are to act and upheld any zoning issues. He believes they are zoning violation using that site storing of garbage or landfill. Brent Binkley asked if the dumping is happening on city or township as both properties are split between city and township. Mary Ann asked Josh if he knows exactly when this dumping took place. He said he cant say for sure when they dumping took place and he believes it may have been going on for twenty years. Mary Ann asked Jim Barney to see what are obligations the trustees have in this situation. Jim said he will have to look it up. Jim thought there is a right to get involved but not an obligation. Mr. Courtney sited township zoning enforcement. The zoning inspector shall enforce this resolution along with the other zoning officials and board of trustees. Mary Ann is suggesting that Jim Barney outline from this information as to what the trustees are obligated to do. If we can

settle that we can take care of your concerns. Jim Barney said he knows where to start with this and we can go from there with it.

**CEMETERY BOARD REPORT** – Jack Ferguson said next Cemetery Meeting is January 17th, 2023 at noon.

**ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT** – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending January 3, 2022. Troy went over his report.

Discussion took place on the letter that is to be sent to Turners about the zoning violation. The trustees agreed the letter should by sent to the city since they are the property owners and copied to the Turners.

**PARKS BOARD** – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerri Wood asked Rick Geyer why he didn't contact him for the budget hearing. Rick said he contacted everyone and left a flyer in the fence door.

Kerri asked the Trustees to pay the board members again and if this a problem getting members to fill the boards. At twenty-five dollars a meeting you only look twelve to fifteen hundred a year. Mary Ann asked if this is for all boards or just park board. Kerri said he is chairman of park board and is representing them.

Mr. Geyer made a motion to pay the board members whatever is decided to pay them. No second so motion dies for lack of second.

Tom Ackerman asked each board to come up with what it would cost for each individual on the board.

Kerri asked about the recycling center issues with wrong things being dumped down there. Bob Kusmer brought up there is a grant they are looking into to help out with this situation.
Bob also added that all the townships are looking into deciding as a group about the situation.

**ROADS SUPERINTENDENT** – Bill Lagrou

Bill got the road paving project to County Engineer Carlos Baez to be able to get this bid out.

## Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – No Comment

Mary Ann Reser – No Comment

**Old Business** – No Old Business

**New Business** – No New Business

There being no further business, Mr. Geyer made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kusmer. 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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Mary Ann Reser, Chairperson