BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2023 5:30PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. With Chairperson Mary Ann Reser leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, present were Trustee Bob Kusmer and Trustee Rick Geyer.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman gave the trustees Payment Report, the Receipt Report and the Fund Status.

Tom Ackerman said he will be moving over $400,000 to the Star Ohio Account.

Mary Ann brought up about compensation for Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Tom said he reached out to legal counsel Jim Barney for clarification on the laws. Tom said that Jim said we are in the next tier up but we are not required to take and it is our individual choice. After discussion between Trustees and Fiscal Officer all Trustees and Fiscal officer individually decided for themselves to not take to next tier up and stay at the tier they have been on for the past year. Jim Barney asked to clarify that will go back to the lower tier that we were in the past and everyone agreed on that.

PUBLIC COMMENT – County Commissioner Scott Miller said thanks for having him here, and that County Commissioner are available on Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to noon for anyone that has anything to say to them. Their door is always open.

Fred Reckenwald thanked the Trustees and Fiscal Officer for not taking the pay raise and it was thoughtful to put township ahead of yourselves.

Ron and Marsha from Buchman Road were asking about if there are any updated on the tiling project. Mary Ann said she asked the County Commissioners if there were any money left from ARP and they told her there was not any left. Scott Miller stated all the money is appropriated out at this time. Bill Lagrou got an estimate on the project and it would be $250,000. Bob Kusmer talked with the County Engineer Carlos Baez and they are willing to help with the outlet but they are behind on projects and this would still be years away from getting done. Ron brought up that in the 1300 block there is current sinkhole by the road. Bill Lagrou asked Trustees if it would be alright to call Adkins to run a camera through there. Trustees said go to ahead with that.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Jack Ferguson gave Bill the contract for the columbarium which he gave to the Trustees. The projected date for this project is six to seven months.

Jack Ferguson brought up getting the Oakwood Cemetery Association checkbook and is wondering what the mix up is? Julie Chudzinski is supposed to get this to Chad Lindsay the first of the year. County Prosecutor Beth Tischler and said that the deed was not recorded. Bob Kusmer said he recorded the deed himself. Tom Ackerman said he received a bill for property tax on the house which still says Oakwood Cemetery Association. Mary Ann reported that Beth said that part was not recorded and she will need Julie to sign an affidavit to get this transferred. Beth has reached out to the Bank for the Banking documents and has not heard back from them.

Bob Kusmer brought up that Chad Lindsay found a truck to purchase from Harrison Ford in Wellington Ohio. Chad, Bill and myself went and look at it and made an offer and got an accepted price of $28,000.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to purchase truck from Harrison Ford for $28,000. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending February 7, 2023 and went over report.

Bob Kusmer updated about the Turners and City of Fremont. A couple letters have been sent out to them and have not gotten a response yet.

Josh Courtney from The Celery Garden came in for an update on his zoning issue. Mary Ann said we asked for a legal opinion and we have received one. Mary Ann went over the letter that our attorney submitted to the Township Trustees. Mary Ann said he has done a nice job with the property and you should be commended. Josh is wondering why he is being treated as others are being treated and wondering if the township is discriminating against him and his property. He said it seems like some things the township goes after but other things are not. Mr. Courtney got a copy of letter and we will leave at that. Mary Ann said we got a legal opinion and we are siding with our legal opinion at this time.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

The Cancer walk scheduled on June 10th will not be happening here this year and they are going to New Hope Church on Hayes Ave because the attendance hasn't been great over the years and the smaller venue will suit them better.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Bill talked to Brandon Shull about the cost for ditch dipping. He gave him quote of $4200-$4500 per mile.

Bill gave the Trustees a form to sign that certifies the township roads which Bill updated with various projects we have done over the past year.

Bill gave the Trustees a road estimate for the upcoming paving project which includes Short St., Cemetery Rd., Lutz and Old Plank Rd. for total cost of $145,000.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to do our paving projects of Short, Cemetery, Luta and Old Plank Rd. at estimated cost of $145,000 with the paving project for Chudzinski-Johannson Park at estimated at $100,000 which is covered by the grant. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – Bob attended the OTA Winter Conference and sat in on a lot of zoning workshops. He received a lot of information over the couple days there.

Bob also said President Lynch asked him again to chair the State nomination committee for OTA. Bob will be doing it again this fall.

Mary Ann Reser – No Comment

Old Business – Serrick Junk Cars update - Jim Barney said since Resolution is signed we can go ahead and get the cars towed.

Mary Ann said she got ahold of Josh about the website bill. Mary Ann went over all that the website designers they will be doing this year. After discussion it was deemed to go ahead with paying this invoice.

Mrs. Reser made a motion to approve payment to Liamer Media for 2023 website design and hosting. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

Mary Ann that the newsletter articles need to be done sometime in March to be able to get out in April.

New Business – Mary Ann brought up to the various board members when their terms end. We need to get a list together and inform everyone of their current term. Dann Penn is leaving the zoning commission. Dan gave Mary Ann a list of the zoning members.

Jim Maranda has asked to renew his term since his term ended in 2022.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to renew Jim Maranda term on the zoning appeals for five years. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

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