BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 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. Geyer made a motion to table the minutes from February 7. 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 the Payment Report, Receipt Report and the Fund Status.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Brent Brinkley asked Tom Ackerman if we are staying with The Croghan bank. Tom answered stating since we have a contact person now and have given them are concerns, and they are taking care of them. We are currently going to stay with them to see how it goes. Trustees agreed that we need to give them another month and look at it from there.

Joe Garett went over the township electric aggregate contract and would like to change the contract to accept anything under 7.5 cents.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to amend aggregate contract to accept 7.5 cent rate. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mr. Geyer made a motion to allow Bob Kusmer to sign authorization letter. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Donna Vought called and asked about getting their cremations put on top of parents grave site. Chad Lindsay told her no but there is a spot right next to them that isn't a full space but could be sold to them. Donna asked if there was a discount. After discussion the Trustees decided on price of $600.

Chad Lindsay brought up what we want to do with old Dodge Truck. It was suggested to keep it to maybe haul grindings at the new park. Chad did bring up that he did have an offer by someone to buy for $3000. Trustees said since they think that is fair offer, we should go ahead and sell it.

Chad said he needs pins to be able to set up the new sections, and that he needs a total of 160 pins for the new sections.

Chad talked about the cost of foundations. He discussed the cost difference between the township and having Cheeks building them for us. After going over the numbers Chad suggest a cost to the customers at 65 cents per square inch.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to sell the foundations at 65 cents per square inch for the Oakwood Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer – Yes.

Mary Ann got into contact with Julie Chudzinski and got bank statements for the past three years. Mary Ann thinks there is not any money missing and Bob Kusmer says gut feeling is nothing is missing but still would like to look over the records. Mary Ann said she thinks the cemetery board should look at these statements and come back to the trustees with any findings.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending February 21, 2023 and went over report.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

The Park board reorganized and Kerri stayed as President.

We are still looking at getting new trees for Conner park.

We will be doing new fence tiling for the ballfields.

Dave Stotz Memorial was discussed and Bob said the project is coming along and the steel is being ordered. Still waiting on the concrete contractors.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to order the reinforcing steel for the Dave Stotz Memorial at a cost of $604. Seconded by Mr. Geyer Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 1st at 11am.

We are still looking to do a Car Show and Rib-Off sometime during the Fall.

Bob Kusmer got a quote from Zimmerman to bore a hole underneath the road at the park at a cost of $4800.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to hire Zimmerman to do the bore hole under the road at park. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

The building that was taken down on Oakwood St., there was an issue with a tile. We were able to clean it out and get it working.

The bridge at CR 201 over the river is being closed for trucks over 9 ton.

Bob Kusmer and Kerri went to look at a bulldozer. Bob negotiated and came up with price of $48,000 and they will deliver. It is a 2005 John Deere 550 with 2800 hours.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to purchase 2005 John Deere 550 Bulldozer at cost of $48,000. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – No Comment

Mary Ann Reser – Josh Courtney from the Celery Gardens sent us an email outlining why Mr. Barney was wrong with what he said and he preceding in saying that he wants to file a formal complaint. Mary asked if that was his complaint and he said no one he wants to know where to file a formal complaint and where to send it. Mary Ann said mail it to the township house. Mary Ann also told him this is civil matter and he needs to treat it as such.

Mary Ann found via the Ohio Township Association a records retention for townships. Mary Ann will get copy to everyone and we can take it home and look it over and discuss at the next meeting.

Mary Ann discussed the upcoming newsletter and what will go in to the newsletter. Discussion took place on what everyone needs to get done for it. Deadline for articles will be March 15th.

Old Business – Serrick Junk Cars update - Bob Kusmer said he talked to Sandusky Township and they used Madison Motors to pull the vehicles. We just need to give them a go ahead to get these pulled. Mary Ann asked how man vehicles are on the property that need removed. Dave Bain said there is around a dozen cars that need removed. Bob Kusmer suggests we have Jim Barney contact her with what will be happening.

New Business – Richard Huffman gave trustees letter to renew for five years on the zoning appeals board.

Mr. Geyer made a motion to renew Richard Huffman on zoning appeals board for five years. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bob Kusmer questioned if Rick could make this motion due to being Ricks father in law.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to renew Richard Huffman on zoning appeals board for five years. Seconded by Mrs. Reser Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bill Lagrou gave the Ballville Volunteer Fire Department report to the Trustees and went over the report.

There being no further business, Mr. Kusmer 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.

Bill Lagrou gave the Ballville Volunteer Fire Department report to the Trustees and went over the report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

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Mary Ann Reser, Chairperson