BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 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. Kusmer made a motion to accept minutes from March 7. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to accept minutes from February 21. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to accept minutes from February 7. 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 the Payment Report, Receipt Report, Fund Status and Wage Summary.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to financial report as given to trustees. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Tom Ackerman has been working with IRS to get the township in compliance. All is going well and they are looking at one other form that we might need to file. If we don't need to file it, Tom will write a letter saying we do not need that form and that should clear things up.

PUBLIC COMMENT – County Commissioner Scott Miller gave a shout out to Ballville Township and the rest of the county on being ranked #7 for micro community in the nation for an area our size. Scott Miller was asked about the money owed by Nexus and he explained what is going on and hoped we would at least receive 50% of the money but it might take some time. We will have to just wait it out.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Mary Ann asked Jack Ferguson about the internal audit on the Oakwood Cemetery Association financials? Jack said "Bill and myself went through the bank statements and did not find anything that seemed out of place. Jack said he was satisfied on what he seen and will close this issue.

Bill Lagrou got estimate to purchase a wire welder and supplies at cost of $1728.28.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to purchase wire welder at cost of $1728.28. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

Jack Ferguson went to Balconi and got a front of the Columbarium that shows how it will be engraved and the process of how it will work and be charged per niche.

BID OPENING FOR THE TOWNSHIPS REPAVING ROAD PROJECT FOR BALLVILLE AND GREEN CREEK TOPWNSHIP.

At 5:45pm Mary Ann Reser opened the bids and they are reported that they all had a bond and they bids were read aloud.

Erie Blacktop – $381,394.50

Kokosing – $385,642.50

Gerkin – $399,434.80

M&B - $357,685.00

Mr. Kusmer made a motion contingent upon the acceptance of the county engineer to award M&B for Ballville Township. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

Green Creek trustee Bob Shaw said he was happy with the bid from M&B and should get that passed by their board.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

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

Trustees have received a letter from Dan Penn that he is resigning his position on the board of zoning commission. The trustees thanked Dan for his service and regrettably accepted his resignation.

The trustees received a memorandum from Township Solicitor Jim Barney in regards to the township issuing zoning fines. Mary Ann read the memorandum and discussion took place. The entire memorandum will be put into public record. Bob Kusmer said he is in contact with Ohio Township Association and talked with the Director. They will get back to Bob on these zoning issues.

Bill Lagrou said next Tuesday or Wednesday Madison Motors will be available to get the cars off the Serrick property.

Dan Penn asked if there was a Reginal Planning meeting yesterday. Mary Ann, she did not attend but Scott Miller said he was there. Dan Penn asked if the Ballville articles he submitted were talked about and Scott said he didn't think so as he didn't ever hear anything about Ballville Township.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Dave Stotz memorial is being organized and hope to be done by late summer or early fall.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Bill mentioned he will be involved with this Solar Eclipse that will happen in April of 2024. Scott Miller said the estimated people coming into the county for that event will be around 177,000.

Bill is still getting complaints about the recycling dumpsters being emptied in the early morning. Bill did get clarification from Jim Darr that they can dump from 6am and 9pm. Jim has been invited to the next Sandusky County Township meeting which is set for April 20 to hear the concerns that the townships are having with the recycling program.

Bill Lagrou was asked if the Township would look into getting a contracted trash service like the city has. Discussion took place and at this point nothing will change. Bob Kusmer said he will look to see if a township could even do this.

Trustees Comments –

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – Bob brought up about hiring S&S to start doing some ditch cleaning by Cole Road. The price was $5000 per mile as rough estimate.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to hire S&S need to exceed $10,000 to do ditch work starting Cole Road and CR 198. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

Health Department Advisory Board met this past week and they will be having a renewal levy this November and so is DDR. Ballville Township will also have our levy up for renewal this November.

Tax incentive board met this past week and again the biggest problem is employment. Many of the companies can't find enough employees.

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann passed out copy of upcoming newsletter and asked everyone to look it over and correct spelling, grammatical and context errors. She asked everyone to look it over and get back to her of any changes are needed by the March 22.

Mary Ann said we need to get a record retention program in place and need to get Jim Barney to do a Resolution to adopt it once we figure out what we want. We are currently looking at the one that the Ohio Township Association currently uses.

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