BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 6, 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 Rick Geyer. Trustee Bob Kusmer.

Mr. Geyer made a motion to accept minutes from May 15. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman brought up things are being caught since his time off with medical issues. Tom said next meeting he will get Trustees financial reports.

Tom Ackerman introduced Jaime Dewese from Croghan Colonial Bank Trust Department.

Jaime Dewese talked to Trustees about what Croghan can offer them with Money Market account that the bank offers. Jaime also passed out information to the Trustees on the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Matt Stotz asked about an update on his dad's memorial. Bill Lagrou said they are working on it currently and they plan on getting it complete in the Fall.

Richard Berger asked about the land out on County Road 126 and who enforces the restrictions. He is wondering if the Trustees enforce these restrictions. Bob Kusmer said the Trustees only enforce zoning and cannot enforce restrictions placed out on a subdivision like out on County Road 126.

County Commissioner Scott Miller said the county is doing well and budgets are solid. There are few employment opportunities with the township as well as other businesses around the county. EMS employee Jeff Jackson is in the 1% of being certified for cardiac assistance and success rates. He is 1 of 2 in the State of Ohio that have reached at 1%. Scott brought up the bridge on CR 201 over the river is being rebuild and shut for some time this year.

Mary Ann Reser said the township has received a letter from the Board of Elections and they are searching for poll workers for the upcoming election. If anyone is interested we have some paperwork you can fill out and we can get to the Board of Elections.

Mary Ann Reser read off Resolution 2023-05 which is to the have the Sandusky County Auditor certify a total current tax valuation of Ballville Township and dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by renewal of a 1.25 mill levy.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-05 for the 1.25 mill renewal levy. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a roll call vote, Mr. Geyer – No; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Chad Lindsay discussed meeting date for next Cemetery Board which they decided to schedule for July 5th at noon. Chad brought that currently 23 of 25 funerals have been cremations so far this year and we should discuss a cremation section at Oakwood at next Board Meeting.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending June 6, 2023 and went over report with the trustees.

In the past few weeks had two zoning appeals that were both approved by the board.

Mary Ann brought up the house next to Lutz school that the grass has not been mowed and see if we can find who is in control of the property to see if it can be cleaned up.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerri Wood said next meeting is set for next Monday.

Bill Lagrou took a call that down on S River off CR 201 someone reported hogweed is present. Chad Lindsay he will contact someone on how to take care of it.

The local Boy Scout contacted Bill about maybe revamping one of the gazebos at Conner Park. Bill said he will try to get more information from them and get a plan to the Park Board.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Bill Lagrou mentioned working on getting all the employees their CDL license from the County Engineer who is heading up the program.

Currently using the new front-end loader on a daily basis.

We got the bid back for the road stripping which the contract was given to Griffin Paint. The township cost $3,394.80.

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – No Comment

Mary Ann Reser – Mary asked about the vehicles on the Pollard property. Jim Barney said there was a pre-trial for Mr., Pollard. Mr. Pollard was able to give a proposal to run the sewer line. It was brought up that Mr. Pollard might be buying these cars and fixing them up and then selling them which could be an issue since he could only sell five cars a year without a license. Jim said one of one of his attorneys do some research on this so this could also be an issue.

Tom sent me a questionnaire from the company who does our audit. I filled out the answers and she passed it out to the others trustees to look over. Bob Kusmer and Rick Geyer both looked it over and agreed it was good to pass along to the auditors.

I was contacted by a neighbor about the Old American Legion site about how it looks. There is big trash container and all these things in the parking lot. I reached out the maintance director and asks if this property could be cleaned up. I did receive a letter back from them which Mary Ann read off the letter to the other trustees. Mary Ann responded that working together we can make this look better for the community.

Mary Ann asked Tom if we have looked into being able to accept credit cards for payments. Tom said last time this got brought up was they didn't want it. Bill responded he didn't want it but will ask Chad at Oakwood if he would like it. Mary Ann asked Troy if he would want and currently nobody has asked him about it.

Old Business – This issue about Oakwood fence between the cemetery and school had an issue and it was determined that fence is owned by the school so they will need to take care of it.

Bill was contacted by OSS about the grant and if we were going to accept it or not. Bob Kusmer said he wants to talk to them before we accept the grant to make sure we are still going with the program.

Tom Ackerman said just go the Star Ohio statement and the money of May paid 5.20% which got us $14,476.71 which gives us a year total is $63,673.18.

Tom Ackerman brought up the pay for our board members and who will sign off on who gets paid for attending meeting. The said the board presidents will put together a list of who gets paid and Troy Thatcher will approve the zoning boards and Kerri Wood will approve the Park board.

New Business – No New Business

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

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Mary Ann Reser, Chairperson