BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 20, 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. Kusmer made a motion to accept minutes from June 6. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman brought up he is working with the audit team to get this process started. It should start just after the July 4th holiday.

Tom said at next meeting he will do full half year reports for the township trustees.

Tom said that Derek Sprouse will in at the next meeting to discuss OTARMA insurance and also Mike McCollough from UBS will be to discuss possible investments.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Josh Courtney stopped in from the Celery Gardens. He thanked for the township employees for what they are getting accomplished around the township. Josh suggested the possibility of maybe putting township meeting online via of a video system. Josh has hired Mike Gehring from M&L to help remove big concrete and asphalt pieces of his property.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT – Chad Lindsay said they plan to start working on the new section at Oakwood sometime next week.

Bill Lagrou got a letter from Potem Software who does the Cemetery software program for the township. The yearly cost of the software is staying the same but they are adding a $175 per hour fee for customer support. Bill said we only might call them maybe once every two years for short amount of time. The trustees don't see this new charge as an issue as we don't use it a lot.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending June 20, 2023 and went over report with the trustees.

Troy did receive the recommendation letter from Sandusky County Regional Planning and things are moving forward with the process for zoning changes.

Troy said Josh Courtney has asked for a sign like Hidden drive because of the traffic at that curve that his entrance to the Gardens is on. After some investigation that road is a County Road and I have contacted them to get something done which is in the process.

Mary Ann took a complaint about utility trailers in her neighborhood. Troy will look into this.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerri Wood said they are working on the upcoming Car Show. Kerri asked about putting in an ad with SCRAP program for the upcoming car show and the cost would be a total of $105. The trustees agreed this would be ok. Kerri said they are looking for a few food trucks for the event.

It was brought up about the Eclipse that will take place next April. It was thought of having some event at each of the parks and maybe sell parking spots to try to control the potential overflow of people coming into the area. Discussion took place between the trustees and public of what we might be able to do for that day.

Brent Brinkley brought up that the Thursday before SCRAP there will be a tractor parade from Galion Ohio to Gibsonburg and they plan to cross Tindal bridge on their way. Brent is asking if the township would consider allowing them to stop at Chudzinski-Johannsen Park for a break before the final drive. The trustees discussed this and it can be done and they asked Brent to reach out to them if they are interested in this stop.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Issue II plans have been turning into County Engineer Carlos Baez this week.

Bill mentioned that there is a house on Buchanan Rd. that has a drainage problem in basement and they pumping water into the field next to them and the lot is flooded. Bill will look into the situation on where the drainage goes.

Fish and Wildlife have been in the area looking into the River for invasive carp. They looked around the Tindall Bridge area to see if this is a problem.

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – No Comment

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann received a letter from Josh Courtney's attorney and it has been passed to Jim Barney to respond to that letter.

I have typed a response about the Old American Legion building being run by the Fremont City Schools. Mary Ann read off the letter to School Superintendent Jon Detwiler. Bob Kusmer and Rick Geyer both agree the letter is good and they would like to be attached to the letter.

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