BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

JULY 18, 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 July 5 2023. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Derek Sprouse from Sprouse Insurance came in and went over the Township Property Insurance through OTARMA, Derek went over the anniversary proposal.

Discussion took place on changes. The trustees agreed to move the Oakwood Property Insurance per case from $10,000 to $30,000.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to sign acknowledgment with Sprouse Insurance for OTARMA insurance at cost of $24,604. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman emailed the Trustees the audit question for them to look at. The audit for the township should happens in the next few weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Josh Courtney from the Celery Gardens believes Jim Barney disrespected him at the last township meeting. Mr. Courtney believes Mr. Barney opinion on his situation is inaccurate. Mr. Courtney says the St. Joe Cemetery has dumped illegally for many years and the township has done nothing about and continues to do nothing about it. Mr. Courtney believes the township is treating him different and he is relying on township Resolution. Mr. Courtney says the Trustees are not doing their job in his situation. Mr. Courtney believes everyone gets treated different and pointed out that Mr. Geyer in the minutes was ok to a resident to allow chickens but that is against the law. The township zoning laws say you can't have chickens so you cannot argue for them to have chickens. Mr. Courtney buys local and believes he is being treated different. He is pulling out and will be selling. He is asking simple that the Township Resolutions be followed.

Mary Ann brought if he is not happy with what the Trustees do up there, there is always have the opportunity to run for one of our jobs.

Lastly, Josh Courtney stated the Jim Barney's opinion is wrong and full of lies. He is closing the business because of the Trustees not following their zoning laws

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

Jack Ferguson showed the Trustees a sample of the Columbarium face and the engraving type that will be allowed. Currently Balconi Monuments in Sandusky will be doing the engraving.

Bill Lagrou mentioned that they will start pouring concrete for the Columbarium at Oakwood Cemetery on Friday. The fence at Oakwood that needed repaired, maybe we should consider doing the entire back side it instead of just the repair. Bill will measure it up and figure out a total cost to do this project.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending July 18, 2023 and went over report with the trustees.

Mary Ann asked if Charlene Miller-Neff was going to contact Troy to figure how to fix her septic problem.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerri Wood said the Park Board had their meeting last week and they have had Brent Binkley design a flyer for the upcoming car show. Kerri gave details of what they are planning as well the cost associated with this event. He is asking the Trustees for $1000 for expenses.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to appropriate $1000 for Park Board to use for upcoming car show. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bob Kusmer asked Brent Binkley about Scrap using Chudzinski-Johannson Park for a final stop in their tractor parade. Brent said they liked the idea and are probably planning to do that the they are thankful we are offering that.

Bill Lagrou is asking Trustees for playground mulch for Conner Park which will be for 50-cubic yards at a cost of $1999.00.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to purchase playground mulch at cost of $1999. Seconded by Mr. Geyer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Blacktop is completed at Chudzinski-Johannson Park and the gates are ready to be put in. Bill is looking to purchase speed bumps at the park. He will need a total of 17 speed bumps. The cost of the speed bumps would be $1462 plus shipping costs. Bob Kusmer is wondering if this purchase can be covered under the grant money and will look into this purchase.

Bill Lagrou mentioned that we need to plan for the solar eclipse for next year. Bill ordered twelve port-a-potties for the event. We need to have a plan for this event and start to talk about it.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

The Township crew is working on drainage issues around the township and will have a list for Adkins Sanitation to run their camera in certain areas.

Bill said a salesman from Perrysburg shared information about lighted signage for messages and wondered if the township is interested. Bob Kusmer said the City and the County have these signs and we are welcome to use them if needed so no need for us to purchase.

M&B asphalt has the milling done for our road project.

At the Township Recycling, OSS has someone doing interviews there to make sure people are dumping the right stuff and making sure they are know this is for township residents and answering questions about the program.

Rick Geyer – No Comment

Bob Kusmer – Bob brought up that House Bill 33 did pass and the governor did sign it. This changes for townships will include an increase in competitive bid threshold from $50,000 to $75,000. They did change the zoning referendum and settled at 15% of the signature on the petition. The indigent burial fund has been removed so the township would have to take care of the costs now. There is an exemption for residential property development groups from property taxes for up to 8 years to do improvements to the land. Gas tax revenue now can be used for buildings as long as is used to maintain road equipment.

Bob call County Engineer Carlos Baez about the Timpe Road project. The final design should be done in late fall and we can expect to go out to bid early next year.

Township Association meeting is canceled for Thursday.

The Haunted Hydro has been sold to another similar group so we need to meet with them to discuss the business they are planning.

Mary Ann Reser – Attended Reginal Planning meeting the discussion took place was about the solar eclipse coming up next April.

Old Business – Mary Ann asked other trustees if they all looked at the UBS investment portfolio past out at last meeting. Bob and Rick said yes, they did. Mary Ann asked Rick his thoughts and he said he doesn't have a thought on that. She asked Rick if we should invest with them? Rick said go ahead and tell me what you think. Rick, he doesn't have any thought one way or another. Mary Ann asked for Bobs opinion. Bob said we defiantly should invest with them and he sent Tom Ackerman an idea on what we should invest and the amounts of money.

Mary Ann said we should take advantage of this investment opportunity and have Mike from UBS invest our money for us. His prestation was good and his investments are more tailored to what we need. Mary Ann asked if we should have him come back? Discussion took place and was thought we don't need him to come back and was decided he doesn't need to come back as we can talk with him online or on the phone for now. Tom to follow up with Mike.

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