BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 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. Trustee Rick Geyer was absent.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to accept minutes from August 15 and April 4. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman is working with Jim Barney on an investment policy and should have something ready for the next meeting. Tom is working with Chad Lindsay at Oakwood to make sure that Oakwood is on a good budget with income and expenses since this is our first full running that cemetery.

PUBLIC COMMENT – County Commissioner Scott Miller said it was nice to see the public input on the zoning change and he commends the township on taking on zoning changes as it is a tough task.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

Jack Ferguson said the veteran's memorial at McGormley is being worked and fixed and is getting close to be completed.

Tom Ackerman brought up some financial reports for Oakwood Cemetery.

Current income year to date: $73,478.60.
Total expenses year to date: $108,829.70.
Investment income via Star Ohio for Oakwood: $17,477.13.
Croghan Colonial interest income: $1,838.47.

Tom says as far as operational stand point we are breaking even. This year's expenses are a little higher due to purchase of a truck. Tom passed a list of current lawnmowers and a few of the our old and we should get a rotation of mowers. Tom brought up the cost of replacing the fence and has not yet got an estimate. Bill Lagrou said he will get an estimate. Tom said Chad does need a printer. Mary Ann said if its under $500 he can go ahead and purchase one.

Rich Framer asked if they ever looked into leasing mowers as an option. Those mowers always stay under warranty.

Bill Lagrou asked if we should look into a plow and salter for Oakwood dump truck. Discussion took place and it was decided we do have enough truck already to do that type of work for now.

Bob Kusmer – Bob gave Tom Ackerman forms about the changes in local funds for next year for the county. County Engineer Carols Baez sent an email about Mastermind being out and about taking pictures of the county which will also include getting elevations on the mapping.

Mary Ann Reser – The newsletter went out and received some positive comments for the community. The Tim Pollard hearing is set for September 21st at 10:30am for his zoning issues.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – No New Business

There being no further business, Mr. Kusmer made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; - 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

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending September 5, 2023 and went over report with the trustees.

Tom Ackerman went over the posting of the special meeting legal ad process. The legal ran in the newspaper on August 31st. Tom discussed the process of the News-Messenger that they only post these ads on Thursday so going forward we will have to time up these ads to make sure we have the correct amount of legal time for a zoning special meeting.

Jim Barney discussed the process of doing a zoning amendment. This current one is at the end of the process right now. Jim went over the step by step process before it can be passed. Jim Barney suggested to start the current zoning amendments process all over again.

Mary Ann read over Resolution 2023-10 to amend the Ballville zoning laws. Mary Ann asked if anyone wanted to make that motion. No one made that motion so the Resolution dies for lack of motion.

Mrs. Reser made a motion to send back the Zoning Amendments back to the zoning commission to make changes. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Bill Lagrou said the gates at Chudzinski-Johannsson Park are put up and ready to use. Bob Kusmer says we need to plan to start moving dirt to the pond, so the liner will be ready to install.

The All Wheel Show is coming together. The trophies and dash plaques are getting done and two food trucks are lined up for the show.

The Dave Stotz memorial is coming along and the dedication will be delayed until next year in late spring early summer. It would be nice to pair it up with another event.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Brush drop off Saturday at Universal Farms.

Paving project for next year currently looking at Westwood Dr., Buchanan Rd., Saner and Fennimore. These will be determined at a later date.

Front end loader is having a problem with a tire holding air. Smiley Tire believes a new rim is needed.

Mary Ann had a resident ask about the curbs on Celek Drive crumbling and she asked Bill if there is a plan to get this fixed. Bill thinks this is a few years out before we can get to this problem.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS