BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 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 September 5 Special meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to accept minutes from September 5 Regular meeting. 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 to make sure the language is correct and we file the Ohio Revised Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Rob Vosco asked about the Solar Farm zoning amendment and is wondering how the farm works. Bob Kusmer went over the rules about who regulates it and that Ballville Township is working on an amendment to get in place in case someone wants to come in and set one up. Bob said the purposed amendment will protect the residents with a bonding of the project and setbacks that will be required. Rob Vosco brought up his concerns for birds and wildlife and the effects when these solar farms get put in.

Katie Baked asked if a Solar Farm came in would the land need to be rezoned? Bob Kusmer said it would not and would stay agricultural.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

Jack Ferguson gave update on the veteran's memorial at McGormley and it is close to being repaired. Jack mentioned that the Oakwood Columbarium has been set. The next Cemetery Board meeting is set of September 17th at noon.

Bill Lagrou said the bowling ball monument that was damaged during an accident is currently being worked on to be replaced.

Bill asked the Trustees to purchase printer for Oakwood through Hilty Office Supply and price is $750.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to purchase printer from Hilty Office Supply at cost not to exceed $800. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending September 19, 2023 and went over report with the trustees.

Ballville zoning commission will be meeting Wednesday September 27 at 5:30pm.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerry Wood mentioned that the Car Show is almost ready to go.

Dave's Place Memorial the concrete has been poured for the walls. The next project is out at Chudzinski-Johannesen Park to get ready for the pond liner which is coming on November 14.

Mary Ann said Trustees received two letters from Tony and Tina Taylor asking to be added to the Park Board.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to accept Tony and Tina Taylor to the park board. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bob Kusmer passed out a proposal from Western AG on a bid for the pond liner for Chudzinski-Johansson Park. The bid they gave was for a total of $35,403.00. It would be installed from November 14th-17th. This will be paid by the grant received by the State.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to hire Western AG for the pond liner for a cost of $35,403.00 which is paid for from the grant money. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Bob Kusmer brought up two more projects for Chudzinski-Johannsson Park. Bob said we need to purchase stone for the parking lot which will cost around $19,000 and would like to purchase a Gazebo for the Park. Bob said would like to purchase from Amish Country Gazebos out of Pennsylvania and would be a sixteen-foot diagonal gazebo. The cost for this would be $22,584.00

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to purchase gazebo from Amish County Gazebos at a cost not to exceed $30,000 which includes gazebo and concrete and for stone at cost not to exceed $19,000 which is paid for by donations made to the park. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

The Huffman house on Elm Drive needs repaired at the road. I have met with Charlie Paving out of Norwalk which would cost the township $1000 to get this repaired.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to have Charlie Paving fix this driveway on Elm Drive at cost of $1000. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

The berming around the last road paving project has been completed.

Bill asked about the $500 More Grant through OTARMA that he would like to purchase large cones with. The trustees are good with that purchase.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Bob Kusmer – Tim Pollard court hearing is on Thursday with Tim Pollard zoning case.

Issue II meeting is set for next Friday to see if we get the grant or not.

Mary Ann Reser – The Reginal Planning meeting was cancelled this month. It is set for next month.

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