BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 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 October 3. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman passed out reports to the trustees ending the third quarter of the year which included Payment Listing, Receipt Listing, Fund Status and Appropriations Report.

Current year to date:

Total Receipts: $1,531,995.09
Total Payments: $1,309,888.24
Total in Ballville Accounts: $3,953,845.04

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to accept financial reports. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Tom Ackerman stated that if we are looking to get a new plow for upcoming season that the Road Fund should have enough money in it to cover this cost.

Tom Ackerman mentioned Star Ohio investment last month was at 5.52 percent and we have $3,346,713.53 in that account and plan to keep that money in there the rest of year.

Tom Ackerman said he has taken the next step in Payroll Direct Deposit.

Tom Ackerman brought up the new medical insurance rates for 2024. Discussion took place and we should invite a representative to come in and go over option as well as look at possible other companies.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Brent Binkley asked about the zoning case against Tim Pollard. Bob Kusmer said there was a hearing and the Judge ruled in Township favor and our attorney made a motion to get him to pay his fine. The Judge said to get the amount that is owed to the township and have Mr. Pollard attorney look it over, then a ruling will be made.

Doug Crowell asked the Trustees if they received his letter. The trustees looked over the letter which deals with zoning problems with his new land purchase. Doug is sending out letters to the neighbors with his intentions for the land as well as it is being staked out for property lines. Doug said he has been in contact with around four people and they have been cooperative.

Doug Crowell brought a possible new rule change from the EPA about air quality standards. If this passes it will effect many farmers and many other businesses which could close them down. It is currently a proposal and there has been a lot of groups fighting against this.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

Jack Ferguson mentioned that the Cemetery Board did have their quarterly meeting this afternoon. Chad Lindsay updated them with Oakwood currently having 28 cremation burials and 26 full burials for the year with 31 lots sold. There were some things that are going to be purchased which include a new podium, chairs and hitch for the gator. There was discussion on the New Columbarium and what will be allowed for the engraving of the fronts.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out his reports ending October 17, 2023 and went over report with the trustees.

Troy Received the recommendation from Regional Planning on Zoning changes and next will be a public meeting with the Zoning Board Commission to approve.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerri Wood said the Board talked about eclipse and they don't think they should go overboard with any event, but plan to charge for reserved parking for a cost of $20-25 per spot. Discussion took place for the event and how it should be handled.

Halloween party in set for October 25th at 7pm.

Trees have been purchased for Conner Park through the North Branch Auction.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Getting ready for leaf pickup which will start November 1st.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Bob Kusmer – No Comment as everything on his list was covered

Mary Ann Reser – Need to pick a Budget Hearing meeting date. It was discussed to have the hearing on Friday December 8th starting at 9am.

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