BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 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.

Mrs. Reser made a motion to accept minutes with grammar corrections from November 21. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Julie Hasselbach from Sprouse Insurance came in to discuss the Health Insurance for the Township employees. The Insurance cost is going up 18%. Discussion took place between the Trustees after Julies presentation.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to accept health insurance for 2024 as presented by Julie Hasselbach. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman gave reported numbers year to date.

Total Payments: $ 1,508,766.69
Total Receipts: $ 1,617,953.82

Tom mentioned Direct Deposit should be going to a test run sometime soon. Hope to have in place by first of the year.

Tom asked about the financial for Dave's Place on what we collected and what is being sent. The current donations were around $3600 and current spending is over that amount. Discussion took place about getting a final plan in place to finish this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Joe Garrett stopped to give update on the upcoming gas aggregate program. Joe asked for Trustees to adopt the program agreement to be able to take the next steps. Discussion took place between Trustees to adopt the program.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to adopt the natural gas governmental aggregation program for Ballville Township. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

Chad Lindsay mentioned Jim Foos accepted another job so he is done. Chris Snider has another week or so before he leaves for Florida.

Bob Kusmer started to put together a grant application for Oakwood Cemetery and has been receiving many letters in support of the grant for Oakwood. Bob is asking for Roads, curbs, drainage and office. The application is for 1.2 million. Discussion took place on all that is being purposed for this State of Ohio Capital Improvement Grant and how it will be used.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

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

Troy mentioned that the Trustees hearing for the zoning changes is set for Tuesday December 19 at 5 pm.

The Trustees received a letter from the Land Bank regarding two properties on East State Street. They are suggesting we look into applying to get them taken done. Brent Binkley mentioned that those properties just sold and they are being worked on now.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

No Report

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Leaf pickup will be doing two more rounds then be done for the year.

Bill mentioned he did apply for the More grant for large road cones.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Bob Kusmer – Bob mentioned there is District 5 meeting coming up to finalize the Issue II road grants.

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann asked Tom 2 for the current balance in the Fire Levy Fund. Tom said he has that information planned for Friday's budget hearing.

Mary Ann mentioned since Issue 2 passed it is being suggested that the township look to pass laws prohibiting these facilities in the township. Jim Barney suggested to ask around for opinions on this and even to ask law enforcement on how this will affect the township.

Mary Ann brought up that Tim Pollards attorney Roger Hafford brought up they asked for a settlement in fines. The township indicted back they do not want a settlement.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – No New Business

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel hiring. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

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