BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 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 December 5 minutes and December 8 Special Meeting minutes. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman asked Bob Kusmer about the grant for Timpe Rd. project if we turned in any paperwork for that project to receive the money? Bob said he had a description of the project and budget for it done. Tom asked for that info to be able to turn into the State Compliance Department for their records.

Tom ran a test for Payroll Direct Deposit and is waiting for a response.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Josh Courtney from the Celery Gardens mentioned he wanted to correct some records on what was recorded in the minutes. He said he is not selling but is planning to build a small home on Siler in the next six months.

Mary Ann Reser read off Resolution 2023-11 for purchase of a new dump truck.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-11 for purpose of purchasing new dump truck at the cost of $140,000 from Prairie Township. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12 for Ballville Township Zoning Amendment changes. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-13 to adopt Ballville Township 2024 Budget Appropriations. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

Bob Kusmer brought up the estimate that is for the purchase of two lawnmowers for Oakwood Cemetery. Discussion took place about this proposed purchase.

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to purchase the two lawnmowers at a cost of $21,237.75. 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 December 19, 2023 and went over report with the trustees.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerry Wood mentioned at the last meeting they discussed getting pickle ball courts put in Conner Park. The gazebo for Chudzinski-Johannsson Park came in and when concrete is put in then it can be built.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Bill took call about a drone survey coming up and was wondering what that is all about and is trying to get more information.

Bill said a speed study should be getting done in the Township at some point coming up this next year.

Leaf Collection has been completed for the year.

Bill brought up about hiring a part time employee to help out. Mary Ann mentioned that Trustees will be going into Executive Session and that can be discussed then.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Bob Kusmer – Bob mentioned he attended OPWC District 5 meeting. Issue II grant was finalized and ours was approved. We were one of two only approved for the county.

Bob mentioned the Capital Improvement grant has been sent in and now a waiting game to see if we get approved.

Bob sent out an email to area townships to see if there is interest in doing a joint venture road project bid to try to get a better price.

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann let elected Trustee Rich Farmer about doing a Public Records training as well as getting him signed up to Ohio Township Association.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – No New Business

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to go into Executive Session for Wages. 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

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to update 2024 wages for part time employees at $15.00 an hour, seasonal employees at $13.00 an hour and Troy Thatcher zoning inspector for $722.00 a month. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

Mr. Kusmer made a motion to hire Paul Shoemaker to a part time maintance position. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

Mary Ann Reser swore in Rich Farmer as New Trustee effective January 1st 2024.

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