BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2024 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 Rich Farmer. Trustee Bob Kusmer was absent.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman not totally finished with year-end but will have that done by next meeting.

Tom mentioned direct deposit for employees will start in January with plans to pay on the 10th and 25th of each month.

NEW BUSINESS FOR 2024

Mrs. Reser made a motion elect Bob Kusmer as Chairperson and Rich Farm as Vice-Chairperson for the township for year 2024. Seconded by Mr. Farmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –N/A

Mrs. Reser made a motion to set the Trustee meeting dates as the first and third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. Farmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –N/A

Mrs. Reser made a motion to re-appoint the audit committee which includes the Trustees (Bob Kusmer, Rich Farmer, Mary Ann Reser) and Fiscal Officer (Tom Ackerman). Seconded by Mr. Farmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –N/A

Mrs. Reser made a motion to appoint Jim Barney and his law firm as solicitor for the township for 2024. Seconded by Mr. Farmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer – N/A

Mary Ann mentioned the Sandusky County Township Association upcoming banquet and reminded those who are attending to let Tom know.

Mary Ann mentioned the Ohio Township Winter Conference in February. Bob Kusmer and Tom Ackerman will be attending. Rich Farmer and Mary Ann Reser have other previous commitments.

Mary Ann reminded everyone the township inventory meeting is set for Monday January 8th at noon.

Mrs. Reser made a motion to keep Mary Ann Reser on the Sandusky County Regional Planning Committee and Bob Kusmer on the Sandusky County Health Department Committee for 2024. Seconded by Mr. Farmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jack Ferguson asked about the long-term plan for Chudzinski-Johannsson Park after the grant money runs out. He is wondering if there is any idea on the cost and where does the money come from.
Discussion took place between the Trustees and Fiscal Officer to get a plan in place going forward. Mary Ann Reser mentioned after grant monies run out then typically the General Fund, will be used. Mary Ann says there is potential plans to help generate some money but that might be many years down the road.

Jack Ferguson asked about the purchase of the two lawnmowers for Oakwood and wondered why the Cemetery Board was not involved? He wondering why we keep adding projects before we complete others? Jack said he will wait for an answer when all three trustees are at the next meeting.

Brent Bickley asked about the budget for the Stotz Memorial. Mary Ann said the project will get completed but when we do projects like this we need to think about it and have a budget to stick by. I am personally when not in favor of big memorials, but a tree or brick would be a better idea.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT –

The next Cemetery Board meeting is set for Tuesday January 16 at noon.

Jack Ferguson asked about getting the pillars damaged by an automobile accident replaced? Bill Lagrou says nothing is finalized and still waiting on insurance payment.

Bill Lagrou said there was 64 funerals at Oakwood, 21 at McGormley and 1 at Lebanon for 2023.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy has no report this meeting.

Michelle Bartson asked how you go about getting a zoning law changed with campers being stayed in on land that doesn't have a house on it. She has also asked about having chickens on their property and see if this can be changed. Mary Ann asked Troy to talk to her about the zoning that references campers located at residents and suggested if she would like to attend zoning meeting to inquire about the chickens and changes to zoning amendment.

Troy Thatcher mentioned the next Zoning Commission meeting is set for January 24th at 5:30 and he will bring up this issue.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Christmas Decorations have been taken down.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Plow trucks are ready to go.

Bill Lagrou said a truck went off side of road and made a rut in a yard and they have fixed the yard since that happened.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Rich Farmer – No Comment

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann suggested that when we make purchased via a motion we should specify what fund the money should be taken out of.

Mary Ann asked Jim Barney if it is necessary to make motion to come out of executive session. Jim said he has not found an exact answer for that situation as you cannot vote on things in executive session. Mary Ann asked about the wordings to go into executive sessions and what correct wordings should be used, as there a list available for reference, in the Sunshine Law Book.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business – No New Business

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

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