BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2024 5:30PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with Chairperson Bob Kusmer leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Also, present were Trustee Mary Ann Reser. Rich Farmer is absent.

Mrs. Reser made a motion to approve December 19 Special Meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – N/A Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes.

Mrs. Reser made a motion to approve January 16 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – N/A; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman passed Fund Status, Receipt Listing, Payment Listing and Appropriations report to the Trustees. These reports are all year to date. Tom has not done the monthly bank reconciliation so some things will be added.

Tom Ackerman updated the employee payroll direct deposit situation. Tom reported that 4 of 5 employees got there money today but one is having an issue. It appears the routing number isn't the local branch but a national routing number so we will monitor the situation this week to make corrections as needed.

Mary Ann mentioned in past meeting we discussed if Tom wasn't available to do his job because of sickness or something else who is responsible for making sure things get done. Tom mentioned he is heading for Ohio Township Association Conference the next few days and will bring that question up in one of the trainings.

Croghan Bank has sent documents about the safe deposit box to update who has access to the box. Discussion took place to empty the box and take inventory and will determine it the box is needed or if contents could be kept at township hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

No Public Comment.

CEMETERY BOARD –

Jack Ferguson informed Trustees that the Columbarium's for Oakwood Cemetery are ordered and are expected late spring. Jack mentioned they can reach up to ten feet to set these so the concrete work can be completed before these arrive.

Jack mentioned he has had a few complaints about stone being moved due to tree removal and the people would like to get them put back as soon as possible.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out report ending February 6, 2024 and went over it.

Bob Kusmer mentioned the upcoming house bill that the newspaper will be eliminated for legal notices and Township Websites and Facebook page will be an appropriate notice.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Rich Farmer entered meeting. He has some work issues to tend to.

Bill Lagrou mentioned the County had another meeting about upcoming Eclipse which he attended and what to expect and be prepared for.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

Bill mentioned that Bob Kusmer worked on the EPA grant to be able to get Brine tank for the Trucks and a bring storage tank. The grant request was for $31,475.00.

Bob Kusmer got letter about Toledo Edison Power pole across the street and cost would be $4,236.00 for them to set the pole and attach the wires.

Bob said there are six townships going together for the Road project bid and it should cover about seven miles of road in the project. The Issue II bid will go out at same time and should be ready to bid sometime in March.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann received a text that someone in the Township was never enrolled in the Electric aggregate program. They are wondering if there are any answers on why she was left out of the program.

Regional Planning Committee will be changing how many representatives everyone can have and Ballville Township will only have one seat on the committee. Mary Ann will remain the representative for the Township and Rich Farmer will be the alternate.

Rich Farmer – Rich received his Township log in information this week.

Rich asked Troy if The Church on 53 reached out about getting a sign permit. Troy said yes, they did.

Bob Kusmer – Bob mentioned on March 1st is the Sandusky County Economic Development annual meeting. March 11 is the meeting for Advisory Board for the Health Department and March 13th is the Tax Incentive Board meeting.

Bob brought up the invoice from Liamar Media to keep up our Website.

Mrs. Reser made a motion to the invoice for Liamar Media for the amount $1865.00 for website design, support, web hosting. Seconded by Mr. Farmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes
Bob Kusmer showed the Trustees a new Logo for the Township that was designed. Discussion took place over the design. The trustees agreed to go with new logo with some slight changes.

Old Business – Tom Ackerman said that interest paid from Croghan and Star Ohio cannot flow into certain funds. This will have to be done by a fund transfer. Tom will get some numbers ready for this and plans to do this on yearly basis.

Tom Ackerman mentioned about signing up for the OTA trainings at a cost of $250. This expense can be paid for by the More grant which has been raised to $1000 this year. Trustees agreed that this could be good for the Township.

New Business – Bob Kusmer passed out a page of the handbook about leave for funerals. Discussion took place.

Mr. Farmer made a motion to allow three days of paid leave for employees for funeral of direct family. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer – Yes

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 – 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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Bob Kusmer, Chairperson