BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 20, 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 and Trustee Rich Farmer.

Mary Ann made statement that she would like more time to look over the minutes as these were given to the Trustees this afternoon. Mary Ann spoke with Tom to try to get these in a timelier fashion so they could be looked over. Bob Kusmer mentioned they would like the minutes at least the Friday prior to the meeting.

Mr. Farmer made a motion to approve February 4 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Kusmer. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – No Mr. Kusmer –Yes. Motion was approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tom Ackerman

Tom Ackerman was absent due to illness.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Dave Bain mentioned he sent pictures to the Trustees about some damage around the ECI property near Lawndale Ct. Bill Lagrou mentioned he will assume it will get cleaned up once lawn services get back to work soon.

Sandusky County Commissioner Scott Miller brought up that the bridge replacement of County Road 201 will happen this summer and be closed for about three months. Scott Miller brought that Sandusky County Reginal Planning Director John Willey has resigned effective immediately. Scott gave update on the upcoming Eclipse and what is to be expected for that weekend.

Brent Binkley asked Scott Miller about the Nexus Pipeline money that's supposed to come to the county. Scott Miller answered that this is currently going through the multiple. auditor's around area and the state. Nexus is currently blocking all efforts on what is going on.

CEMETERY BOARD –

Bill Lagrou mentioned all the stones at Oakwood have been replaced and all tree debris from tree removal have been cleaned up.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT – Troy Thatcher, Zoning Inspector

Troy passed out report ending February 20, 2024 and went over it.

Troy asked about the Zoning Boards terms to get them extended and what the process involves.

Troy mentioned two members want to extend their terms.

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Mr. Farmer made a motion to accept Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Binkley request to extend term for Zoning Appeals board which will end December 31, 2028. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes; Mr. Kusmer –Yes. Motion was approved.

Bob Kusmer asked Troy if he has reached out about the property on Morrison Road. Troy said he has and will follow up with this situation.

PARKS BOARD – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Kerry Wood said the last meeting for Park Board was cancelled.

Easter Egg hunt is set up for March 23rd.

ROADS SUPERINTENDENT – Bill Lagrou

A resident of St. Paul Dr. called about trash service options and was wondering if township would look into getting a local service for the entire township. The Trustees don't have any interest in doing something like that and will let residents make that choice.

Bill is asking to purchase a cement mixer at a cost of $3200. They can use this at the parks for various projects and projects at the cemetery. Discussion took place on the potential uses and potential cost savings.

Mr. Farmer made a motion to approve the purchase of a concrete mixer at cost of $3200 to be split between the Road and Cemetery Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Reser. Upon a vote, Mr. Farmer – Yes; Mrs. Reser – Yes Mr. Kusmer –Yes. Motion was approved.

Bill received the quote back from the County Engineer for the road paving project. The cost is for Westwood Dr. at $75,000, Fennimore $42,000, Saner $11,000 and Upton is $28.000. The total cost is $156,000 cost. The plan in to bid these out to be opened at the second meeting in March.

Bob Kusmer got update from Sandusky County Engineer Carlos Baez about Timpe Road project that he hopes to have the entire project ready to bid out in upcoming months.

TRUSTEES COMMENTS

Mary Ann Reser – Mary Ann asked Scott Miller the plan for replacement of Regional Planner director. Scott said they are working on what is required to be able to get the job since it's been 16 years since he was hired. There are some qualifications to be able to apply for that job but he doesn't know them off hand.

Rich Farmer – Rich reached out to the property at Hayes and Bartson that went up for sale and we should look if that is an option for further township development.

Bob Kusmer – Bob mentioned he attended OTA convention and sat in on lots of zoning meetings.

March 1st is Economic development meeting
March 11th is Health Board Advisory meeting
March 13th will be Tax Incentive meeting.

March 13th also is Sandusky County Township Association zoning committee meets that night. Open public work District 5 Bob had been asked to run to be a voting member.

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business –

There being no further business, Mr. Farmer made motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Reser. 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