BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING July 16, 2024, 5:30PM

Officials in Attendance: Trustee Bob Kusmer Chairperson, Trustee Rich Farmer Vice Chairperson, Trustee Mary Ann Reser and Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Kusmer.

MINUTES - Trustee Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes for June 18 and July 2 meetings. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; The motion passed.

Financial Report - Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman shared the Cemeteries Financial Reports with the Trustees. Ballville Cemeteries are up about $8,000 in Revenue. Oakwood Cemetery is down around $20,000 - but we did purchase $22,000 worth of mowers.

Trustee Kusmer read off a Resolution for the upcoming budget.

Trustee Kusmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-3 to certify budget figures given by the County Auditor, Seconded by Trustee Farmer. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer -Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed.

Trustee Kusmer read off a Resolution for an upcoming tax levy for Roads. This is a renewal levy.

Trustee Reser made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-4, to ask the County Auditor to create a current tax valuation and dollar amount for a 1.25 mil road levy, Seconded by Trustee Farmer. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer -Yes; Trustee Farmer -Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed.

Public Comment

Sally Miller stopped to get an update on how the car got removed on Celek Drive. Trustee Farmer told her that he called the Sheriff about the situation and they were able to get the car towed away. Trustee Farmer went over how the entire situation played out with the Sheriff and the car owners.

County Commissioner Scott Miller gave an update on things going on around the county.

Ballville Resident Scott Miller asked about the pole barn going up on Springbrook Drive. Zoning inspector Troy Thatcher answered Mr. Millers questions on the current situation.

Cemetery Board Report- Jack Ferguson Chairperson

Mr. Ferguson mentioned that they had their quarterly meeting at noon today, and that there isn't anything new going on, just trying to finish up projects already in progress.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher provided a report ending July 16, 2024 to the Trustees, and reviewed it with them.

Mr. Kusmer mentioned that the Trustees need to have a public meeting for the zoning amendment changes. Discussion took place and that meeting will be scheduled for August 6th at 5pm.

Mr. Kusmer reported that they received a judgement against Mr. Pollard and he's subject to pay a fine of $42,800 to the township.

Mr. Kusmer mentioned that Chad Beebe has sent a letter asking to join the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Discussion took place to have Mr. Beebe attend the next scheduled Regular Meeting to talk with the Trustees.

Mr. Kusmer brought up that the Trustees have received a letter from owners of the Haunted Hydro. The Trustees have now been notified that there is another scheduled event. Trustee Farmer believes we need to send them a notice stating that we allowed the one event before that was already scheduled, and that until you are 100% compliant with the rules, further events

can no longer take place. Following discussion, it was agreed to send a letter no longer allowing events - due to the land use not being in compliance.

Trustee Farmer made a motion to halt the activities of the Haunted Hydro until they are compliant with Township Zoning, Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer -Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Wood updated the progress at Chudzinski-Johannson Park and hopes to have the pond finished this week. The parking lot is close to being able to be paved.

The dedication for Dave's Place took place tonight, and it was well attended.

The car show flyer has been completed and will be passed out around town.

Mr. Wood asked for a new seat to be put on the bulldozer. The estimate is $991 plus some shipping costs.

Trustee Farmer made a motion to buy a new seat for the bulldozer for a cost not to exceed $1200.00. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed.

Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou mentioned that S&S finished the project on Buchanan.

Mr. Lagrou will go out and look at Emmett Drive again since Mr. Ackerman received a call to go look at it and see if it can be fixed.

Trustee Kusmer passed out a printout about On Street Parking. This is something we are looking at to pass via a Resolution. Trustee Kusmer asked the other two Trustees to look this over and create a Resolution to be passed in the near future. Discussion took place and all Trustees agreed to get a Resolution put together to look over in an upcoming meeting.

Trustees Comments

Trustee Reser – Trustee Reser gave Mr. Ackerman her completed Fraud Training Certificate which is required by the State. Trustee Reser was not able to attend the past Regional Planning meeting due to a work situation. She did receive minutes from the meeting, which all Trustee have received to review.

Trustee Farmer – No further comments

Trustee Kusmer – Trustee Kusmer addressed Mr. Ackerman regarding why property insurance was not renewed on time. Mr. Ackerman responded he had the paper ready to go but forgot to get the Trustees to sign it at a previous meeting. The Trustees asked Mr. Ackerman to have a better system in place going forward.

Old Business – No Old Business
New Business - No New Business

Trustee Farmer made a motion to adjourn meeting. No objections. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted. _____
Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

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Bob Kusmer, Trustee Chairperson

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Mary Ann Reser, Trustee

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Rich Farmer, Trustee Vice- Chairperson