BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING August 6, 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 the July 16 meeting, 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 passed out to the Trustees a set of reports which included Payment Listing, Receipt Listing and Fund Status.
Mr. Ackerman discussed that he is still working with the IRS from a 2021 Payroll matter. He is currently waiting to hear back from them on what he previously had submitted.

Trustee Kusmer read off a Resolution for the upcoming Road Levy Renewal.

Trustee Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-5 to get the Road Levy Renewal put on the November Ballot, Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer -Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed.

Haunted Hydro –
The new owner of the Haunted Hydro and a few employees came in to discuss the Zoning issues since the property is zoned as residential. Trustee Kusmer went over the current issues. Discussion took place between the Haunted Hydro owner, Trustees and the Township's Attorney.
It was discussed that a **Special Use Permit** would need to be applied for by the Haunted Hydro owner and go through the process to get it in front of the Township Board of Zoning Appeals.
The discussion took place that the Haunted Hydro would include the following things in the application to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

1. Season Dates : Last two weeks of September and all of October.
2. Hours of Operation: Closed by Midnight
3. Eight-foot fence installed around 3 sides of the property.
4. Sheds and Storage trailers replaced by a storage building within 5 years.

Public Comment
Chad Beebe introduced himself and reviewed his resume, as he is interested in joining the Ballville Township Board of Zoning Appeals.

County Commissioner Scott Miller gave an update on things going on around the county. The bridge project on CR 201 is on schedule and still planned to be completed by the end of October.

Cemetery Board Report- Jack Ferguson Chairperson
Mr. Lagrou asked Mr. Ackerman about the Insurance claim with the accident at Oakwood Cemetery. Mr. Ackerman was told that we should have been paid by Sprouse Insurance and that Sprouse would go after Erie Insurance to collect from them.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher provided a report ending August 6 2024 to the Trustees and reviewed it with them.

Mr. Thatcher mentioned there is a Ballville Township Board of Zoning Appeals meeting set for August 10th at 4pm for a variance at 100 E Cole Rd.

Trustee Reser made a motion to add Chad Beebe to the Ballville Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Seconded by Trustee Farmer. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed.

Mr. Thatcher took a complaint from a resident about having a vault put in her yard from Omni Fiber. The Trustees mentioned since it's a utility company they can put a vault in the yard as long as it is in the right of way. There is nothing the Township can do about this situation.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou mentioned the top of the pond at Chudzinsk-Johannson Park is being worked on to make it look proper.

Mr. Lagrou received bid prices for fencing at the Conner Park baseball fields. The back field bid from Fremont Fence was $7,429 and Adkins Fence bid was $7,705. The front field bid- from Fremont Fence was $12,493.

Trustee Farmer made a motion to go with the Fremont Fence bid for both front and back fields for Conner Park. 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 ditch mowing is currently going on, along with patching of various potholes around the township.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned we did receive a grant for $31,475 for use on the Township Plow Trucks for various accessories.

Trustee Kusmer brought up a Zoning Resolution about On Street Parking. Discussion took place by the Trustees and our Attorney. The Trustees agreed to table the issue and make some changes to the wording of the Resolution.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned that the Township has a wood chipper loaned to Green Creek Township that they are currently using. It has been brought up that it is a possible liability. It has been suggested to just sell this piece of equipment to Green Creek Township.

Mr. Lagrou has also been asked for the Township to come up with an Anti-harassment Policy for the township. The Trustees will research what other townships are using and plan to get one adopted in the near future.

Trustee Kusmer has signed the OWPC agreement for the Issue II Road Project which will be getting underway soon.

Trustees Comments

Trustee Reser – Trustee Reser mentioned the next Regional Planning meeting is next Monday.

Trustee Farmer – No further comments

Trustee Kusmer – Trustee Kusmer requested that all employees complete the Ohio Auditor Fraud Training. The video is around seven minutes long.

Trustee Kusmer recommended to Mr. Lagrou to have the tree in the cul-de-sac taken down on Englewood Dr.

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

Bob Kusmer, Trustee Chairperson

Mary Ann Reser, Trustee

Rich Farmer, Trustee Vice- Chairperson