BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING December 17, 2024, 5:30PM

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

Bid Opening for Roselawn Storm Sewer Project

Trustee Farmer made a motion to close bids for the Roselawn Storm Sewer Project. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed

Bids are as followed:
Engineers estimate was $ 93,000.00

Great Lakes Demolition - $ 110,215.00
Mid-Ohio Land Worx - $ 97,983.00
S&S Hauling and Excavating - $ 95,292.00
Brenntstuhl Construction - $ 113,657.31
Ed Burdue - $ 84,073.85
Buckeye Excavation & Construction - $ 85,454.00
D2 Excavating LLC - $ 82,502.00

Trustee Reser made a motion to tabulate the bids and award at later date. Seconded by Trustee Farmer.
Trustee Kusmer mentioned this decision needs to be made today due to Federal Funding.
Trustee Farmer made a motion to accept bid from D2 Excavating LLC in amount of $ 82,502.00 as conditional on the proposal meeting the criteria set by contract. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed

Minutes-

Trustee Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes from December 3 with slight grammar corrections given by Trustee Reser. 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 currently working on year end.
Mr. Ackerman asked as soon at contract is done for this past bid he will get a purchase order for that to be good with the Federal ARPA money.

Public Comment-

Sandusky County Commissioner Scott Miller gave update on how the County is currently running. No major concerns and lots of good things are going on with the county.

Cemetery Board Report- Jack Ferguson Chairperson

Mr. Ferguson mentioned that fire proof fire cabinets and office furniture have been ordered for Oakwood Office. Also mentioned about getting flooring done. Discussion took place on flooring and it has been suggested to put carpet in floor safety reasons as well as keeping office warmer during winter.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher was not present for the meeting.

Trustee Farmer brought concerns over the recent annexation of property on Hayes Ave. that has been added to the City of Fremont. Trustee Farmer is not happy this has happened as we lose tax dollars for the change. Trustee Famer wants to figure out how it happened and why it happened. He believes Mr. Thatcher dropped the ball on this situation and made himself unavailable. Mr. Thatcher told Trustee Farmer before that he reached out to Trustees but did Trustee Farmer knew nothing about it. Trustee Kusmer said he had heard about it from Mr. Thatcher and said all we would have to do is making a zoning change and add a fence on residential part and Trustee Kusmer did not hear back from him. Trustee Farmer how they were not informed about this decision and he was told email was sent to Mr. Ackerman but by that time the decision to move forward with this has already been made. Trustee Farmer believes this fall back on our Zoning Inspector and better communication needs to be made. Trustee Farmer believes this is very disturbing that this has been going on for a year and we did not know what was going on. This has been many issues over the past year that we need to get fixed. Trustee Kusmer has conversation with the property owner and his response was he was too far into the process to try to work with the Township now and Mr. Thatcher told him the Trustees have not gotten back with him about the situation. Trustee Farmer mentioned he isn't happy with the performance with Mr. Thatcher over his eleven months with him being a Trustee. Trustee Reser reached out to County Commissioners to get file on the annexation of this property. Trustee Reser that she doesn't think it is to fair to talk about this while he is not present. She also mentioned in the file that a Resolution was sent to the Trustees in October. Mr. Ackerman mentioned he received an email of the Resolution for his records and didn't realize that the Trustees would not have received that information too. Trustees had further discussion on the zoning issues and how to proceed with the issues.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Wood said at the last park board meeting they went over the available Park grants that will available. They did discuss plans for next year and would still like to get more LED lights around the park to finish up that process.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned we have received word that we will be approved for grant money. We applied for 3 of them but don't know which one or ones we are approved for.

Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou reported the final round of leaf is was done for the community but still doing some work at Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned that since Garners are closed now that Township truck maintance will be going out to Volvo in Fremont.

Trustees Comments-

Trustee Reser – Trustee Reser did not attend the last Regional Planning meeting due to work obligations. Only business at meeting was electing new officers.
Trustee Reser brought up about getting a reserved account set up in the Township Budget to act like an emergency fund.

Trustee Reser mentioned County Auditor Jerri Miller did not receive Resolution 5A for the road levy and needs a copy. Trustee Kusmer had it with him and made a copy and gave copy to Trustee Reser.

Trustee Farmer – No Comment.

Trustee Kusmer – No Comment

Old Business – No Old Business

New Business - No New Business

Trustee Reser made a motion to go into Executive Session for Compensation and Discipline without Mr. Ackerman present. Seconded by Trustee Farmer. Roll call vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser – Yes; The motion passed

The following minutes were recorded by Trustee Farmer since Mr., Ackerman was not present

Motion to exit executive session was made by Trustee Farmer and was seconded by Trustee Reser. Vote was Yes by all.

Discussion took place over Troy Thatcher Zoning Inspector and Tom Ackerman Fiscal Officer and their performance during the 2024 calendar year.

Discussion also took place on the performance of each department and the department's employees.

Motion by Trustee Reser to accept pay increases for employees per calendar year 2025. Motion was seconded by Trustee Farmer. Vote was YES by all.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Reser.

Respectfully submitted.

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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