BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING January 7, 2025, 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 Reser mentioned she had submitted changes in the minutes. Trustee Farmer mentioned he read those changes, and there are a few deletions, but believes the minutes written are acceptable. Trustee Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - No; The Motion Passed.
Trustee Reser asked about the minutes from the **Budget Hearing.** Mr. Ackerman said he has them, and will email those to the Trustees.

Financial Report - Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman reported the ODNR Grant Reimbursement has been submitted and is under process. The ARPA money for the Timpe Rd. and Roselawn Dr. is ready to be submitted as we have both under contract for the project.

OLD BUSINESS 2024

Fiscal business for 2024; Mr. Ackerman reported all transactions for 2024 are completed.
Trustee Reser asked if the Bank Rec. has been completed. Mr. Ackerman said that is the last step to do before going into 2025 and it is not completed yet. Trustee Kusmer said we will table that for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS FOR 2025

1. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Trustee Kusmer made the motion to nominate Trustee Farmer to Chairperson and Trustee Reser to Vice Chairperson. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; The Motion Passed.
2. Set Meeting Date and Time - Trustee Kusmer made a motion to keep meeting time and days the same which is 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each Month at 5:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer- Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.
3. Re-Appoint Audit Committee - Trustees and Fiscal Officer - This is the same via ORC.
4. Appointment of Solicitor - Trustee Kusmer made a motion to keep Kocher and Barney as Township Solicitor. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.
5. Sandusky County Township Association Banquet Reservations - Trustee Kusmer, Trustee Farmer, and Bill Lagrou will attend.
6. OTA Winter Conference Reservations - Trustee Kusmer and Mr. Ackerman plan to attend.
7. Inventory Meeting - Monday January 13, 2025 at noon.
8. Appointment to Regional Planning Members (Voting and Alternate) - Trustee Kusmer made a motion to nominate Trustee Reser as Voting Member and Trustee Farmer as the Alternate. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer- Yes; The Motion Passed.
9. Appointment to Health Department Advisory Committee - Trustee Kusmer made a motion to nominate himself, Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Public Comment-

No Public Comment

Cemetery Board Report- Jack Ferguson Chairperson

Mr. Ferguson mentioned the next Cemetery Board Meeting will be January 21 at noon. Mr. Lindsay reported all the file cabinets and furniture have been delivered.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher mentioned there were no permits issued since last meeting. Mr. Thatcher asked if the Trustees got a message about a property purchase on Westwood Dr. The issue was dealing with sewer in the neighborhood which is handled by the county.

Website Report - Josh Randall

Mr. Randall from Liamar Media who handles the *township website* gave a presentation on having the ability for online forms and be able to accept payments on the website. Discussion and questions took place and were addressed by Josh.

Trustee Kusmer made a motion to hire Liamar Media at a cost of $2090.00 for the website upgrades. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes: The Motion Passed.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Wood asked Mr. Ackerman about pending Grants. Mr. Ackerman said everything has been submitted, and it is in process with ODNR.

Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou received the mileage sheet from the County Engineer, which he will fill out and send back to certify the road mileage for the township.

Mr. Lagrou received a *public records request* and asked if it was legit. Township Solicitor Jim Barney said he will review it and see if we have those records available.

Trustee Farmer received estimates for the purchase of two new trucks for the township. The estimate for the Utility Truck $60,653.44 from Baumann and $67,918.00 from Steinle. Trustee Reser made the motion to purchase the Utility Truck form Baumann at a cost of $60,653.44. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer . Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer- Yes; The Motion Passed.

Trustee Farmer received estimates for the purchase of a new Superintendent truck - $47,395.00 from Steinle, and $44,466.00 from Baumann. Trustee Kusmer made a motion to purchase the new Superintendent truck from Baumann at a cost of $44,466.00. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Trustees Comments

Trustee Farmer – No Comment

Trustee Reser - Trustee Reser asked Jim Barney about the potential *zoning change* in the Hydraulic Park area. Trustee Kusmer mentioned he has passed this information onto the Township Zoning Commissioner for their review at the next meeting.

Trustee Reser would like to look into having a reserve account established under ORC 5705.13 She asked Jim Barney to look into this for the township. Trustee Reser went over details of what can be put into the account. Discussion took place of how the fund can work and how the money can be spent.

Trustee Reser mentioned she has talked with Tim Wasserman about the potential use of Otter AI which could be used in the township minutes. With input from Josh Randall, discussion took place how it could work and weather we should consider it.

Trustee Kusmer- Trustee Kusmer will be filing for the Issue II again this year which will be for 2026. Also we'll be doing **Township *Co-Op*** on road projects again this year with hopes to bid in February. He mentioned that we got the last easements signed to be able to go ahead with the Timpe Road Sewer Project.

Old Business - No Old Business

New Business - No New Business.

Trustee Reser made a motion to go into Executive Session for disciplinary action with Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Ackerman. Mr. Lagrou and Mr. Lindsay were present. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Trustee Reser made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote. Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes. The Motion Passed.

Trustee Reser reported she did give Jerri Miller a copy of Resolution 2024-5A

Trustee Kusmer mentioned Mr. Lagrou, Carlos Baez and myself have a zoom meeting tomorrow with OMNI Fiber since they plan to start the project in the township.

Trustee Reser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

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Rich Farmer, Trustee Chairperson

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Bob Kusmer, Trustee

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Mary Ann Reser, Trustee Vice- Chairperson