BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING February 4, 2025, 5:30PM

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

Minutes-

Trustee Reser made a *motion* to approve the minutes from January 21, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Financial Report - Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman mentioned he will give monthly reports to the Trustees once the bank reconciliation is done for each month.

Mr. Ackerman passed out a report about the settlement from Erie Insurance from the accident at Oakwood Cemetery a few years ago. Trustee Farmer went over the report, and a discussion entailed between the Trustees. Trustee Kusmer made a motion to accept the Erie Insurance settlement. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer -Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Mr. Ackerman reported he attended four classes at the OTA this past week - UAN Update which is the accounting program that we use for the township. Ethics class which is a requirement for Fiscal Officers every term. Motions vs Resolutions class, and a Records Retention class.

Public Comment-

Residents of River Run stopped in to get an **update** on the house being built on the road, considering the *expiration* of the Permit. They expressed concerns over lack of progress. Zoning Inspector Troy Thatcher gave his update on what he knows about the situation. Trustees had a discussion and decided to have our legal team write a letter that his time has passed, as well as the potential new laws which allow the Township to levy fines.

Cemetery Board Report- Jack Ferguson Chairperson

Mr. Ferguson mentioned about the amount of interments allowed at each grave site. The Trustees had a discussion on the situation. The Cemetery Board would like to allow one full burial and two cremations on top.

The Trustees will consider this recommendation in a future Cemetery Board Meeting, where all the rules could be compiled in black and white and presented to them.

Mr. Lindsay made a recommendation to change the Price to install Grass Level Markers. Trustee Kusmer made a motion to approve the cost to install Grass Level Markers to $250. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher passed out a zoning report ending February 4, 2025, and reviewed it with the Trustees.

Mr. Thatcher reported at the last Zoning Commission Meeting, - Resolutions have been created and presented to the Regional Planning for their approval.

Trustee Kusmer asked if the Haunted Woods on Bartson Road is a potential business, and if Troy had addressed it. Mr. Thatcher reported sending information to them in late October or early November and have not heard from them. Mr. Kusmer also mentioned the trucking business at the same location and may need a Permit although they are in an Agricultural zoned area.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Trustee Kusmer mentioned he has asked for two proposals for a community center at CJ Park.

He has asked Ballard King and Montrose Group. Ballard King will be forwarding a proposal and Montrose no longer does this anymore. Trustee Kusmer will also reach out to Pro Consultants for a proposal on the CJ Park project.

Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou mentioned he is working with Columbia Gas on projects throughout the township.

Omni Fiber is currently working around the township and has been asked to have permits for each road they will be working on.

Spectrum will be getting a permit to replace a line on Timpe Road.

Trustees Comments

Trustee Kusmer - He's been receiving drawings and reviewing them for approval on the Roselawn Storm Sewer Project, with the expected date to begin at the end of March.

Trustee Kusmer gave an update on the following Meeting dates: Mitigation Meeting is set for February 19, Annual Economic Development Meeting is set for February 27, Health Department Advisory Board is set for March 10, and Tax Incentive Meeting is set for March 12.

Trustee Kusmer mentioned that OTA has created a new business to allow the townships to work more efficiently. The first thing they will be getting is a Free Amazon Account which will include free shipping on products.

Trustees Kusmer and Reser will not be able to attend the scheduled March 18th Meeting. Trustee Reser made a motion to suspend the March 18th meeting due to conflicting schedules. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser -Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Trustee Reser - Asked about Josh Randall on the Zoning Form for the website and the payment associated with it. Mr. Ackerman had spoken to Josh and when he has it finished, he will contact with payment information.

Trustee Reser attended the last Regional Planning Meeting and the main talk was about Storage Containers. A few townships now allow them to be converted into homes. Discussion took place on these, and will be brought up to the Zoning Commission.

Trustee Reser mentioned she feels a Resolution is easier to find than a Motion when reviewing minutes. She is in favor of the use of a Resolution for major decisions.

Trustee Reser mentioned she received email from Julie Chudzinski regarding a past due on property Taxes for Oakwood Cemetery Association.

Trustee Farmer - No Comment.

Old Business - No Old Business

New Business - No New Business

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

Respectfully submitted.

_____

Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

_____

Rich Farmer, Trustee Chairperson

_____

Mary Ann Reser, Trustee Vice- Chairperson

_____

Bob Kusmer, Trustee