BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING April 15, 2025, 5:30PM

Officials in Attendance: Trustee Rich Farmer Chairperson, Trustee Mary Ann Reser Vice Chairperson, Trustee Bob Kusmer, Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Farmer

Minutes-

Trustee Reser made a motion to approve the minutes for April 1, 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 was absent.

Public Comment-

No Public Comment

Cemetery Board Report- Jack Ferguson Chairperson

Mr. Ferguson was absent. Theren Aldrich reported speaking with Jack today and has no updates. Chad Lindsay mentioned that Trustee Kusmer and AT&T showed up to work on the internet at Oakwood and with out improvement, would like to see if Omni Fiber would come up there. Trustee Kusmer reported he would contact Omni about installing a line there.
Chad reported they have finished removing the fence on the river-side of the cemetery.
The Board Meeting for April was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher provided a report ending April 15, to the Trustees and reviewed it with them.
Mr. Thatcher mentioned the electronic portion of doing a certificate is now live on the website.
The next Zoning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 22nd, to update the **resolution letter** that will then be forwarded to the Trustees.
Trustee Farmer asked Mr. Thatcher to look at the structure on Rt. 6 which is on the former Wagner Country Inn property.
Trustee Reser looked at the property on River Run and it appears the deck is being built. On the way back she saw that a property along the road had a fenced in yard with with chickens running loose.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Wood reported they had a Parks Board Meeting last evening. They reported the potential of having a **Feasibility Study** done for a Community Center at Chudzinski-Johansson Park.
Mr. Wood was wondering if it we really needed to spend the $20,000.00 on the study. In discussion with the Trustees it was apparent the cost could reach $27,500.00. Trustee Farmer commented that with the project possibly reaching the cost of $700,000.00 to $1000,000.00, the study should be done to make sure that this would be a successful venture. Consideration of the the potential of staff to run it, along with the things the township already has to offer was discussed.
Trustee Farmer made a motion to have the **Feasibility Study** performed on a potential Community Center at Chudzinski-Johansson Park at a cost of $27,500.00. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes;
The Motion Passed.
Trustee Kusmer reported that we will be burning the grass in the park and he would like to reseed the flowers at a cost of $4000.00. Trustee Farmer made a motion to purchase more flowers for CJ Park at a cost of $4000.00 Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer- Yes; The Motion Passed.

Mr. Wood mentioned the completion of the new fences around the ball diamonds at Conner Park look good and are ready to go. The Easter Egg Hunt was well attended. Mr. Wood asked Trustee Farmer to post the September 27th Car show on various car show websites. Trustee Kusmer mentioned they almost filled the parking area, and should they consider moving the location? They reported only using every other parking space - so that visitors could walk around the vehicles.

Mr. Lagrou reported that the restrooms will be opening this week and water samples have been submitted.

Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou mentioned he has looked into having strobe lights installed on the two new trucks. The estimate for the Superintendent truck its $3550.00, and the estimate for the Service truck is $3450.00 both submitted from Kalida Truck. Trustee Farmer reported just completing the light project on one of his trucks, and suggest Bill review it and see if thats what he needs, for much less money.

The **striping** of roads was brought up, with a deadline of tonight if we're going to do any this year. The price per mile **edge line** is $420.00, and the **center line** is $370.00. Mr. Lagrou is looking at spending around $1600.00 this year. The Trustees are good with that project.

Trustee Kusmer gave an update on the Timpe Road Project. Everything is installed in the ground and all that needs finished is cleanup and the paving that will be an additional $36,180.00.

Trustee Farmer made a motion to to accept the estimate for the additional pavement repair for Timpe Road at a cost of $36,180.00. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Trustee Kusmer reported that a property owner on Timpe Rd. had water in his basement after the recent rain. A back flow preventer was put in for that resident, and Trustees will contact him and let him know everything on the township end was done correctly and the issue may be his.

Trustee Kusmer reported the Roselawn Project has all pipes installed and cleanup is all that needs to be finished. There are a few issues that need to be discussed with the contractor yet.

Trustees Kusmer has a contract for the Co-Op Road project, with Gerken Paving being the low bidder. The bid was for $826,370.00 - with engineer estimate at $825,000.00. All townships involved need to sign the contract yet.

Trustees Comments -

Trustee Farmer - would like to start the process on hiring an Administrative Manager.. Discussion took place on potential responsibility, and have feedback of what that person would have to do on a daily basis.

Trustee Reser - mentioned receiving a letter from Nancy Francis that she had purchased a tree and plaque for her late husband, and the project has not been completed. She is requesting a refund. Mr. Lagrou reported it has been finished and he will be contacting her.

Trustee Reser mentioned through the Ohio Township Association there is funding available for Zoning. " I thinks we qualify for one of the grants, and we should apply for it." Discussion took place among Trustees, with the decision to look into it further.

The Regional Planning meeting was cancelled.

Trustee Kusmer has no further comment.

Old Business -

No Old Business

New Business -

Brent Binkley asked about the Issue II Levy that is on the ballot this year. This is for potential Grant Money available for infrastructure (road projects). This is offered every two years and has been utilized by Ballville Township for many years.

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