BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING August 19, 2025, 5:30PM

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Farmer

Minutes-

Trustee Reser made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 5th 2025 Trustee Regular meeting, 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-

Many residents from Glendale Dr. came in and thanked the Trustees and Township Staff for the great shape the township is in, with paving projects, and care of the cemeteries.

The residents brought up an issue with 2118 Roselawn Ave. with the upkeep of the property as well as a dog problem. There appears to be numerous dogs living there, and looks like a kennel is being run there. These dogs are not being contained properly and running around the neighborhood as well as tearing up neighbor's landscape. The residents have reported this to the Sheriff's office, the Dog Warden, and the Zoning Inspector- Mr. Thatcher, and they are trying to find out if there are any laws concerning the number of dogs allowed. The Health Department has been contacted, and said they would respond in the next couple of days to see if there was anything they can do. Trustee Kusmer said this is in the township zoning as *Kennels* are not allowed. The definition of a *Kennel* is harboring of four or more animals. Discussion continued with the residents, and the trustees, on the next legal step to take place.

Cemetery Board Report- Jack Ferguson Chairperson -

Mr. Ferguson was absent. Mr. Lindsay is reporting that the concrete foundation company is not performing as expected and is behind. He feels we should do these ourselves as previously done. He will be seeking approval by the Trustees for this. It would also be a good fill in job for winter time.

Trustee Farmer made a motion to purchase the needed equipment up to $2000.00 for the ability for us to do *floater foundations*. 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 provided a report ending August 19 2025, to the Trustees and reviewed it with them.

Discussion took place on the River Run property and the need to look into whether there is covenant still in existence. Trustee Kusmer will look into that.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou -

Mr. Wood mentioned they looked into Gazebos and that they would run about $10,000.00 each without the concrete and no price breaks for multiple purchases. Perhaps purchasing these with naming rights would be an option.

Mr. Lagrou brought up there is an issue with OTARMA concerning the *bleachers used in Conner Park,* as to the *safety of the 5 seat compared to 3 seat.* New 3 seaters can be purchased for $1500.00 each.

Trustee Kusmer made a motion to purchase 4 - 3 seat bleachers for a total cost of $6000.00 Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser -Yes; Trustee Kusmer -Yes; The Motion Passed.

Mr. Wood asked of the results of the Feasibility Study for the Chudzinski- Johannson Park. Trustee Farmer after reviewing the entire study, feels that right now it would not be a good investment for the Township. He would change his mind if a Grant could be obtained to finance this project. Trustee Reser also feels she agrees with Trustee Farmer including the option being open for a Grant. Trust Kusmer mentioned we will need to find a Grant for 50% of the cost of the project. Trustee Kusmer also replied that the potential of loss of the Property Tax Income is a concern for how they need to look into their spending.

Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou -

Mr. Lagrou spoke with Tucker Frederickson Engineer from the city, and they are paving 53 North and asked if we will accept grindings, with the option of cutting them off at anytime.

Trustee Kusmer is working on the Issue II, as the townships involved have asked for too many-roads to be paved, so we will all need to scale down the project.

Trustees Comments -

Trustee Reser made a motion to adopt *Resolution 2025 - 8, to allow Trustee Kusmer to represent the Townships for Issue II Paving Projects.* Seconded by Trustee Farmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Trustee Kusmer made a motion to adopt *Resolution 2025 - 9, to accept the rates from the County Budget Committee.* Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Trustee Kusmer mentioned he got the *Final Invoice for the Timpe Rd. Sewer Project of $39,989,60.* We will not pay this bill for a month, as the contractor have some things to finish up.

Trustee Kusmer mentioned he attended the Economic Development meeting today, and they will be hiring Carol Kern to work in the Workforce Development.

Trustee Kusmer reported he attended the Local Government Funds Committee, and Paul Grahl has come up with a formula for the *County monies to be divided,* and it appears everyone will like it. He will need to get the city to approve it first, then we will create a Resolution for the Townships.

Trustee Reser attended the Regional Planning meeting which they voted on the budget for next year.

Trustee Reser developed a clerk/receptionist position but would like to wait on a budget meeting to decide on the position.

Trustee Farmer - no further comment.

Old Business -

No Old Business

New Business -

No New Business

Trustee Reser made a *motion* to adjourn, with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted:_____Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer.

_____Rich Farmer, Trustee Chairperson

_____Mary Ann Reser, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

_____Bob Kusmer, Trustee