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

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 accept the minutes from the Trustee Regular Meeting of October 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 is working on Appropriations and will email the first copy to Trustees for their review on Thursday. Mr. Ackerman asked how aggressive they want to be on this report, their reply was 75% to 80% for 2026.

**Public Comment-**

A resident asked about the shed that was put up on Tucker Road by Colony Court. Mr.Thatcher knows there is a building now, and that they didn't obtain a certificate and it may be in the right of way. Discussion took place place between the Resident, Trustees, and Mr. Thatcher, and it was suggested to look at the property, and send a certified letter with all the potential violations.

**Cemetery Board Report - Jack Ferguson**

Mr. Ferguson was absent. Mr. Lagrou mentioned that he was asked to have the Cemetery Board Meeting on November 18, at noon at Oakwood Cemetery, to show everyone the updates accomplished. The Trustees were in agreement to move the meeting, and the public notice would be posted.

**Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher, Inspector**

Mr. Thatcher passed out and reviewed a report dated November 4th, 2025.
Mr. Thatcher updated the date of the next Board Of Zoning Commission Meeting would be held November 19th, which is a week earlier due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Trustee Farmer reported a *State House* and *Senate Bill* pending which would limit townships from regulated short term house rentals.

Trustee Kusmer passed out information on potentially making a zoning change on properties on US6 and SR53 to make that area Industrial Zoning. It would involve about 300 acres. Most of the property owners there were currently not opposed to the change. The farmers there would not see a change in taxes, until property was sold for industrial use.

Trustee Farmer read Resolution 2025-17 which will Vacate Howard Street in Ballville Township. Trustee Kusmer *made a motion to accept* Resolution 2025-17 adopting the Township to Vacate Howard Street in Ballville Township. 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 was absent. Mr. Lagrou basically said the Parks are shut down. Bathrooms are closed and shelter houses soon will be. The playground and tracks are always available.

Trustee Kusmer passed out information about replacement gazebos. The cost of 10x10 gazebos would be around $7,000.00 each.

Mr. Lagrou gave Trustee Farmer information about the *proposed digital sign* for Conner Park.

Trustee Kusmer *made a motion to purchase a digital sign* at a cost not to exceed $30,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Reser. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustees Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

**Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou**

Mr. Lagrou mentioned looking into a whole building *stand by generator* for the township house. Currently the township has a diesel one, that only powers a portion of the building, and it has to be manually started. Discussion took place and the Trustees will consider it after a total cost is quoted.

Leaf collection has started. The first sweep will be done in a few days, and then they will start over.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned changes in STOP signs in the township. There are *blinking signs* on the north/south intersection of Tiffin Road and CR 201. The intersection of Smith Road and CR 201 is now a Four Way Stop.

**Trustee Comments-**

Trustee Reser mentioned we need to set up a budget hearing meeting which normally is the first Friday in December at 9am.

Trustee Kusmer reported a Comprehensive Planning Committee for 2025. This happens every 5 years and he is on the committee, with the next meeting in January.

Trustee Kusmer mentioned Regional Planning passed out a Subdivision Regulations that is about 70 pages long. Not sure if they are trying to get this passed or where it even came from at this time. Hope to get this reviewed and give feedback.

Trustee Farmer - No further comment.

**Old Business** -

Hydraulic Park - Trustees would like to get a quote to tear down the building this winter, and also contact the Land Bank for any assistance with this.

**New Business** -

No new business.

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

Respectfully submitted; _____

Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

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Rich Farmer, Trustee Chairperson

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Mary Ann Reser, Trustee Vice Chair.

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Bob Kusmer, Trustee