BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING March 17th, 2026, 5:30PM

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Kusmer.

BID OPENINGS for CO-OP ROAD PAVING and ISSUE II ROAD PAVING

Trustee Farmer *made a motion to close the bids* for CO-OP and Issue II Road Paving Projects. Second by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer -Yes; Trustee Reser - N/A The Motion Passed

Trustee Kusmer started opening the bids for Issue II Road Projects. The County Engineers estimate for $800,000.00.

Erie Blacktop: $828,182.15; Kokosing: $826,901.50; M&B Asphalt: $764,660.50

Trustee Kusmer started opening the CO-OP Road Paving Project.

Kokosing: $803,030.00; M&B Asphalt: $727,112.50; Erie Blacktop: $807,799.65

The Bids will be taken to the County Engineers Office to look over, and let us know if they are all done correctly.

Minutes - Thomas Ackerman

Trustee Kusmer *made a motion to approve* the minutes from March 3, 2026 Second by Trustee Farmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - N/A The Motion Passed

Financial Report - Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman passed out a report with the Appropriations for the Roads Funds. He stated the Road Funds will thin out this year with the upcoming Road Paving Projects as well as the Purchase of 2 additional trucks. He said to keep this in mind moving forward if there are any further road projects this year. The rest of the township funds are in great shape, and he will share them in reports in a future meeting.

Public Comment-

A resident on Linda Drive first thanked the Township for this years snow removal, then asked if the Township is going to cease collection of the *Fire Levy* in 2026. Trustee Kusmer mentioned that the *Fire Levy* is generating more income then what is currently being used. Trustee Farmer mentioned this is a *one-year thing* that we are *taking a quarter mill only off,* as we still need the other 1.5 mill to fund the Fire Department. Trustee Kusmer said this will be looked at on yearly basis whether or not it will be annually, the *Fire Levy* overall will still be needed.

The resident asked if Archer Energy was going be used again this year. Trustee Kusmer said the contract will end in June, and will be reviewed again, and a decision will be made on the proposed bids.

The resident asked about the water and sewage rates, and what other options they are looking at. The Trustees explained that currently there is not a contract in place with the City of Fremont and the County Commissioners at this time, and they are trying to look into this, and what options there might be for the residents even if it becomes a legal matter.

Brandon Elliot from Falcon Forge AI, stopped in to discuss the new *State Compliance for Computers and Technology* for the Township. His company offers a service to look at the Township, and make sure it's good with the new compliance requirements. Trustee Farmer suggested he put on the agenda at the next Trustee Meeting for him to demonstrate what he can do for us.

Aaron Humburger introduced himself as a resident of Ballville Township, and he is running for Republican Central Committee for Ballville A.

Cemetery Board Report - Jack Ferguson Chairperson

Mr. Ferguson was absent.

Mr. Lindsay reported the Omni Fiber will be installed on Friday both Phone and Internet service for the cemetery.

He received another quote for concrete work from out of Norwalk, and they are much more expensive than Williams and Sons of Fremont. Discussion took place on the project.

Trustee Farmer *made a motion* to allow Mr. Lindsay to hire the lowest bidder on the concrete, for the Oakwood Concrete Project not to exceed $15,000.00. Second by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Kusmer -Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser N/A The Motion Passed.

Mr. Lagrou has spoken with Pontum Software, and they will make Mr.Lindsay the main person to use the system and Bill will be the satellite user. Trustee Farmer asked when the entire transition of Cemeteries off of Mr Lagrou's plate and onto Mr. Lindsays is going to happen. Mr. Lagrou mentioned when the changeover with Pontum is done then the transition can be completed.

Mr. Ackerman brought up another project at Oakwood that was voted on to be finished, the plan for replacement of damaged entrance pillars. Discussion took place on how this should be completed. The determination was to take them down, and cover them with dirt.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher passed out a report ending March 17th, 2026 to the Trustees, and went over it with all. He reported on the dog zoning situation. Trustee Kusmer mentioned there is a new bill that has been passed which changes the laws to make a case like this quicker to resolve.

Mr.Thatcher reported a Zoning Commission Meeting is set for next Wednesday.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Wood discussed changes at the Parks this year being, new Gazebos at Conner Park and a Pavilion at Chudzinski-Johannson Park. The Bulldozer has been moved back to Baker Road with intention of working on the walking paths. Trustee Farmer mentioned that Universal Farms will be receiving the grindings for the Oak Harbor Road project. Mr. Lagrou said he will reach out to them to see if we can acquire some for the walking paths.

Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou

Omni Fiber gave a quote for the Township building at $175. a month which will save over $100. a month compared to current service.

Mr. Lagrou reported all of the pre-purchased salt has been delivered, and we won't need to purchase any for this next year.

Trustee Kusmer *made a motion to accept* the Ohio Works Project bid from M&B at a cost of $764,660.50 conditional on County Engineer approval of the bid. Second by Trustee Farmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Kusmer -Yes: Trustee Farmer - Yes: Trustee Reser N/A. The Motion Passed.

Trustee Kusmer *made a motion* to accept the CO-OP Roads Project bid from M&B at a cost of $727,112.50 conditional on the County Engineers approval of the bid. Second by Trustee Farmer.

Roll Call Vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; Trustee Reser - N/A. The Motion Passed.

Mr. Lagrou asked about whether they can use accumulated rewards offered from the gas stations. Discussion took place. Trustee Kusmer *made a motion* to use the rewards on purchase of gas. Second by Trustee Farmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer -Yes; Trustee Reser N/A

Trustee Comments -
Trustee Kusmer - no further comment
Trustee Farmer - no further comment
Trustee Reser - was absent

Old Business - No Old Business

New Business - No New Business

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

Respectfully submitted. _____
Thomas Ackerman, Fiscal Officer

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Mary Ann Reser, Chairperson

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Bob Kusmer, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

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Rich Farmer, Trustee