BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING June 2, 2026, 5:30PM

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Reser.

Minutes - Thomas Ackerman

No Minutes to approve.

Trustee Reser asked Mr. Ackerman to look into purchasing AI for the ability to take minutes for the township. Trustee Reser believes the cost is around 5K and she would be willing for the township to pay for half the cost. Mr Ackerman said he will look into it.

Financial Report - Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman mentioned he closed out the Federal Coronavirus Funding Report for this year, and there will be a final report to do in the upcoming months.

Mr. Ackerman passed out to the Trustees - Payment and Receipt Reports year to date, and asked them to look them over, and if there are any questions we can discuss them at an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Ackerman mentioned there is a resolution to do for the Fire Levy.

Trustee Reser read Resolution 2026-05 which is about the upcoming Fire Levy.

Trustee Farmer *made a motion to accept the Resolution 2026-05* proposal for the upcoming Fire Levy for 5 years. Second by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser -Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee farmer - Yes; the Motion Passed.

Derek Sprouse- OTARMA Insurance

Mr. Sprouse went over the Township Property Tax Insurance and explained the coverages. Trustee Kusmer asked to add Chad Lindsey to the coverage for employees.

Mr. Sprouse went over the deductible which is currently $1000.00, and it can be raised to have a *premium reduction*. Trustee Farmer asked Derek to look into $5000.00, and $10,000.00 and make a change if it makes sense to do that.

Trustee Farmer *made a motion* to adjust the deductible up to $10,000.00 at Mr. Sprouse's discretion if the savings are enough. Second by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes; The Motion Passed.

Public Comment-

No Public Comment

Cemetery Board Report - Jack Ferguson Chairperson

Mr. Ferguson mentioned the cemeteries are looking nice, and mowing has been going on as well as they have been setting foundations.

Mr. Lagrou reported having some deeds that need signed.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher passed out a report ending June 2nd, 2026 to the Trustees, and went over it with all.

Trustee Reser mentioned there is a hearing on Monday June 8, at 11:00am in Judge Ray's courtroom concerning the Township Dog Issue on Roselawn Ave. Township Attorney Jim Barney and Zoning Inspector Troy Thatcher will attend.

Mr. Thatcher reported the Board of Zoning Commission met last Wednesday May 27 and discussed a couple issues. Mr. Thatcher mentioned most issues are dealing with lawns not getting mowed, which has had some success in getting them done.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou reported they are looking to get a Windmill for Chudzinski-Johansson Park and will need to get chemicals for the pond.

Trustee Kusmer called and said they are ready to receive the new Gazebos for Conner Park. Mr. Lagrou asked about the old gazebos, and see what we should sell them for since we will need to help load them for the customer. It was decided to sell for $100.00 to cover the labor to help load them.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned that Vince Snyder did some work for us on the old Gazebos, and needs to be reimbursed for the work. It was decided to pay him back if we can get an invoice for his work.

Road Superintendent Report - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou reported the roundabout on Rt. 20 and Co. Rd.198 will be started June 15th with a completion date of December 1st.

Mr. Lagrou has a list of 6-7 trees to be taken down this year.

Mr. Lagrou relayed that the Ballville Bridge will be shut down August 11 for repair, with completion by September 3rd.

Trustee Comments -

Trustee Farmer reported he will not be at the next meeting. He mentioned it was a good hire to find help with grant consulting, as we did receive a grant for $70K to refurbish the building at Oakwood. We got our needs met but not our wants at this point.

Trustee Farmer mentioned we also got the Brownfield Grant, for taking down of the building at Hydraulic Park. He does not know the process on how that will work, but he will update as more details become available.

Trustee Kusmer mentioned we received a proposal about doing Phase 1 for the 6 and 53 properties. He has been in contact with the owners about going on their properties and still needs to contact 2 of them for this. Trustee Farmer got a Facebook message that confirmed the potential buyer was a Data Center. Trustee Farmer responded to the message that the Township has a policy that does not allow Data Centers in the Township Zoning. Trustee Farmer would like to get all information for this potential project from the county. Trustee Reser suggested that at this point we were only discussing a change of Zoning. Discussion took place, and it was decided to table this issue for now.

Trustee Reser -no further comments.

Old Business - No Old Business.

New Business -

Mr. Ackerman brought up needing a letter for Credit Card Access of the Account. Trustees said Mr. Ackerman should be the only one to access the account. Trustee Farmer asked why the cards are being declined? Mr. Ackerman and the Trustees had a discussion on how this problem could be fixed.

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

Respectfully submitted.

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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

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