BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING July 7, 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

Trustee Kusmer *made a motion* to approve the minutes from June 16, 2026, Second by Trustee Farmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes;

Financial Report - Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman mentioned that the half year is up, and when he completes the Bank Reconciliation for June, he will get a report to the Trustees for the first half year.

Mr. Ackerman reported having the projects list, and did they want go over it now? The Trustees responded that they would review it during the Old Business.

Public Comment-

A resident of Pinewood Dr. asked when the road might be up for repaving, as its starting to crack and look bad. Mr. Lagrou mentioned he has been with the township for 31 years, and next year should be the last paving project that needs done in the township, to complete all roads to be resurfaced. He will look at the last time it was done, and take a look at the road, but it should get done in the next couple years when resurfacing projects rotation start over.

A resident came in to disagree with the *Board of Zoning Appeals decision* to allow a neighbor to put up an accessory building over the legal limit of the Township. The neighbor is erecting a 40' x 60' structure on a one-acre lot. He believes this size building will disrupt the natural flow and cause damage to his property over time. Zoning Inspector Mr. Thatcher went over the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and what was discussed to allow the board approval to allow the building. Mr. Thatcher was then approached by the neighbor on what would be the next step he could take. Mr. Thatcher connected the Township Attorney, and they said the next step for the neighbor would be to file a case in the Sandusky County Common Please Court. Trustee Kusmer mentioned we made changes to zoning, and this is about 3 times the amount allowed. Trustee Farmer mentioned that these zoning changes were made to help prevent these types of things to happen, as we have had past issues with oversize structures.

The Trustees would like to have a discussion with that Board so they understand the zoning laws in place currently. Trustee Reser said at this moment, his only recourse would be to file a case with Common Please Court.

A resident on US Rt. 6 asked about her letter she received from the Township that she cannot live in her 5th wheel full time. She does intend to build a home on the property, she has the electric and well put in so far, but cannot get construction on the house started this year due to financial issues. The Trustees had a discussion on the situation.

Trustee Kusmer *made a motion* to extend her building permit until June 2027, and we will check on progress. Second by Trustee Farmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes;

A resident on Tomahawk Trace mentioned one of her neighbors are starting a business of opening his house for nightly rental. The resident mentioned the the neighborhood has a covenant currently in place. The Trustees and the Township Attorney said the the covenant overrides township zoning and the residents have to enforce the rules of the covenant.

Cemetery Board Report - Theron Aldridge Chairperson

Mr. Lindsay mentioned the foundation are all going well, and the cemeteries are running fine.

Trustee Reser reported that Mr. Lindsay gave her information on the value of the cannons at Oakwood cemetery, and that we need to get the insurance company to get them insured. Mr. Ackerman will scan a copy and get the information to the insurance company.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher Inspector

Mr. Thatcher passed out a report ending June 7, 2026 to the Trustees, and went over it with all.

Mr. Thatcher mentioned the Zoning Board of Appeals had a Hearing on June 29, 2026 at 6pm to discuss 2 matters. The first we talked about in Public Comments tonight, and the second one was about the church near Ballville Bridge. There was a large crowd about this issue, and the board took all the information into consideration, but they did not make a decision on it.

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagou reported that the Pavilion *frame for the concrete* is ready to go, and they should be pouring in the next couple days.

Mr. Lagrou mentioned they will be emptying the Hydraulic Park building in the next couple weeks in preparation for demolition.

Road Superintendent - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou mentioned that the Township paving projects are completed. The Township crew will be replacing some catch basins around the area that need done.

Mr. Lagrou reported that a new stop sign has been placed at Morrison and Tiffin Road, as well as striping was done, to make a safer intersection The County Engineer will monitor the situation the rest of the year.

Trustee Comments -

Trustee Reser no further comments.

Trustee Kusmer mentioned he has received a letter regarding the past due property tax for Oakwood Cemetery. Trustee Kusmer asked Mr. Ackerman if the exemption has been filed. Mr. Ackerman replied all has been done and sent to Auditor Mrs. Miller a year ago. He does not know where it goes from here.

Trustee Farmer asked to go into Executive Session for *personnel* reason before the end of the meeting.

Old Business -

Mr. Ackerman gave the Trustees the *Project List,* and he was given updates on all for 2026.

New Business -

Health Insurance- Mr. Ackerman asked about the 2027 Program, and how we are approaching it. Trustee Farmer thinks we need to consider a review of all insurance including Property Insurance. Discussion took place and it was decided Mr. Ackerman will reach out to local Insurance companies and get a few quotes.

Trustee Kusmer *made a Motion* to go into Executive Session for employee purposes. Second by Trustee Farmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes;

Trustee Farmer made a motion to come our of Executive Session. Second by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes;

With no further business discussed.

Trustee Farmer 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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Mary Ann Reser, Chairperson

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Bob Kusmer, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

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Rich Farmer, Trustee