BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING August 4, 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 Farmer *made a motion* to approve the minutes from July 21, 2026, Seconded by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes;

Financial Report - Fiscal Officer Thomas Ackerman

Mr. Ackerman mentioned he had a meeting with Worker Comp to go over a report that needs filed, and hasn't been done in a few years. Mr. Ackerman said he has never seen that report before, but is simple to complete, and will get it all caught up by next meeting. Also, he brought up that they do offer grants on safety equipment, and Mr. Ackerman passed on that information to Mr. Lagrou to look over.

Mr. Ackerman brought up a *contract extension* to look over for the upcoming township audit, and will extend the contract for four more years, using the same company. Their fee did increas, and he needed the township Trustees approval to move forward with this change. Township Attorney Gabby Toscano will look it over, to make sure that contract is good.

Public Comment-

No Public Comments.

Kurt Kuhl stopped in and mentioned he is running for County Commissioner, and wanted to see how the township is running

Cemetery Board Report - Theron Aldridge, Chairperson

Mr.Lagrou reported he has some deeds to be signed. Theron Aldrich and Jack Ferguson had no updates.

Zoning Inspector Report - Troy Thatcher, Inspector

Mr. Thatcher passed out a report ending August 4, 2026 to the Trustees, and went over it with all.

Mr. Thatcher mentioned the Board of Zoning Appeals have a hearing set for August 5, 2026 at 5:30 pm. to resume discussion on the church near Ballville Bridge.

The Board of Zoning Appeals have a hearing on Wednesday August 19, at 5:30 pm to discuss an oversize structure on Timpe Road.

Mr. Thatcher mentioned of an overgrowth of grass situation on Tucker Road, that the Township will now need to mow. Another property, on Tucker Road needs attention, and attempts to notify homeowners have failed, and it will now get posted on Facebook - as required.

Trustee Farmer *made a motion* that the *vegetation at 1116 Tucker Road* is deemed a nuisance, and the township needs to notify the owners. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer. Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes;

Trustee Farmer *made a motion* that the vegetation on Tucker Road, North of Tucker Lane and South of 907 Tucker Road, owned by Julian and Angela Garza is deemed a nuisance. Seconded by Trustee Kusmer . Roll Call Vote, Trustee Reser - Yes; Trustee Kusmer - Yes; Trustee Farmer - Yes;

Trustee Reser asked our attorney about the *Court Case* involving the *dog situation.* Attorney Gabby Toscano said she does not have an update on that case, as they are only handling the zoning violation. Discussion took place between Trustees, and Attorney Toscano if there're any methods we can can take to get this situation resolved. Trustee Kusmer *mentioned a new law* has been passed by the State of Ohio, regarding *vicious dogs,* which changes the rules on how these dogs are able to be kept. Mr. Ackerman was able to find the law, which is referred to as *Avery's Law (HB 247)*

Parks Board Report - Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou reported that the maintenance sealing has been done at the Cemeteries and they have started on the Parks today, and will take a few days to complete the job.

Trustee Kusmer asked if the Pavillion was finished at Chudzinski-Johannson Park, Mr. Lagrou said it was not, and we need to folllow up on when it might be coming.

Road Superintendent - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou mentioned the Emmett Drive catch basin has been replaced. He wanted the trustees to know that they did strike a gas line that was mis-marked 8 ft. off, so the Columbia Gas Company replaced it.

Trustee Farmer commented on some roads that the township has recently berm needs some attention, in that we need to go out, and blow off excess stone that is on the road, to keep them safe, and he has noticed this the past few days.

Trustee Comments -

Trustee Reser - No further comment
Trustee Kusmer - No further comments.
Trustee Farmer - No further comments.

Old Business -

County Sewer rates were discussed, and there are not any new updates since this has been discussed months ago. The only chance of change is if someone from the city or county brings it up to get a a new contract, which has been expired for over 15 years.

New Business -

Trustee Reser went over the *audit contract extension* that is being proposed.

Trustee Reser *made a motion to accept the contract agreement extension* to use Charles E. Harris and Associates at a cost of $68.00 for 2026, and $73.00 for 2028 an hour. Seconded by Trustee Farmer. 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. _____
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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