

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman W. Robert Kusmer with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Richard A. Geyer and David Stotz.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the minutes of August 4, 2015 be approved as written. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

The Financial Information was read as follows and is attached to the minutes:

Total Bills - \$123,713.35

Total Receipts - \$246,520.27

Cash Total - \$998,504.94

Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the Financial Report be approved and the bills be paid. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Jay, Rose and Larry Bowers were present to meet with the Board. Mrs. Bowers asked about the status of the Stahl Road project. Mr. Kusmer stated that he was contacted by Denny Stacy who verbally approved granting an easement. Now that all residents have granted verbal approval for easements, the project will be staked for all residents to view. If all approve, a surveyor will then be hired to survey and prepare legal descriptions. Easements will then be prepared. Mr. Geyer stated that he talked to Jim Moyer, County Engineer and Mr. Moyer will not allow the township to use the county plans as the township plans to use plastic tile rather than concrete.

Moved by Mr. Geyer that an engineer be hired to draft the plans for the Stahl Road project. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Bower stated that she was told by Mr. Geyer that the project was not going to be done at all. Mr. Geyer stated that he told Mrs. Bowers that if the other two board members wanted the project to be completed, it would have been done by now; the fact that it was taking so long meant that the other two board members had no intention of doing the project. Mr. Geyer stated that he keeps hearing about financial concerns but the other two board members had no trouble coming up with the funds for the Hayes Avenue waterline project. Mr. Kusmer stated that what Mr. Geyer told Mrs. Bowers was a lie and discussed the obstacles that have slowed this project down and the fact that this was the third attempt to get the project down. Mrs. Bowers stated that she would go on record that she would pay for a drain if finances were an issue. Fiscal Officer Mary Kay Gabel discussed the monies available in the Road Fund and what other expenses need to come out of the fund. Mr. Geyer stated that Mr. Moyer suggested an engineer be hired to draft the plans for the project.

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Diana Best, Doug Crowell and Steve Stirbaum were present to observe the meeting.

Cemetery Board – Jim Gillis, Cemetery Director, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Gillis asked about starting the Veterans Monument in McGormley Cemetery. Mr. Kusmer stated that the hold up was the contractor, as soon as he is ready, the project will be started.

A cemetery deed was signed for Michael E. Brunthaver – Section #10, Lot #21 in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. This was a need deed for a grave transferred from Donna J. Mackling.

Zoning Report – Dave Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz discussed the Ed Blue property on CR 41. He is working with the Health Dept. on this property. Mr. Geyer stated that issues the Health Dept. can abate are mosquitoes and tires on the property. A discussion was held on what can be done to cleanup areas in which the property owners are habitual offenders and make no effort to clean up the property. The Board also agreed that there had to be a better way and discussed the possibility of enforcing the allowable daily fines. He also stated that Frederick Robertson is in the process of cleaning up the Bartson Road property and they just returned from being out of state.

Mr. Geyer stated that he filed a complaint with the Health Dept. about tires being dumped at River Edge Drive on the Munson property.

Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that the lighting project in Conner Park will begin soon. Mr. Lagrou and Mr. Kusmer discussed the Utopia Pipeline project. They met with representatives who stated that the pipeline will possibly go through the southern edge of the park rather than through the center of the park.

Mr. Lagrou stated that he was informed by the Health Dept. that any food permits must be applied for at least five days prior to the event.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. S&S Excavating will begin the Stahl Road and Darr Road projects on August 31st.

He also stated that the Fair Board is done and the 3rd round of mowing is almost completed.

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Mr. Lagrou stated that someone backed into his Colorado Chevy Truck when it was parked at his home overnight. He got an estimate of \$587.00 from Bauman Automotive and \$392.00 from Joe Havens. The Board authorized Mr. Lagrou to have Joe Havens repair the tailgate.

Mr. Lagrou stated that roots are being cleaned out at Rhoda Subdivision by Adkins Sanitation.

The Notice to Proceed for the Issue II project was received and a copy will be sent to Gerken Paving.

Mr. Lagrou discussed a grant program through Homeland Security administered through Sandusky County EMA that will provide free weather warning sirens. He feels that the area of Cole and Smith Road would be a good area for the siren. The cost would be approximately \$7,000 - \$8,000.00 to the township for the pole and installation of the siren. The value of the siren is approximately \$24,000.00. The application for the siren is due August 25, 2015. Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Ballville Township apply for a grant from Homeland Security for a free weather warning siren. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes .

Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the following Transfer of Appropriations be made: Transfer \$2,800.00 from General Fund 01-A-26 to General Fund 01-A21. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

Chairman