

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 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. Randal L. Strickler, Township Solicitor was also present.

Moved by Mr. Geyer to approve the minutes of August 18, 2015 as amended per a statement he presented with corrections. The motion died for a lack of a second. The minutes were tabled and will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

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

Total Bills - \$23,915.70

Total Receipts - \$2,047.32

Cash Total - \$975,876.20

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

Kathy and Curly Collins were present to observe the meeting. e

Cemetery Board – Jim Gillis and Jack Ferguson, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Gillis stated that he would like to commend Bill Lagrou on the Fair Board that was displayed at the Sandusky County Fair. Mr. Lagrou stated that the Grasshopper mower is in the shop for repairs.

Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou, Park Superintendent, was present for Park report. The Park Board minutes of August 10, 2015, are entered into the Township Minutes.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou reported that the grant for a new weather warning siren through Homeland Security has been completed by Sandusky County EMA on behalf of the township. There also may be a grant available to update the circuit boards of the other three sirens in the township.

Mr. Lagrou received a quote for Cole Road speed study. He has received the following two quotes: DGL Consulting - \$4,335.00 and LJB - \$4,220.00. No action was taken on these quotes as this time.

He stated that S&S Excavating has completed the Stahl Road project and will start the catch basin on TR 193 this week. He also stated that the CR 43 tile project has been completed and they are waiting for it to settle. They are also planning to rent a roller to repair rough spots on Michaels Road and Buchman Road.

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Mr. Lagrou informed the Board that they will be receiving paperwork from Northern Ohio Rural Water for an easement on the township road right of way to install water lines. Mr. Strickler will review the documents when received. Mr. Kusmer cautioned that the easement should not be an exclusive easement, which could cost the township money to move in the future. The water line will be going west on Cole Road to one house south on Finefrock Road, west on Cole to Smith, and north on Smith Road to the tracks. They want to begin installation of water lines in the next month.

Mr. Kusmer stated that the Stahl Road drainage project was staked for all residents to view and approve. When all sign a form that they approve, a surveyor will be hired to prepare the legal descriptions needed for Mr. Strickler to prepare the easements.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. discussed the Frederick Robertson high grass and junk vehicle, along with an RV parked on the Bartson Road property. He also discussed the Ed Blue property on CR 41. He signed nuisance resolutions provided by the Health Dept. and will follow up with his own resolutions. The notice to Devan Gillmor on Siler Street came back as “Undeliverable”. Mr. Strickler instructed him to post the notice on the front door. A junk motor vehicle violation was sent to Laurret Huey on Tiffin Road.

Kathy and Curly Collins were present to discuss the violation notice on her Buckland Avenue property. Ms. Collins stated that the house was in disrepair when she purchased it and it is an ongoing project to clean it up. She has taken down 15 trees and 35 stumps and has already spent \$10,000.00 on the outside. She showed pictures that were taken by the Zoning Inspector that she says have since been cleaned up. She stated that she doesn't feel she deserves a violation as she is working on the property. Mr. Schwartz stated that he is following the zoning regulations. She stated that she feels Mr. Schwartz, who is a neighbor to the property, is using his zoning position to harass her as she posted a sign not allowing Mr. Schwartz's son to cross her property on his 4-wheeler to see his grandmother. Ms. Collins stated that she cannot comply with the 15 day clean up time frame. Mr. Strickler stated that the 15 days is per the zoning law and as long as there is progress on the property, the time for clean up can be extended and action will not be taken to take the matter to court.

Mr. Kusmer offered to meet with Ms. Collins and Mr. Schwartz at the site and walk the property to discuss any zoning violations and what needs to be done to bring the property into compliance.

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Curly Collins, Ms. Collins father, addressed the Board and stated that they are working on the property, will continue to work on the property and if they need to go to court, bring it on and they will go to court. Mr. Strickler instructed Mr. Collins not to threaten the Solicitor, the Board and the Zoning Inspector, and again stated that if work continues on the property, there is no need to go to court.

Ms. Collins stated that she was sorry that Mr. Strickler was offended, that it is not a threat, but that she knew her rights. Mr. Kusmer agreed to contact Ms. Collins to set up a date to view the property.

Todd Lindsay was present to meet with the Board. He asked for an update on the Stahl Road project. Mr. Kusmer informed him that the area has been staked and we are waiting for residents to approve the layout before proceeding.

Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the following Transfer of Appropriations be made: Transfer \$500.00 from General Fund 01-A-26 to General Fund 01-A-19. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

Chairman