

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

April 1, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Stotz with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Richard Geyer and W. Robert Kusmer. Randal L. Strickler, Township Solicitor, was also present.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of March 18, 2014 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 - \$76,102.66

Total Receipts - \$11,992.59

Cash Total - \$1,265,486.77

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

Jerri Miller was present to meet with the Board. She introduced herself as a candidate for Sandusky County Auditor. She discussed her qualifications for the position and asked for support of the Board at the May 6th primary election.

Steve Stirbaum was present to observe the meeting.

John Carrigan, owner of the farm on CR 43 applying for agricultural easements, was present to meet with the Board. He said that he would have attended the last Board meeting if he had known that Mike Powell of Black Swamp Conservancy was going to be present and discuss the issue. Mr. Carrigan presented a letter to the Board confirming that he has applied for the 2014 AEPP Program for his farm on CR 43.

Tom Savage was present to meet with the Board. He received a letter about switching over his electricity to First Energy. He was out of town and missed the deadline to cancel the switch and wanted to know his options. The Board instructed him to contact AEP first and if he doesn't receive resolution, he should contact the P.U.C.O.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Gillis informed the Board that flags will be placed on Veterans Graves in township cemeteries.

Mr. Lagrou stated that the new mower is here and he added the mower to the township insurance coverage. He also stated that the cemetery damage at Hill Cemetery from auto accident has been turned over to OTARMA.

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Mr. Gillis stated that the semi-annual Cemetery Board meeting will be held on May 6, 2014 at Noon. Mr. Lagrou stated that spring cleanup in cemeteries will be held from April 1-April 15th.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz discussed a zoning violation at 2832 SR 53, across from Hill Cemetery; he will send a nuisance violation letter for junk and debris.

A packet was received from WSOS Community Action Commission on the 2014 Community Development Allocation Program. The Board will not submit an application as the township does not qualify due to income requirements.

A discussion was held on the 2014 AEPP Program for the farm owned by John Carrigan on CR 43. Mr. Geyer voiced concern about the Board resolution as the property is tied up in agriculture forever and the government is paying for the easements. Mr. Schwartz stated that the property is zoned agriculture. After much discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Resolution 2014-5 be adopted as follows: A Resolution Acknowledging the Black Swamp Conservatory's Application to obtain an Agricultural Easement for the Real Property known as Permanent Parcel Number 100800004300 within the Unincorporated Area of Ballville Township. Mr. Stotz seconded by Motion and upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Mr. Geyer, No. Motion carried.

Park Board Report – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed the upcoming ball game and soccer schedule.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that the claim for the snowplow hitting a car owned by Kelly Koonce has been turned over to OTARMA.

Mr. Lagrou discussed replacing a yield sign in Foxrun Condominium development with a stop sign. Mr. Strickler instructed Mr. Lagrou to follow the rules in the Uniform Traffic Control Manual and if a stop sign is indicated, the Board will need to adopt a resolution to change to a stop sign.

Mr. Lagrou discussed recent vehicle repairs. He also informed the Board that he working on specifications and bids for the replacement of the one ton truck discussed at prior meetings.

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The ODOT salt contract was discussed. Mr. Lagrou stated that he is able to store any excess salt free of charge at the City of Fremont garage, and the County Engineer's office will charge \$6.00 per ton for storage. After much discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Resolution 2014-6 be adopted as follows with quantities of 100 tons for the summer contract and 200 tons for the winter contract: A Resolution Authorizing the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township, Sandusky County, State of Ohio to enter into Agreements with the Ohio Department of Transportation Relative to the Purchase of Sodium Chloride/Rock Salt for 2014-2015. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried. Mr. Stotz signed the Contract and it will be submitted to ODOT as per above quantities.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Ballville Township donate \$2,500.00 to the Sandusky County EDC "Partnering for the Future" Campaign for 2014. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Fiscal Officer Mary Kay Gabel informed the Board that she received a determination from OPERS that Zoning and Park Board Members should not be members of OPERS. This is a change from a determination that all Boards needed to be members of OPERS, as per a letter dated May 26, 2005. A letter will be sent to all Board members informing them of this recent ruling.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

Chairman