

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES      REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman W. Robert Kusmer with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Trustee Richard Geyer, David Stotz, Trustee was out of town.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of April 1, 2014, be approved as written. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

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

Total Bills - \$130,774.21

Total Receipts - \$8,989.07

Cash Total - \$1,146,482.63

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

Andy Brown, Assistant Director, of the Sandusky County Park District, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Brown presented a grant check for \$3,000.00 for dragonfly seesaw. Ballville Township has received \$75,497.51 to date from the Sandusky County Park District in grant funding. Mr. Brown discussed the Nature Center to be erected in Lindsey. Grants and private donations have funded the building of this center, which will be used for school kids, tours, etc. Mr. Brown stated that the Park District enjoys working with the township as they have such a great park system. The Board of Trustees thanked Mr. Brown and the Park District for their ongoing support.

Larry Bowers was present to meet with the Board. He asked about the status of the Stahl Road drainage project. Mr. Kusmer informed him that we are waiting for the County Engineer to prepare the plans and bid documents. Mr. Bowers asked about the water line being installed down Hayes Avenue and the possibility of annexation. Mr. Kusmer explained that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed that there would be no annexation. Mr. Kusmer discussed the jobs that will be retained and created by this water line expansion. He also stated that they will be discussing the possibility of forming a JEDD to create more jobs.

Phil Klausz asked about the progress of the light project in the township house. Mr. Lagrou stated that they are working on it.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Gillis stated that the semi-annual Cemetery Board meeting will be held at Noon on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at the Township House. Mr. Lagrou stated that the flags at McGormley Cemetery will have to be replaced due to the wind storm.

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Mr. Lagrou stated that PERSO is looking to obtain a 3<sup>rd</sup> price for repair and restoration of stones in Hill Cemetery damaged from the truck accident last fall. The Board wants to make sure that the work done in the cemetery is quality. The Board had already decided to have Stonehugger Restoration do the work.

Mr. Lagrou stated that the tent purchased last year was used for a cremation service.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz informed the Board that the Zoning Commission met and reorganized with the following officers: John Swint – Chairman and Tom Hoffman – Vice Chairman. Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Ray Rellinger be appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Commission. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Schwartz has been receiving complaints about vehicles at the Mike Kiser property on Cole Road. Mr. Kusmer will contact Randal Strickler, Township Solicitor, to find out the status of the new junk vehicle resolution so that the township can move forward on this and other violations.

Tonia Bollenbacher of Timpe Road asked the Zoning Inspector if she can have a refund for a permit that is two years old, but garage was not built. As the structure is to be ½ completed within the first year and totally completed by the 2 year deadline, a refund cannot be issued.

Park Board Report – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Kusmer discussed the new LED lighting for Conner Park. The Park Board would like to spread the word that donations would be accepted for the new proposed lighting. Initial donations can be made directly to the township, without a 501.C.3 status. Mr. Wood discussed plans for the Baker Road park.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that employees are working on yard and plow damage. They are also working on drainage issues at Cole Road and Little Bark Creek, Richard Drive and TR 289. A request has been made from a farmer on TR 289 asking if the radius of an entrance can be made larger. There are power pole and trees in the way. Mr. Kusmer will look at the area and this will be discussed further at the next meeting. Residents on Buchman Road are complaining of water in their back yards; the township has no jurisdiction, as these are private tiles.

Mr. Lagrou stated that he doesn't know of any roads that need striped this year, so we will not be participating in the County Engineer's road striping contract.

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Mr. Kusmer discussed establishing a five-year drainage plan to take care of the numerous drainage issues we have in the township. He stated that he feels our roads are in good shape and drainage is a larger problem at present.

Mr. Lagrou stated that he is having trouble with the recycling dumpsters being full over the weekend and not being dumped in a timely manner on Monday. He will discuss this issue with Tim Wasserman, of OSS Solid Waste District.

Mr. Lagrou was informed by Cindy Brooks of the Sandusky County River Watershed, that there are erosions issues on River Edge Drive. This is a private drive, but Mrs. Brooks wanted to inform the township.

Notification was received from PERSO that the claim with Joel Koonce from damage to a car from a township snowplow has been closed.

A letter was received from James Moyer, Sandusky County Engineer, requesting a resolution of support from the township for upcoming Issue II levy on ballot. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Resolution 2014-7 be adopted as follows: RESOLUTION --- IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT FOR STATE ISSUE 1, THE RENEWAL OF THE STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried. A copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Engineer's office.

Mr. Lagrou attended a demonstration of a product from Enzos of Sandusky to clean salt off vehicles. Mr. Lagrou will research this product further and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Road Bids will be opened on May 6, 2014, at 6:00 P.M.

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. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

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Chairman

