

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 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 and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the minutes of March 17, 2015 be approved as written. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

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

Total Bills - \$33,955.50

Total Receipts - \$32,317.31

Cash Total - \$1,095,060.18

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.

The following were present for the meeting: Todd Lindsay, P. Dale Reiter, Roy Sadler, Dale Hill, Virginia Heppner, Theresa Grabenstetter, Timothy Grabenstetter, Douglas Crowell, Phil Klausz and Tim Wasserman.

Todd Lindsay questioned the price of the Stahl Road project and his assessment. He asked why concrete pipe needed to be used for the project vs. plastic pipe, increasing the cost. Mr. Kusmer stated that the County Engineer will only allow concrete pipe. He stated that the Board is in favor of the Stahl Road project as they initiated the petition, but would also like to see plastic pipe instead of concrete pipe to lower the cost. Mr. Lindsay stated that he has a \$40,000.00 assessment for the project and he feels the landowners could hire a private contractor to tile the property for a quarter of the cost.

Mr. Kusmer stated that the township will be contributing \$86,000.00 toward the project, which includes a contribution of \$60,000.00 and remaining in assessments. The County Engineer asked the township to contribute \$100,000.00 along with the assessments, but the Board only agreed to contribute \$60,000.00 over a two-year period and the assessments.

Doug Crowell stated that the project will remove 500' of tile he has already installed and paid for at an investment of \$35,000.00.

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Tim Grabenstetter asked the feelings of the Board about the project. He feels his \$4,000.00 assessment is unreasonable and sees no value in the project for him. He asked the Board why they petitioned the project. Mr. Kusmer explained the drainage issue and that water comes across Stahl Road several times a year. Mr. Grabenstetter wants the Board to know how upset he is with the cost and stated that neighbors are upset with each other over the project.

Virginia Heppner asked why the petition was initiated. Todd Lindsay explained the water problems in the area. Mr. Kusmer discussed the past three years and the history of working on the project and the only alternative in petitioning the project. He explained that the project was ready to go a few years ago and was stopped when a landowner would not grant an easement.

Tim Grabenstetter asked the Board's support to try to stop this project. The hearing is scheduled for April 21, 2015 at 10:30 AM at the County Engineer's office. Ms. Heppner asked if the petition could be rescinded. Mr. Strickler was not sure if the petitioned could be withdrawn at this date. Dale Hill asked who was affected by this project. Mr. Kusmer stated that any property owner that drains into the watershed will be assessed.

Tim Wasserman of OSS Solid Waste District was present to meet with the Board and present a check for \$8,100.00 for the poured-in-place flooring for Hydraulic Park. The Board thanked Mr. Wasserman and OSS Solid Waste District for the grant.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed cemetery clean up in progress in the cemeteries. The plaques for the Veterans Monument were on display at the township house. The Cemetery Board and Board of Trustees were very happy with the way the plaques turned out and the Veterans Monument installation will begin in May.

Zoning Report - Dave Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz discussed his last Zoning Commission meeting and voiced concern about Tom Hoffman not being present again. Mr. Kusmer agreed to contact Tom Hoffman to see if he is interested in remaining on the Board.

Mr. Schwartz sent a letter to all fence companies in the area asking them to inform residents about the necessity for a permit before a fence is installed.

Mr. Schwartz voiced concern about a new Curves business being located on Mechanic Street. Mr. Crowell stated that he has obtained the paperwork and will be inspecting the property owned by Bill Rusch. The property is zoned general business.

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Park Board – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou were present for Park Board report. Mr. Wood stated that Christine Kuechle of ODNR will attend the May 11th Park Board meeting to discuss the Baker Road property. She will discuss a possible grant available for the new parking lot materials. Tim Wasserman suggested grants may be available from the Sandusky County Communities Foundation.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the OSS Solid Waste Grant for the poured in placed. He estimated the area would be 30' x 30' but the actual area is 37' x 32'. The extra cost will be approximately \$3,400.00 and will not affect the grant. Mr. Lagrou will discuss this with the Park Board for their approval.

He stated that baseball games and soccer will be starting up in Conner Park. He also stated that Conner Park was selected by the EPA to do a pump test on a well in July.

Park Board minutes of March 9, 2015 are entered in to the Township minutes.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, met with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed applying for the MORE Grant from OTARMA. He will be purchasing road signs and this cost will be submitted for the grant.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the meeting with Bill Balmat of KLA Risk Control. He met with Mr. Lagrou and Fiscal Officer Mary Kay Gabel. There were no recommendations and Mr. Balmat felt the township was doing a great job with loss control issues. Mr. Balmat is a certified playground inspector and offered his services for our current parks and the new Baker Road park.

The 2015 Paving Program was discussed. Fiscal Officer Mary Kay Gabel stated that there are not enough road funds available for the Poorman Subdivision paving this year due to Issue II match and the Stahl Road project. This project will be considered for 2016 paving program.

Mr. Lagrou stated that Max Chudzinski will be returning as a summer employee, but his other summer employees will not be returning. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Michael Egbert of 237 Norbert Drive be hired as a summer employee at an hourly rate of \$8.10 per hour. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lagrou stated that he was informed by Greg Streacker of Streacker Tractor Sales that the trade-in cost for the new backhoe will be \$20.00 per hour. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the backhoe be traded in this year at a cost of \$20.00 per hour for hours used. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

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Mrs. Gabel was contacted by Roger Wasserman of Jackson Township concerning repairs and maintenance to the sump crock on CR 12, a joint venture for obtaining water for fire protection. Jackson Township is asking Ballville Township to help share in the cost of the repairs. The Board decided to wait until the final bill is sent from Jackson Township to determine the cost sharing.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Ballville Township re-enroll in the Ohio Township Association Worker's Compensation Group under the Care Works Administration . Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

The township received \$10,457.62 in Local Government Funds from the Innovation Fund Distribution for 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

Chairman