

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

December 16, 2014

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

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of December 2, 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 - \$26,255.10

Total Receipts - \$5,215.98

Cash Total - \$948,719.49

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.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou reported that trees were removed at McGormley Cemetery this week. Mr. Lagrou presented the following quotes for a lawn mower for Cemeteries/Parks: Willies - \$7,343.90 after \$900.00 trade-in, Streacker Tractor Sales - \$7,289.20 after \$500.00 trade-in, and Bay Tractor and Turf - \$7,411.33 after \$500.00 trade-in. After much discussion it was moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer to purchase a mower for the Cemeteries/Parks from Willies Sales and Service at a cost of \$7,343.90. Willie's Sales and Service was chosen because all the mowers at the township house are Toros and the employees have more knowledge of the Toro mechanics. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes; Motion carried.

Zoning Report – Dave Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the following Board appointments be made, effective January 1, 2015: Reappoint Lawrence Bilbrey to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending 12/31/19 and Reappoint James Gillis to a term ending 12-31/17. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Ray Rellinger be appointed to replace John Swint on the Zoning Commission with a term expiring 12/31/2019, as John Swint decided not to request re-appointment to the Zoning Commission. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

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Mr. Schwartz stated that the Notice of a Junk Vehicle sent to Israel Book by certified mail was unclaimed. He will wait until spring to re-send the notice.

Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood were present to meet with the Board. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Kerry Wood be re-appointed to the Park Board for a term ending 12/31/19. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wood met with the Ken Taylor of Ohio CAT who is interested in possibly donating use of equipment and/or cash to the Baker Road future park project. Mr. Wood will provide Mr. Taylor with more details about the plans for the Baker Road property. Mr. Lagrou reported that lights on the bridge are working and there has been no further vandalism.

He also reported that Andy Brown is taking over as Director of Sandusky County Park District as Steve Gruner is retiring at the end of the year.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. He discussed concerns about dumping of trash and debris at the recycling center. If this situation does not improve, he would like the Board to consider installing a camera.

Mr. Lagrou provided the Board with a copy of the Sandusky County Emergency Mgt. Agency Emergency Operations Plan Update for 2014.

He reported that leaf collection has been completed with 2015 loads. Three trucks are tarped and he is ordering two new tarps for other trucks. Ax-Pro has two more trees to take down to complete the tree removal project. The siren on Cole Road has been repaired.

Mr. Lagrou reported on a situation at 19 Westwood Drive with a gas leak. This is the second incident for the homeowner. Columbia Gas was called and said it was not at high levels; the property owners in Westwood Drive are concerned but Mr. Lagrou along with the Fire Dept. have been unable to get any action from Columbia Gas other than they have been told that Columbia Gas has 18 months to address the problem.

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Certificates were received from the County Auditor in response to the request from the Board for Tax Revenue generated from road levy millage: 1.25 replacement levy with an increase would generate \$172,953.00, 1.00 mil replacement levy would generate \$138,363.00 and 1.25 mil renewal levy with an increase would generate \$172,470.00. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the Board run a Road Levy on the May primary ballot with a 1.25 renewal with an increase. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried. Randal Strickler, Township Solicitor, will prepare the Resolution for the Board to sign and submit to the Board of Elections.

Ohio Estate Tax Charge; Janet Burkett - \$1,634.00 – Ballville Township – 4.29%.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the following Transfers of Appropriations and Then and Now Certificates be approved: Transfer \$5,000.00 from General Fund 01-A-26 to General Fund 01-A-06, Transfer \$1,000.00 from Road Fund 04-A-06 to Road Fund 04-B-01, Transfer \$800.00 from Road Fund 04-A-05 to Road Fund 04-B-01, Transfer \$1,929.52 from Road Fund 04-B-03 to Road Fund 04-B-01, Transfer \$1,000.00 from Road Fund 04-A-05 to Road Fund 04-B-04, and transfer \$1,000.00 from General Fund 01-A-26 to General Fund 01-B-04 and Then and Now Certificates; \$2,961.85 – Road Fund – Beck Suppliers, Inc. and \$5,421.06 – Medical Mutual – General Fund. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

Chairman