

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

February 3, 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, along with Randal L. Strickler, Township Solicitor.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the minutes of January 20, 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 - \$16,541.55

Total Receipts - \$10,128.19

Cash Total - \$874,450.82

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.

Tom Reese and Brian Puder of Northern Ohio Rural Water Authority were present to meet with the Board. They informed the Board that residents on Cole Road and Smith Road have been asking for water. They will be crossing Smith and Finefrock Road and asked for procedure to go across the road. Mr. Reese stated that NORWA only lays water lines where residents request water. They currently have 900 water lines and 40,000 residents in six counties. He asked for permission to send letters to residents of Ballville Township inviting them to an information meeting on NORWA. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the Board of Trustees grant permission to NORWA to send an invitation to Ballville Township residents to an informational meeting on NORWA. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

James Ellis, Mayor of the City of Fremont, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Ellis discussed the River Cliff Golf Course tentative purchase by the City. They will be applying for a Clean Ohio Grant to fund the purchase along with funds from the Robert Walsh Trust for the local match. He asked for a resolution of support from the township. The Board agreed to discuss the resolution to meet the deadline for the city.

Dale Reiter and Gerald Kessler were present to observe the meeting.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson Cemetery Director, was present to meet with the Board. There was nothing new to report. A cemetery deed was signed for Ray and Lesa Michaels, Section #4, Lot #35, Grave #3 in McGormley Cemetery.

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Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood were present for Park Board report. There was nothing to report.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed a complaint from Paul Miller of 58 Glendale Avenue. Mr. Miller was upset about the snowplow hitting sticks he placed in the yard to keep the snowplow out. Mr. Lagrou talked to Mr. Miller, but nothing can be done about it as the road needs to be plowed.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the Sterling Truck, which lost all power and needs a new catalytic converter. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that a new catalytic converter be installed in the 2003 Ford Sterling truck at a cost of \$4,000.00 plus labor. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Joseph Dumminger be hired as a part-time worker at an hourly rate of \$9.63, effective February 3, 2015. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Report – Dave Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Ben Decker be appointed as an alternate to the Zoning Commission and that the two meeting rule be waived and the appointment be effective immediately, due to the concern of lack of a quorum at hearings. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Schwartz presented a letter from Carol Gunner, Sanitarian at the Sandusky County Health Dept to Richard Koebel of 1757 Buchanan Road. This letter is in relation to debris at Mr. Koebel's home.

The 2015 appropriations were reviewed by the Board. Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz to approve 2015 Permanent Appropriations in the amount of \$1,688,717.81. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Strickler presented information on establishment of a new fund for training monies reimbursed from the State for peace officer training. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Resolution 2015-4 be adopted to establish the Law Enforcement Assistance Fund for Ballville Township. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

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The Board discussed the support of the City of Fremont to purchase the River Cliff Golf Course for a natural park. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Resolution 2015-5 be adopted as follows: A Resolution supporting the City of Fremont for Clean Ohio Funds. Upon Roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, No.

The Board also instructed the Fiscal Officer to include a letter with the resolution asking the City of Fremont to clean up other city parks in Ballville Township; ie Chief Tarhe Park and Broken Paddle Campground

A discussion was held on the township's contribution to the Stahl Road project. It was decided that the original motion will stand and the township will contribute \$60,000 to the project, payable over a two year time frame.

Mr. Kusmer received notification that the 2015 Ohio Public Works application has been improved for the townships in Sandusky County in the amount of \$292,950.00.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

Chairman