

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman W. Robert Kusmer with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Richard Geyer and David Stotz.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the minutes of December 17, 2013, 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 - \$23,815.52

Total Receipts - \$10,041.41

Cash Total - \$1,109,938.74

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.

Cemetery Report – Jim Gillis and Jack Ferguson, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. A discussion was held on charging extra for funerals on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. This will be decided at the Cemetery Directors semi-annual meeting in May.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz presented the Board with a Year End Report of all Zoning Activities and permits for 2013. A discussion was held on poor attendance at Zoning Commission Meetings. It was decided that all Zoning Commission members will be sent a letter asking if they are interested in remaining on the Zoning Commission. If we do not receive a response by January 31, 2014, the Board will assume they are not interested in remaining on the Board.

Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou was present for Park Board report. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Ben Hickey be re-appointed to the Park Board for a five year term, ending 12-31-18. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed problems he is having with the one-ton truck and asked the Board to consider replacing it.

The fuel tank at the township house froze up with the below zero weather. The hose and filter thawed out and the tank is being re-circulated. Mr. Lagrou reported that road salt is low and he has two trucks on order. He will also be able to order five additional loads.

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Mr. Lagrou stated that he is having trouble with the radios in his trucks. Futronics would like to put the township on a higher frequency. They are working up prices. Mr. Lagrou would like to go to all portable radios and one home base. Futronics will credit \$100.00 back for each unit in their new pricing.

Mr. Lagrou stated that Mr. Kusmer worked the Christmas Tree Recycling at Universal Farms as they were plowing snow. Three trees so far have been dropped off at Conner Park and 3 trees were brought to Universal Farms. It was decided that next year the trees will be dropped off at Conner Park and not at Universal Farms. Residents have until January 10th this year to drop the trees off at Conner Park.

Mr. Lagrou is currently working on a five-year drainage plan for the township. He also stated that Countryview Estates Subdivision is on the schedule for repaving this year.

Mr. Lagrou voiced concern about the County not getting out on the roads early enough during this last storm.

Mr. Lagrou has obtained a price of \$137.50 from Root Electrical on a timer for the park sign. The Park Board will discuss this at the next regular meeting. He was also told that the cost to replace the lighting in the township house, not including bulbs, would be \$1,000.00 from Root Electrical. A discussion was held on different options as the Board felt this price was too high.

Mr. Kusmer stated that he will be attending a meeting in Lima in which AEP will present information on grants for lighting.

Mr. Kusmer presented a draft of a letter to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in relation to the Ballville Dam Project. The Board approved the draft.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the following Line Item Transfer of Appropriations and Then and Now Certificates be approved: Transfer \$2,000.00 from Road Fund 04-A-04 to Road Fund 04-A-06, Then and Now - \$1,073.45 – Ron's Truck and Trailer – Road Fund, OPERS - \$1,500.00 – General Fund, Morton Salt Company - \$2,422.74 – Road Fund, and Medical Mutual of Ohio - \$4,693.08 – Road/Gas/General Funds. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the 2013 business be closed. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that David Stotz be named Chairman and W. Robert Kusmer be named Vice-Chairman. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that meetings continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 P.M. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the Board of Trustees and the Fiscal Officer be re-appointed to the Audit Committee. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Resolution #2014-1 be approved as follows: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township to execute an agreement with the Green Springs Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for fire protection services for 2014, 2015, and 2016. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Resolution #2014-2 be approved as follows: A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township to execute an agreement with the Old Fort Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for fire protection services for 2014, 2015, and 2016. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Resolution 2014-3 be adopted as follows: A Resolution Providing for the Appointment of a Solicitor for Ballville Township, Ohio. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Ballville Township hold their inventory meeting on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the Board adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the 2014 Wage Scale. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the Board adjourn out of Executive Session into Regular Session. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the 2014 Wage Scale be approved as attached. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

A letter was received from the Sandusky County Engineer on Ireland Pump Station and Force Main Improvements – Preconstruction Update.

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