

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

June 30, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon by Chairman David Stotz with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees W. Robert Kusmer and Richard Geyer. Randal L. Strickler, Township Solicitor, was also present.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of June 17, 2014 be approved with corrections by Richard Geyer. 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 - \$105,799.55

Total Receipts - \$4,419.88

Cash Total - \$1,007, 879.90

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.

Roy Sadler and Dale Hill were present to discuss Hayes Avenue issues. Mr. Sadler asked about the status of the sewer on Hayes Avenue. Mr. Kusmer stated that the sewer will be going in within a year. Mr. Sadler asked who will pay for the sewer. Mr. Kusmer stated that it will be paid for with loans and grants and EPA ordered the installation of the sewer. Mr. Kusmer stated that residents with 200' of a sewer line must tap in according to EPA regulations. Mr. Hill asked why EPA was out on Hayes Avenue. Mr. Kusmer stated that it was probably due to failing septic tanks.

Mr. Hill questioned the Board about the proposed JEDD and if residences will be included. Mr. Kusmer stated that residences are not included in the JEDD. Mr. Hill asked why residents were not notified about the possibility of a JEDD? Mr. Strickler stated that there is no requirement to inform the public until a contract is ready to be signed and that is the time for public hearings at which time residents will be notified.

Mr. Geyer read the motion in the minutes to establish a JEDD that failed due to lack of a unanimous vote.

Mr. Hill stated that the residents affected should be given an acre of land by the township to compensate for the JEDD. Mr. Strickler stated that the township does not own the land. Mr. Hill asked why Hayes Avenue and not north of town? Mr. Strickler stated that this area is on the Comprehensive Plan as possible commercial development and there are existing business in the area already.

Mr. Hill stated that water cannot run out any further without 60% of the residents petitioning for the water. He also voiced concerns about the city annexing in the property.

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Mr. Sadler asked Mr. Kusmer and Mr. Stotz what they feel is the benefit to the township of a JEDD? Mr. Stotz stated that he feels the benefit is jobs being brought to the area. Mr. Kusmer also agreed that jobs will be a benefit, but also stated that the township budget is constantly being cut and this is a way to recoup some of that revenue. Mr. Sadler asked if the township was in trouble financially. Mr. Kusmer stated that we are not in trouble now, but need to plan for the future.

Mr. Hill asked Mr. Kusmer and Mr. Stotz how they would like industry in their back yard. Mr. Kusmer stated that he has the hospital across the street from his residence. Mr. Hill asked the Board to consider their feelings. Mr. Kusmer stated that they will and zoning will be established to protect the residents. Mr. Hill asked if there is no zoning change, does this mean no JEDD? Mr. Strickler stated that the zoning can happen before or after the establishment of a JEDD.

Mr. Hill asked where the Board is at with the JEDD? Mr. Kusmer stated that two discussion meetings have been held with no formal maps have been established, just discussion on the areas to be included. Mr. Kusmer stated that he will let Mr. Hill know of the next discussion meeting on a JEDD and he will be invited.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present for Cemetery Board report. A discussion was held on the proposed Veterans Monument.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. It was decided that Mr. Strickler will prepare a nuisance resolution for the Isreal Book property at 1705 Morrison Road. This will be signed at the next meeting and posted on the door of the property as Mr. Book will not respond to certified mail.

Mr. Schwartz stated that the deadline for junk cars to be moved on the Michael Kiser property on Tucker Road is today and he will be checking for progress. He also stated that Michael Compliment has been working on cleaning up his property. If that work does not continue, a nuisance resolution will be passed for the property. He is also working on the Kurt Mayle property on Third Avenue with Mr. Strickler.

Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou, Park Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the Kubota 60” mower deck be sold to a private party after following advertising regulations. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lagrou was told by Morton Salt that the summer pricing for salt is \$45.00 per ton. One load will be delivered here and three will be delivered to the City of Fremont.

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Mr. Lagrou discussed the Greg Miller request concerning the old Robert's Sandblasting property. He presented pictures of the bridge and water flow in question. Mr. Kusmer stated that he will look at FEMA regulations concerning this bridge.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the request from Rick Jenkins on Maple Lane for more stone for rip-rap. Mrs. Gabel researched this issue and found that the County installed the rip-rap the first time, not the township. Mr. Lagrou will contact the County Engineer's office for further information.

He also discussed the complaint from Mrs. Debransky on Hayes Avenue ditch. She needs to contact Sandusky County Ditch Maintenance to address this issue.

Mr. Lagrou informed the Board that he ordered a pressure washer from Streackers for the underbody wash unit.

He also discussed the ditch on TR 43 across from Tom Beaschler. Dirt is being hauled to S. River Road from Sunrise Co-op for fill for this project. Mr. Kusmer will design the project with catch basins so that Mr. Lagrou can ask contractors for bids.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the Bill Rusch complaint about township vehicles leaving ruts on his property. Mr. Lagrou investigated this complaint and this was not done by township employees; the truck backed up and went southbound, not to the township house.

Mr. Strickler stated that the dump body for the new truck does not have to be bid as it is under the bid limit; therefore the motion to purchase the dump body from Kalida Truck Equipment stands.

An email from William Farrell, County Auditor, was reviewed concerning the road levy. The levy will expire in 2014 with collections in 2015. The levy can be placed on the November ballot, May primary and 2015 November ballot. It was decided to look at this issue again at the end of year and possibly put on the May ballot.

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