

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

June 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order 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 May 20, 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 - \$34,357.31

Total Receipts - \$59,747.95

Cash Total - \$1,150,515.44

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.

Larry Bowers was present to ask the Board about the status of the Stahl Road project. The Board has been told by Jim Moyer, County Engineer, that it will be probably be ready this fall.

Jack Zimmerman, Chip and Cathy Overmyer, Phil Klausz and Steve Stirbaum were present to observe the meeting.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. Cemetery deeds were signed for the following: Roger C. Merritt – Section #13, Lot #15, Graves 5 and 6, and Karen Varga, Section #1, Lot #3, Grave 4, both in McGormley Cemetery.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz discussed a violation he would like to file against Michael Compliment for junk and debris outside his residence. A nuisance resolution will be prepared by Township Solicitor Randal Strickler and signed by the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Schwartz is receiving numerous calls about high grass. He also discussed the complaint from Hayes Avenue residents about too many residents living in the Michael Lather home on Hayes Avenue. Zoning defines more than six unrelated people as a violation. Mr. Strickler stated that this would be very hard to prove. Mr. Schwartz attended a meeting on discussion about forming a J.E.D.D. between Ballville and Sandusky Townships and the City of Fremont. He is concerned that residents in the affected area are not being informed about the JEDD. Mr. Kusmer said that all residents will be notified by certified mail with the same procedure followed as a Zoning Hearing notification.

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Mr. Schwartz stated that he and Mr. Strickler discussed the complaints about Kirt Mayle on Third Avenue. Mr. Strickler is composing a letter to Mr. Mayle to address these concerns. Kathy Meyer of Third Avenue worked up a timeline of the ownership and businesses at the Kirt Mayle address over the years. This information is entered into the township minutes.

Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou, Park Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed the upcoming Relay for Life to be held June 13/14.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed a problem with erosion on TR 173, near the area the township repaired a few years ago. They will put dirt in the area to try to hold off the erosion.

We will not be participating in the Sandusky County Engineer sign program as we do not need any signs. Mr. Lagrou also reported that employees are half done with the first round of mowing ditches.

The underbody sprayer for trucks was again discussed. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that an underbody sprayer be purchased from Enzo's at a cost of \$1,800.00 plus costs for detergent and downstream injector. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lagrou presented pictures of a drainage complaint from John Darr of Chieftain Circle. He repaved his drive prior to the township repaving the road; he has a 3' x 3' square in which water sits after a heavy rain. He would like the area cut out and repaved by the township. The Board will take no action on this request.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the upcoming 2015 Issue II application and townships that are interested.

The dump box for the new truck was discussed. Prices were obtained as follows: Kalida Company - \$30,182.00, Dexter Company - \$30,485.00 and Henderson Equipment - \$32,996.00. Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the dump box be purchased from Kalida Company after approval from Randal Strickler, Township Solicitor, on bid requirements. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lagrou reported that M&B Asphalt has completed the paving of TR 189.

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Mr. Kusmer reported on the J.E.D.D. meeting with Sandusky and Ballville Townships and Sandusky County EDC. Mr. Kusmer stated that the zoning will need to be coordinated to make the J.E.D.D. work. Mr. Kusmer stated that the advantages of the J.E.D.D. is that utilities can be obtained as a joint venture from townships and the City of Fremont. The city can collect the income tax and the township would get a third of the taxes. Mr. Kusmer stated that he feels a J.E.D.D. is a very positive move for the township.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Ballville Township move forward to form a Joint Economic Development District with Sandusky Township and the City of Fremont. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, No. Motion failed.

Jack Zimmerman asked Mr. Geyer why he voted No. Mr. Geyer discussed his feelings for the J.E.D.D. stating that he feels it is a way to get the townships to provide services. Mr. Kusmer discussed the Memorandum of Understanding signed guaranteeing that the area would not be annexed and also discussed the income taxes that will be generated. Mr. Geyer stated that Phil Klausz has spoken to others who expressed their opinions that Ballville Township has too much money.

Mr. Zimmerman asked Mr. Geyer to reconsider his vote. Mr. Geyer stated that he would not as the J.E.D.D. is a money grab; another name for annexation. He also voiced concern about the township losing control of the area, as it is controlled by a committee.

Mr. Strickler discussed the statement that Ballville Township has too much money. He discussed the ongoing cuts to the township local government fund and the loss of Estate Tax. He said that all government entities are struggling to maintain services with funding cuts.

Harold Knudsen was present and asked Mr. Geyer what happens if Oakwood Cemetery ends up being turned over to the township and they don't have enough funds to maintain the cemetery? Mr. Knudsen asked where the money will come from. Mr. Geyer stated that this hasn't happened yet.

Mr. Kusmer stated that the J.E.D.D. is for 50 years with an option for a 50 year renewal. He also said that there is no need to annex as the city will receive the taxes on the property. Chip Overmyer, Sandusky Township Trustee, asked how the townships can do this without the city. Mr. Geyer stated that the utilities are in; water is in and sewer is coming; no need for a J.E.D.D. for utilities. Mr. Overmyer stated that he feels it is a win-win for all.

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Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to meet with Zoning Inspector to discuss job duties. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: 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. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Chairman David Stotz will have a further discussion with David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector.

The Board received notification that OPERS has certified the rates for 2015 as follows: 10.0% will be withheld from employee pay and the township will match 14.0%. This is the same as 2014.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

Chairman