

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

March 18, 2014

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

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of March 4, 2014, be approved with a typo corrected. 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 - \$26,125.32

Total Receipts - \$330,756.71

Cash Total - \$1,329,841.92

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.

Mike Powell of Black Swamp Conservancy was present to meet with the Board. His organization is working with the Ohio Dept. of Agriculture to purchase an agricultural easement on the property owned by C Farms, LLC on CR 43. They do not operate in opposition to a township land use plan. This is a voluntary agreement between the landowner and the Black Swamp Conservancy and states that the property will always remain as farmland. The landowner applied for this easement, which is on the entire property. The Board would like to have our Solicitor Randal L. Strickler look at the proposed resolution before a decision is made.

Steve Stirbaum was present to observe the meeting.

Dale Reiter was present to observe the meeting. He asked questions about the work AEP is doing in the township. The township just received notification of the project and did not have answers at this time.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz reported that he did not have a quorum at the March 12th meeting, which may have been due to the weather. The Board instructed him to try to re-schedule one more time and if a quorum is not present, they will review the situation.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson, Cemetery Director, was present to meet with the Board. Cemetery Deed was signed for John and Peggy Shulaw, Section #10, Lot #4, Grave #8 in McGormley Cemetery.

Bill Lagrou discussed the insurance claim for the damages to Hill Cemetery last fall due to a vehicle accident. It was decided that Bob McCartney of OTARMA will be contacted to try to speed up this process.

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Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that a vehicle owned by Kelly Koonce of 622 Lawndale Drive was struck by a snowplow truck driven by Bob Nepper. This will be turned over to Bob McCartney of OTARMA. Mr. Lagrou discussed the possibility of installing GPS units in the vehicle, which will help verify such an accident, as Bob Nepper was unaware that he struck the vehicle.

Mr. Lagrou discussed a complaint from Judy Mittelstaadt of 1703 Tomahawk Track, stating that her driveway was damaged when the backhoe was pushing back snow. Mr. Lagrou took pictures and he feels that there is no proof that the backhoe caused damage to the driveway. The other issue is that the driveway will only be replaced with asphalt on the apron, not concrete. Mr. Lagrou was instructed to have Bob McCartney of OTARMA.

Estimates for the 2014 Road Paving Program were received as follows: Canterbury Drive - \$38,000.00, Wisteria Drive - \$38,000.00, Primrose Lane - \$14,000.00, TR 189 - \$29,000.00, and Fennimore Road - \$30,000.00. Mr. Kusmer stated that he would like to hold some funds back for needed drainage projects. After much discussion, it was moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Canterbury, Wisteria, Primrose, and TR 189 be bid out this year, but not Fennimore Street. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lagrou discussed pricing for a new one and a half ton truck. He is estimating the cost to be between \$60,000-\$65,000. Mr. Lagrou will research state bid pricing and dump body prices and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the weather warning siren. Mr. Kusmer and Mr. Stotz attended the Board meeting of Jackson Township and found that Jackson Township is willing to pay the monthly electric charges for the siren which will be placed on the township line between Ballville and Jackson Townships. This siren project is from a Sandusky County EMA Grant with a 50% match. The siren will be installed the end of April. Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the joint venture for the siren with Jackson Township be approved; Ballville Township will purchase the siren, pole and provide electricity to the pole with a 50% matching grant from EMA and Jackson Township will pay the monthly electric charges. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Ballville Township provide 50% of the funding of the \$22,129.00 weather warning siren project. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Ballville Township apply for the OTARMA More Grant Program of \$500.00. Reimbursement for Road Closed and High Water Signs will be asked for in the grant.

Park Board report – Bill Lagrou was present to meet with the Board. He stated that the Park Board is ready to proceed with LED Lighting in Conner Park. Mr. Kusmer will prepare a proposed budget for the project.

The Park Board minutes of March 10, 2014 are entered into the Board of Trustees minutes.

Information was received from the Ohio Department of Transportation on 2014-2015 salt contracts. There will be two separate salt contracts this year, one in summer and one in winter, both due April 8, 2014. Mr. Lagrou stated that he has 125 tons road salt in storage and used 400 tons this winter season. This will be discussed further and a decision made at the next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that a Then and Now Certificate in the amount of \$3,519.16 for Beck Suppliers, Inc. – Road Fund, be approved. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

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