

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES      REGULAR MEETING

March 4, 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, and Randal L. Strickler, Township Solicitor.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of February 11, 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 - \$18,641.69

Total Receipts - \$4,878.35

Cash Total - \$1,025,525.53

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.

Phil Klausz was present to observe the meeting.

Doug Crowell, Ballville Township Fire Dept. Chief, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Crowell presented the year end report for the Fire Dept. 153 runs were made last year, with 10 fires and 78 EMS calls. Mutual aid was given 6 times and received 5 times. The following grants were received: EMS Grant - \$1,500.00 for training, FEMA - \$102,000 for air packs and air bottles, Regional FEMA Grant for Marks Radios and Fremont Communities Grant - \$7,500.00 – trailer for water rescues.

A discussion was held on a future fire district, which involve a consolidation of departments. Mr. Crowell stated that he felt it was a long way from taking place and he feels there are good and bad things about forming a Fire District.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson was present to meet with the Board. There was nothing to report.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. He has scheduled a Zoning Commission meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Schwartz was informed by Martha Bowen of the Board of Health that the property at 1911 Hayes Avenue made the list for Moving Ohio Forward Grant.

Changes in the junk vehicle laws were discussed by Randal Strickler, Township Solicitor. If junk vehicles are abandoned on road right of ways, the township can have the vehicle towed, must have a contract with a towing company. If the vehicle is on private property, the regulations have not changed, the owner would still have to be taken to court.

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Park Board report – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Wood discussed the assistance that could be provided to the township at Baker Road park by US Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Mr. Lagrou notified the Board that a grant of \$3,000.00 for a dragon seesaw was received from the Sandusky County Park District. The Emeralds Soccer Team and two baseball teams are scheduled to play in Conner Park this year. The Relay for Life, NAMI Walk and Cystic Fibrosis Walk will also be held in Conner Park in 2014.

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

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed recent snow and ice and issues with vehicles. He is still owed two loads of salt from Morton Salt.

Notification was received from Ohio EMA that the township has been awarded \$10,218.65 for reimbursement from the July 10<sup>th</sup> storm cleanup. The Notice of Award was signed by Fiscal Officer Mary Kay Gabel and returned for payment. A grant of \$4,309.20 was received from OSS Solid Waste District earlier in the year.

Mr. Lagrou received a request from Scott Brown of 777 Barker Road asking that the private drive onto Third Avenue from apartments at the curve be shut down.

Mr. Lagrou discussed a concern about a structure fire on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 16 Whitney Drive at Southland Meadows subdivision. So many vehicles were parked on the street that the fire truck had trouble getting to the fire. He asked to the Board to consider what can be done to alleviate this problem. Issues discussed were establishing a resolution to only allow parking on one side of the street. This will be discussed further at a later date.

Mr. Lagrou discussed his current cell phone contract, which is up in March. The township is currently with Alltel, who is merging with ATT. Mr. Lagrou will also check with Verizon for rates and phones available.

A certificate from the County Auditor was received stating that Appropriations from Each Fund do not Exceed the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources.

Mr. Lagrou stated that Futronics will remove all radios from trucks and only portables will be used; six radios and one base.

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Mr. Lagrou informed the Board that he would like to replace the ton truck this year with a 1 ½ ton truck with a stainless steel bed. He is checking into state bid pricing for a new truck.

Mr. Lagrou sent a request to the County Engineer for estimates on Canterbury Drive, Wisteria Drive, Primrose Lane, TR 189 and Fennimore Street for 2014 Road Paving program.

A discussion was held on weather warning sirens. The siren at the American Legion did not operate at the test on the first Saturday in March. Mr. Lagrou contacted Ray's Electronics and they installed a new controller. Mr. Kusmer approached Jackson Township about sharing in the cost of a new siren in the CR 41 area by paying the monthly electric bill for the siren.

Mr. Kusmer was contacted by Tom Beaschler of TR 43 with concerns of water in his basement. The ditch on TR 43 is filling up with ice blocking the flow of the water and causing flooding. Mr. Kusmer went out and looked at the tile and options were discussed. One of the possibilities is installing tile in the ditch from SR 53 to the tile in front of Mr. Beaschler's house

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,

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Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

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Chairman