

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

May 20, 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.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of May 6, 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 - \$15,321.99

Total Receipts - \$10,330.35

Cash Total - \$1,125,596.74

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.

Residents from Hayes Avenue were present to meet with the Board. Dale Hill presented pictures of the Michael Lather property at 3039 Hayes Avenue. John Anspach voiced concerns on behalf of his neighbors that the property needed mowing and there was junk and debris in the back yard. Dave Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, stated that he went out to the property and the grass was high, but not high enough to issue a zoning violation. Ferol Dobransky stated the the sofa was being burned in the back yard at 11:30 PM one evening. There were also concerns about multiple residents living at the house as there are always 9-10 cars in the driveway. Mr. Schwartz will check with Randal Strickler, Township Solicitor, to see what can be done about the property.

Residents from Third Avenue were present to voice concern about the Kirt Mayle property at 620 Third Avenue. Jim Brown stated that recreational vehicles are being sold out of the driveway and the current driveway is being expanded. Mr. Brown is concerned about the expansion meaning he is going to add more vehicles. He asked about the status of the zoning, Mr. Schwartz stated that the property is grandfathered in for a commercial business. Kathy Meyer discussed the upholstery business that was originally at the address and asked if a business could be transferred. Sandy Mosser stated that the upholstery business has not been in operation since the late 1970's. Mr. Kusmer, Trustee, stated that he has read the file and the property was grandfathered in for real estate and it is against the O.R.C. to sell cars in a residential neighborhood. The Board will discuss this issue with Randal Strickler, Township Solicitor, to find out their options. Mr. Kusmer asked for a timeline from Kathy Meyer on the upholstery business and its date of operation.

Phil Klausz was present to observe the meeting.

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Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Gillis stated that he was placing flags in Oakwood Cemetery and was upset with the condition of the cemetery. A discussion was held on Oakwood Cemetery potentially being turned over to the township. Mr. Kusmer stated that he talked to Barry Luse of the Oakwood Cemetery Board and he said there are no plans to turn the cemetery over to Ballville Township. Harold Knudsen was present and he informed the Board that he attended the lot owner's meeting of the Oakwood Cemetery Board in early May. He was upset with the condition of the cemetery, with downed tree limbs all over, weeds in the driveway and high grass. He was informed that there is a balance of \$123,000 in the Perpetual Care Fund and \$890,000 in the General Fund in Oakwood Cemetery Association. Mr. Knudsen suggested that the Board consider meeting with the Probate Court Judge and Township Solicitor to discuss options if the cemetery is turned over to the township.

Steve Stirbaum was present to observe the meeting.

Ferol Dobransky voiced concern about the ditch on Hayes avenue close to SR 53; tile is plugged near the catch basin. When it rains they have water up to their ankles in their yard. Mr. Lagrou will research the ownership of the tile and township responsibility.

Park Board – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou were present to meet with the Board. They discussed lighting in Conner Park; the Park Board would like the project completed by 2016. They would like to install a few lights and solicit funds for the remainder of the lighting. They are also checking into grants.

Mr. Lagrou discussed lining up the posts in Conner Park. He has a bid from S&K Fencing of Findlay to complete this job for \$20.00 per post; township employees would remove the posts. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that S&K Fencing be hired to re-install the posts in Conner Park at a cost of \$20.00 per post. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lagrou reported that Relay for Life will be held on June 13/14. The Relay Committee is considering changing the event to a 12 hour day next year; no decision made to date. Park Board minutes of May 12, 2014 are entered into the minutes.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. The Junk Vehicle resolutions prepared by Mr. Strickler were reviewed.

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Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Resolution 2014-9 be approved as follows: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township providing for the removal of Junk Motor Vehicles on either public or private property within the unincorporated area of Ballville Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, NO. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Resolution 2014-10 be approved as follows: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township establishing regulations for the storage of Junk Motor Vehicles on either public or private property within the unincorporated area of Ballville Township, Sandusky County, Ohio. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, NO. Motion carried.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou reported that a location was chosen for the weather warning siren on CR 41.

Jim Babione of TR 31 is interested in closing in the ditch in front of his house. The township cannot install the tile, but could place a catch basin in.

Mr. Lagrou informed the Board that the county is enclosing the ditch on TR 289.

Mr. Lagrou has prices for the truck beds as follows: Henderson - \$32,996.00, Kalida - \$30,192.00 and Dexter Co. - \$30,485.90. Bidding procedures will be researched before a decision is made.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that a permit request from CenturyLink to bore across Darr Road in front of 3727 Darr Road be granted. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

A letter was received from John Willey expressing interest in an appointment to the Cemetery Board. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that John Willey be appointed to the Cemetery Board to fill an unexpired term ending May 11, 2015. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

The Contract was signed with M&B Asphalt Co. for the 2014 paving project.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the Liquor Permit Transfer Request from Crystal Arbors be marked “We Do Not Request a Hearing”. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

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\$500.00 was received from OTARMA for the 2014 MORE Grant for reimbursement for safety signs purchased.

A letter was reviewed from OSS Solid Waste Management District informing the Board that additional containers will be in place for the Memorial Day Weekend at the Recycling Center.

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