

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman David Stotz with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees W. Robert W. Kusmer and Richard Geyer.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of November 4, 2014, be approved as written. Mr. Geyer, yes, Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

The Financial Information was read as follows and is attached to the minutes:

Total Bills - \$20,960.66

Total Receipts - \$3,037.36

Cash Total - \$983,714.40

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.

Doug Crowell, Chief of Ballville Township Fire Dept. was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Crowell informed the Board that the property at 205 St. Paul Drive has been cleaned up enough for the escrow check to be returned. This relates to a fire at the property on 1/02/2014. The check was returned to EMC Insurance Company.

Dale Reiter was present to meet with the Board. He was asking on behalf of Foxrun Condominium Association if trees could be planted on the west side of Lewie Drive. It would be in the township road right of way and the trees would be planted and purchased by the Association. Mr. Reiter also asked if a snow fence would be placed on the property this year. Mr. Lagrou said he is planning to do the snow fence, but bad weather has slowed his efforts. It was decided that we will check with Township Solicitor Randal Strickler about liability concerns with the tree planting.

Jim Sherck was present to meet with the Board. He wanted to update the Board on the status of the vote on the removal of Ballville dam. He stated that there will be a vote by Fremont City council this Thursday. He discussed concerns about the ice structure and the danger to kayakers. He asked the Board of Trustees to consider showing up at the council meeting to show opposition or at least tabling the proposal. Mr. Sherck is concerned about liability issues for both the city and Ballville Township.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. The Veterans memorial will be started as soon as the weather permits in the spring of 2015.

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Zoning Report – Dave Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz stated that he sent a violation letter to Israel Book for the junk vehicle on his property. He also discussed a possible fitness gym at the Jim Glaspy property at 2834 Buchanan Road. He will discuss the issue with Mr. Glaspy before a violation notice is sent. Mr. Geyer voiced concern about the Israel Book junk vehicle complaint being address to Randal Strickler rather than the Board. He asked employees in the future to make sure to ask the Board for their recommendations rather than the Township Solicitor. Mr. Geyer stated that he felt that the opinion on a Property Maintenance code was developed without approval from the Board.

Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou was present to meet with the Board. Park Board minutes of November 10, 2014 are entered into the minutes.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that he received confirmation from ODOT that 100 tons of stone have been delivered to the ODOT garage in Fremont.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the Sandusky County EMA Mitigation Plan. Mr. Kusmer is working on this with Mr. Lagrou.

Mr. Lagrou informed the Board that the new snow plow truck will not be available until late December. The 1995 GMC Truck will be sold at auction at the December 2, 2014 meeting at 6:00 P.M. The minimum bid will be \$9,000.00

Mr. Lagrou stated that 11 trees need to be removed in the township. He received two quotes: Ax-Pro Tree Removal - \$8,700.00 and Hawk Tree Service - \$10,800.00. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Ax-Pro Tree Service be hired to remove eleven trees and stumps in the township for the quote of \$8,700.00 Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the Board place a Road Improvement Levy on the May Primary ballot. The Auditor will be asked for monies collected on 1.0 renewal and replacement levy and 1.25 new and replacement levies before a decision is made on the rate. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Gift Certificates be purchased for employees for Christmas. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

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Mr. Kusmer received a request to hunt in the new Baker Road property that will be a park. Mr. Lagrou stated that Misty Meadows Camp Fire complex is too close to the property and hunting would not be permitted.

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Fremont regarding the Hayes Avenue water line.

Mr. Kusmer presented a letter drafted to Ohio EPA on behalf of the Board. This letter voiced concern about the Definition of "Waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act."

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