

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

November 19, 2013

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

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the minutes of November 5, 2013, be approved as written. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

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

Total Bills - \$30,252.95

Total Receipts - \$1,380.24

Cash Total - \$1,206,482.46

Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the Financial Report be approved and the bills be paid. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Christine Kechle, Assistant Scenic River coordinator, was present to meet with the Board. She asked the Board to consider moving the asphalt piles on S. River Road, as they are within 1,000 feet jurisdiction of Sandusky River. The Board agreed to move the piles. She also asked that any materials used in the parking lot be permeable material to maintain the integrity of the flood plain. 60% of the parking lot is already paved, according to Bill Lagrou. She would prefer gravel instead of asphalt. She also asked that paving equipment not be parked at the site as there are concerns about spillage. Kerry Wood was present and asked if she could provide any assistance for Baker Road park. She offered assistance with letters of supports for grants, education, etc. She asked that the Park Board email the plans for the park and she will review.

Harold Knudsen and Dale Reiter were present to observe the meeting.

Phil Klauz congratulated Mr. Kusmer and Mr. Stotz on re-election to the Board and also asked that the township minutes be placed on the township website. He also asked if the lights in the township house could be replaced. Mr. Lagrou will look into the lights. The minutes will be placed on the website.

Cemetery Report – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. The meeting on November 13th with Oakwood Cemetery Board was cancelled and to date has not been rescheduled.

Mr. Lagrou discussed an accident on SR 53 and TR 9 in which two vehicles collided and a semi-truck ran into Hill Cemetery and damage five head stones. Ballville Volunteer Fire Dept. was called for mutual aid. 50 plus gallons of diesel fuel dumped on the graves and the power pole with transformers was also hit by the truck and the transformer oil

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also dumped on the graves. This oil was tested for PCB's. A cleaning service took 6-8" of dirt off the graves and the area was tested and the remains did not need to be moved. Three grave stones were damaged and two were destroyed. Mr. Lagrou is obtaining prices to replace stones from Stonehugger Restoration and Frederick's. Mr. Kusmer sent a letter granting permission to B&W Carthage of Taylor, Michigan to clean up the property. Mr. Lagrou stated that the insured driver only has \$100,000.00 in property damage coverage. Mr. Lagrou talked to Bob McCartney and was told that our insurance will pay for remaining amount after the driver's insurance is exhausted.

Mr. Lagrou obtained prices for Grasshopper Mower for Cemeteries as follows: Bay Tractor and Turf - \$2,700.00 and Gibbs Equipment - \$2,577.30. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that a Grasshopper Mower with 48" deck be purchased from Gibbs Equipment for \$2,577.30. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

The following cemetery deeds were signed by the Board: Kim F. Black – Section #16, Lot #5, Grave #3, and Robert and Roberta Jones – Section #16, Lot #4, Graves #5 and 6, in McGormley Cemetery.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. He stated that he added 2735 Baker Road to Moving Ohio Forward Grant list, even though the funds are probably already accounted for.

Park Board – Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood were present for Park Board report. Mr. Wood talked to the US Fish and Game Service and they will walk the Baker Road park and offer suggestions for use of the property. He will be attending the Park Board meeting on January 13th and the Board also suggested asking Christine Kuchle of Scenic River to attend this meeting.

Mr. Lagrou stated that he will be picking up trees for the park from Barnes Nursery this week, as they are 40% off.

Mr. Kusmer stated that he talked to George Munis of AEP and was told that AEP has programs that pay up to 50% of investment of LED lighting. They will do an energy audit and make suggestions. Mr. Kusmer will ask Mr. Munis to attend a Park Board meeting to discuss further. It was also suggested that Toledo Edison be contacted about doing an energy audit for the meeting room electricity.

Mr. Lagrou is meeting with Angela Mancini to make payment for the returned check for the shelter house rental of August. The Park Board minutes of November 11, 2013, are entered into the minutes.

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Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that tree removal program has been completed in the township. Mr. Lagrou also stated that they have salted roads once this year already and he did salt Ballville Bridge for the County. He also reported that leaf collection has begun and 43 loads have been collected to date.

The Christmas Tree drop off will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at Universal Farms. Mr. Lagrou will also place a trailer in the rear of Conner Park after Christmas for residents to drop off their trees at any time during daylight hours.

The Board set the date for the Township Christmas Party to be held on Friday, December 13th from 4-7 PM at Township House.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the Following Then and Now Certificate be approved: \$1,652.85 – Road Fund – Sandusky County Engineer. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kusmer reported on the status of the Hayes Avenue Waterline. Kay Reiter of Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation, contacted Jobs Ohio and they have committed to \$40,000.00 toward the project. Ballville Township and Sandusky Township are being asked to contribute an additional \$10,000.00. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Ballville Township contribute an additional \$10,000.00 to the Hayes Avenue Waterline project. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, No, Motion carried.,

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that Gift Cards from Wal Mart be purchased for Cemetery Board - \$150.00, Full-Time Employees and Zoning Inspector - \$50.00 and Part-Time Employees - \$30.00. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

Chairman

