

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

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

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the minutes of October 21, 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 - \$58,847.51

Total Receipts - \$21,156.28

Cash Total - \$1,001,637.70

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.

Larry Bowers was present to meet with the Board. He stated that he talked to Jim Moyer, County Engineer, about the status of the Stahl Road drainage project. Mr. Moyer informed him that the prints are in Columbus for review and Mr. Moyer is waiting on the township to confirm their contribution to the project before it moves forward. The Board has not been informed of this and have not been shown the plans. Mr. Kusmer will contact Carlos Baez at the County to determine the status of the project. The Board plans to contribute whatever their share of the watershed is determined to be.

Mr. Bowers asked about the contract with the City of Fremont for the installation of the Hayes Avenue waterline. He said he was told that there was no contract, only a verbal agreement. Fiscal Officer Mary Kay Gabel sent Mr. Bowers a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by all parties involved.

Dale Reiter and Phil Klausz were present to observe the meeting.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. There was nothing new to report by the Cemetery Board.

Zoning Report – Dave Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz informed the Board that Israel Book filed a complaint with the Sandusky County Sheriff's office concerning damage to his landscaping. Mr. Lagrou talked to the Sheriff's office and explained the procedure the township followed to clean up the property. He has heard nothing further. Mr. Schwartz was instructed to send Mr. Book a violation notice for the junk vehicle on his property.

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Mr. Schwartz stated that the Zoning Commission met for a public hearing on doubling the permit fee for a late permit. This recommendation will be sent to the Board of Trustees for their hearing.

Mr. Schwartz discussed PMB Wireless request to install a cell phone tower on Laird Drive. No objections were received by the Zoning Inspector or the Board of Trustees. Mr. Schwartz was instructed to send a letter informing PBM Wireless that there were no objections.

Mr. Schwartz reported that he and David Stotz met with Linda Hetrick of Buckland Avenue concerning the issue with the fence dispute between her and John Weiker. Ms. Hetrick still plans to place the fence on her property line. Mr. Strickler stated that this is a civil matter.

Park Board Report – Bill Lagrou was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that the restrooms are winterized for the winter and closed. He stated that the Dragonfly See-saw has been installed with the poured-in-place rubber flooring and the public has been very receptive to the new playground equipment.

He discussed the purchase of the new township/cemetery mower. He has obtained three prices for comparable mowers as follows: Bay Tractor and Turf - \$7,911.30, Streacker Tractor Sales - \$7,789.20 and Willies Sales and Service - \$8,243.90. Mr. Strickler presented Legal Opinion 2014-BT-2: Purchase of Equipment from NJPA. It was determined that the township could participate in the NJPA purchasing program, which then determines that Streacker Tractor Sale would be the lowest. Mr. Lagrou will check into trade-in allowances before a final decision is made.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that the siren E. Cole Road did not operate at the last test. He will discuss this with Sandusky County EMA.

He also discussed drainage issues on E. Cole Road near Todd Lindsay farm field. They are having problems with ongoing sinkholes. After clarification, Mr. Strickler stated that he felt it was the farmer's responsibility.

A discussion was held on the Michael Stone complaint about a wet area that Mr. Stone feels the township caused when they installed a tile in 2009.

Leaf collection started on November 3, 2014. The last round of mowing ditches has been completed. The detention pond was mowed and a bill will be sent to Ditch Maintenance.

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Mr. Lagrou stated that the new plow truck will be delivered in the next few weeks. A discussion was held on selling the 95 GMC. Mr. Lagrou was instructed to contact other townships in the county asking if they are interested and if not, the truck will be sold at public auction at a township meeting after the required advertising has been completed. The auction will tentatively be held on December 16th at 6:00 P.M.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the Equipment Fee schedule be updated with the following rates: Equipment Rental/Tractor - \$100.00 per hour, Equipment Rental – Minor Equipment - \$50.00 per hour and Manpower Hours - \$50.00 per hour.

The Ballville Township Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 12th from 4-7 PM. Food will be ordered from Ballville EZ Shop.

Mr. Strickler presented Opinion 2014-BT-3: Adoption of Property Maintenance Code. The Board will review this opinion and make a decision at a later time.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the following Transfer of Appropriations and Then and Now Certificates be approved: Transfer \$4,000.00 from Gas Tax Fund 03-A-02 to Gas Tax Fund 03-B-01, \$5,000.00 from Road Fund 04-A-05 to Road Fund 04-B-01, \$1,500.00 from Road Fund 04-A-06 to Road Fund 04-B-04 and Then and Now Certificate - \$4,322.25 – Ron’s Truck and Trailer – Road Fund. 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