

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

November 5, 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, along with Randal L. Strickler, Township Solicitor.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that the minutes of October 15, 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 - \$32,677.09

Total Receipts - \$13,667.19

Cash Total - \$1,235,355.17

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.

Phil Klausz and Doug Crowell were present to observe the meeting.

Harold Knudsen was present to meet with the Board. He discussed current sewer rates and the spread in the 13% annual increase. Bob Kusmer and Joe Luc from Sandusky Township met with Mayor Jim Ellis to discuss sewer rates and Mr. Kusmer stated that the township has no clout to fight the rates.

Mr. Knudsen talked to a person who wanted to purchase a lot at Oakwood Cemetery and was told that no lots east of the house will be sold or plotted.

Steve Lotycz of 2041 Baker Road was present to meet with the Board. He has issues with his neighbor Bill Rusch III who planted a row of trees on the property line between Mr. Rusch and Mr. Lotycz. Mr. Lotycz asked if he is allowed to trim any branches that are on his property. Mr. Strickler stated that he could trim any branches on his side as long as he stays off Mr. Rusch's property. Mr. Lotycz also stated that Mr. Rusch goes 12' on his property to trim around the trees. Mr. Strickler recommended that Mr. Lotycz send a letter to Mr. Rusch asking him not to trim on his property. A fence was also recommended as a way to solve the problem. Brian McKinney of 2129 Baker Road lives on the other side of Mr. Rusch and was also present to meet with the Board. Mr. McKinney stated that he widened his driveway and erected a fence, but Mr. Rusch still blows grass on his property when he mows. He also stated that Mr. Rusch has 6 or 7 dead ash trees that need to come down. Mr. Strickler stated that the township has no jurisdiction to cut the trees down on private property.

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Cemetery Report – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Gillis stated that the flags will be removed from Veterans Graves the week following Veterans Day.

Bill Lagrou asked about planting more trees in McGormley Cemetery in the paths, 6' between paths and graves. A discussion was held on whether or not the Board wants to replace the trees, with no decision made at this time.

The Board of Trustees and the Cemetery Board will be attending the Oakwood Cemetery Association meeting on November 13th at 4:00 PM at Croghan Colonial Bank. Mr. Strickler will also be attending this meeting. Mr. Strickler also talked to Bill Wingard who will pass on the Board of Trustees concerns to Oakwood Cemetery Board.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. He stated that 1911 Hayes Avenue was declared a public health nuisance. This property along with 2735 Baker Road and Fox structure on Baker Road will be submitted to Moving Ohio Forward program for demolition.

Park Board – Bill Lagrou was present for Park Board report. He stated that the wells were shut down and winterized and water samples completed. He also stated that the turnout for the Halloween Party/Movie Night was poor due to it being held on a Saturday evening and the cold weather.

Mr. Lagrou took Meth Lab Training course to be able to identify meth materials along roads and ditches. He also assisted in an evacuation drill held at Lutz School. He reported that a stolen vehicle was left in Conner Park. Mr. Lagrou is also considering attending Park Ranger Training in North Carolina with Sandusky County Park District Park Rangers.

Mr. Lagrou has a returned check from Angela Mancini for \$50.00 for shelter house rental. Mr. Lagrou has made several attempts to collect. This will be turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney if payment is not made.

The Park Board minutes of October 14, 2013 are entered into the minutes.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou stated that leaf collection is beginning in the township. He discussed a job completed by S&S Excavating at Arrowhead and Chieftain Circle.

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Mr. Lagrou discussed an accident at the township house in which Kenneth Hoffman did not properly secure the mower on the tractor and it drifted down and damaged another township truck. Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that repairs be made to Colorado Truck damaged by mower in the building with repairs being made by Wonderly Collision at a cost of \$630.00. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried. A copy of accident report is entered into the minutes

The following was received from Sandusky County Commissioners: Resolution 2013-375, Resolution-----In the Matter of Adopting the 2013 Revised County Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Lagrou asked the Board about removal of two trees at the corner of the township that are 10 to 12 feet in diameter. The Board will look at the trees and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Stotz that repairs to springs be approved for the International Dump Truck. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Stotz and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Resolution 2013-10 be adopted as follows: A Resolution Amending the Guidelines for Indigent Internments in Cemeteries owned by the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 517.06. Mr. Stotz, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kusmer updated the Board on the status of the Hayes Avenue waterline. Seven contractors bid the project and the low bidder was Crestline Paving at a bid of \$394,599.00 Local government and private business owners have committed \$335,000.00 to the project, so they are currently \$60,000.00 short. Business owners are being asked to contribute more to the project. Ballville Township has committed \$100,000.00 to the project and may be asked for \$10,000.00 more. Sandusky Township will be asked for the same. It was decided to wait to see what the private investors do before a decision is made. Mr. Kusmer stated that around 200 jobs and three new businesses are at stake and Memorandum of Understanding's have been signed by all parties.

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