

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 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 October 7, 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 - \$32,249.32

Total Receipts - \$68,843.32

Cash Total - \$1,039,382.93

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.

Wilson Forney was present to meet with the Board. He is running for the position of Sandusky County Commissioner. He is currently CEO of the Community Health Center in Erie County. He would like to serve as County Commissioner to be informed and accountable to the public and represent Sandusky County for the great county it is.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. The Cemetery Board met today for their semi-annual meeting. A representative at Oakwood Cemetery was at the meeting. Bill Lagrou discussed a quote from Stonehugger Restoration to apply algaecide on Halter Cemetery. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that approval be given to Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration to apply algaecide to Halter Cemetery at a quote of \$500.00. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that approval be given to Stonehugger Cemetery Restoration to repair stones in all five cemeteries at a cost of \$1,500.00. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

A Cemetery Deed was signed for William and Alice Hasselbach, Section #13, Lot #12, and Grave #1 in McGormley Cemetery.

John Weiker of 1704 Buckland Avenue was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Weiker stated that Linda Hetrick is his neighbor and is installing a fence between the properties and fence will only allow 8” between the fence and Mr. Weiker’s garage. There is a

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drive on Ms. Hetrick property that Mr. Weiker has used to gain access to his rear storage building. He is willing to not use the drive, but is concerned about being able to work on his garage. Ms. Hetrick will not discuss the issue with him and he would like to ask zoning to put a hold on the project. Mr. Kusmer stated that he has two options: hire another surveyor to do a new survey or take civil action against Ms. Hetrick. He also discussed the possibility of a prescriptive easement on the driveway, after 21 years or more of using the drive.

David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, said that he discussed the issue with Township Solicitor Randal Strickler and Regional Planning Director John Willey and both told him it was a civil matter. It was decided that David Schwartz and David Stotz will try to talk to Ms. Hetrick to work out an agreement on this issue before anything further is done.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz discussed a certified letter from PBM Wireless Service for a new telecommunications tower to be constructed off Yingling Road. Adjacent residents have 15 days from the date of the receipt of the letter to issue a complaint to the Ballville Township Zoning Inspector. If there are no objections issued, the tower will be built.

Mr. Schwartz informed the Board that the Board of Zoning Commission met recently and there were 3 members who were no-shows and Ray Rellinger voted as an alternate.

Park Board Report – Kerry Wood and Bill Lagrou were present to meet with the Board. Mr. Wood stated that the lights for Conner Park have been ordered and will take 8-10 weeks to arrive. The Park Board minutes of October 13, 2014 are entered into the Board minutes.

Mr. Lagrou discussed the mower purchase for cemeteries and parks. He will ask for an additional price from Bay Tractor and Turf.

Road Report – Bill Lagrou, Road Superintendent, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Lagrou discussed the project at Smith Road and CR 289. A 14' extension of the approach was completed; the stop sign was moved back and the road sign will be hooked to the power pole. The County garage donated a 6' piece of pipe and the township supplied an 8' piece of pipe to complete the project.

Fiscal Officer Mary Kay Gabel received a complaint about a dip in the road at the end of Michaels Road. Mr. Lagrou will investigate this complaint.

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Mr. Lagrou discussed the salt for the 2014-15 season. One load was delivered to the township house and two loads will be delivered and stored at the City of Fremont garage and one load will be hauled to Sandusky Township for storage.

Mr. Lagrou discussed increasing the fees for use of equipment and man hours when the township completes work. The Board will review his recommendations and a decision made at the next meeting.

Mr. Lagrou stated that Ballville Fire Dept. is under an Ebola watch and if three conditions are met on a fire call, they will be in full hazmat gear. These conditions are 101.5 or higher fever, with travel to West Africa or exposure to someone with Ebola in the last 21 days.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Ballville Township renew health coverage with Burnham and Flower Agency, effective 12/1/2014, with an increase of 6%. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that retroactive to October 1, 2014, Jon Leemaster hourly rate will be increased to \$9.44 as he is no longer summer help, but considered a part-time employee. 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