

BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES      REGULAR MEETING

October 7, 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 September 16, 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 - \$29,652.89

Total Receipts - \$11,867.88

Cash Total - \$1,013,003.03

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.

Dale Reiter was present to observe the meeting.

John Kolesar was present to introduce himself to the Board. He is running for Common Pleas Court Judge where he served for five years. He discussed the programs he has established in his court and would like to see drug court moved to the Common Pleas Court. He urged all present to vote and stated that early voted started today. Pam Crowell was present and stated that she worked with Mr. Kolesar for eight years and she can't think of a better person to be elected Judge.

Charles Schwochow, current Sandusky County Commissioner, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwochow was appointed as County Commissioner and he stated that he takes the job very seriously. He has been a manager in past jobs and feels good management is a big part of the job, as they oversee a \$17 million budget.

Doug and Pam Crowell were present at the meeting to observe. Mr. Stotz stated that he has been contacted by two residents with concerns that their signs were removed from the Fire Dept. property on the corner of Tiffin and Cole Road. Mr. Crowell stated that this has been Fire Dept. policy for a long time and it was voted on by the membership.

Cemetery Board – Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis, Cemetery Directors, were present to meet with the Board. The Cemetery Board will meet on Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon with Lunch and business meeting to follow at 12:30 P.M. Mr. Lagrou stated that Stonehugger Restoration will be in the area to complete their work on cemeteries this week.

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Mr. Lagrou informed the Board that two trees along McGormley Cemetery will be marked and removed this fall.

Mr. Ferguson discussed an issue with removing leaves at Oakwood Cemetery. He feels the township should pick up leaves if they are taken out to the road. The Board feels the leaves should be handled as any other township resident. Mr. Ferguson stated that he will invite Oakwood Cemetery Association Board to the township's semi-annual Cemetery Board meeting.

Zoning Report – David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was present to meet with the Board. Mr. Schwartz stated that Mike Kiser of Tucker Road has removed the final vehicle cited on his property.

Mr. Schwartz discussed the Isreal Book property on Morrison Road. Ax Pro cleaned up the property in the front as well as possible for a cost of \$800.00. The Ax-Pro bill, along with township employees time and Solicitor's time will be added to the tax rolls as a tax lien for the Book property.

The parking at the Casa Fiesta property was discussed. Mr. Schwartz was told by Carlos Baez of the Sandusky County Engineer's office that the township granted permission through zoning to park in the right of way. This is not a true statement. Mr. Kusmer agreed to contact the County Engineer to discuss this issue.

Mr. Schwartz stated that he granted a permit to KF Ventures for construction of the Standard Technologies Building on Hayes Avenue. This structure will be 70,000 square feet.

Dale Reiter asked about the high grass on the property at 1133 Siler Street that is not mowed. Mr. Schwartz stated that the house is in foreclosure and he has not been able to contact the owner. Mr. Crowell discussed the Ohio Maintenance Code that the Board can adopt that would give the Fire Dept. more enforcement power. Mr. Strickler will research this Code and it will be discussed after the a copy is received. Mr. Strickler stated that it is not enforced through zoning; it would be by order of the Board.

Mr. Lagrou discussed prices for a new mower to be split between the Cemtery and Parks Funds. He has prices as follows:

Willies Sales and Service – 60” deck – diesel - \$10,421.60

Willies Sales and Service – 60” deck – gas - \$8,243.00

Streacker Tractor Sales – 60” deck – diesel - \$12,263.60

Streacker Tractor Sales – 60” deck – gas - \$7,789.20

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Greg Streaker of Streaker Tractor Sales provided information on NJPA Cooperative, a purchasing program available to townships and non-profits. Mr. Lagrou will research this further before a decision is made on the purchase of the mower.

Mr. Lagrou stated that he has completed trainings for the Water License and Law Enforcement License.

The Board reviewed the following Resolution from the Sandusky County Commissioners: Resolution 2014-266 – Resolution: Authorizing that a date and time be set for the opening of bids on behalf of the Sandusky County Engineer for the renovation of the historic Mull Covered Bridge. Mr. Kusmer has been contacted by County Commissioners stating that they would like to keep the consultant on board during the restoration process at an additional cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. The Township would be responsible for 1/3 of this cost. Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the township pay 1/3 of the cost for consultants to remain on during the restoration project of the Mull Covered Bridge not to exceed \$700.00. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that Resolution #2014-14 be adopted as follows: A Resolution to Erect Stop Signs at Midway Drive and South Drive in Ballville Township. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Lagrou informed the Board that the new backhoe has arrived and the trade-in cost was \$3,200.00. The new truck will be here by the end of October.

Mr. Lagrou stated that the bulldozing and leveling off the ditch on CR 43 has been completed by Willis and Sons. Mr. Lagrou also obtained a price from Willis and Sons Excavating of \$16,000.00 for installation of 300' of 42" pipe on CR 43. After discussion and review of the budget, it was moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that Willis and Son Excavating install 300' of 42" pipe on CR 43. Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the salt needs for the winter. After much discussion, it was moved by Mr. Kusmer and seconded by Mr. Geyer that the Board order the 100 tons available for winter pickup at a cost of \$105.25 per ton. Mr. Kusmer, yes, Mr. Geyer, yes, Mr. Stotz, yes. Motion carried.

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Mr. Kusmer stated that EPA will begin enforcing the Clean Water Act that will redefine the definitions of water that will allow EPA to take over jurisdiction of all US waters. This would include ditches, wetlands, ponds and any navigable or non-navigable waters. Mr. Kusmer would like to draft a letter on behalf of the Board in opposition to this. Moved by Mr. Geyer and seconded by Mr. Kusmer that the Board go on record in opposition to the EPA changing jurisdiction over all US waters and writing a letter to this effect. 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,

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Mary Kay Gabel, Fiscal Officer

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Chairman