

**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman W. Robert Kusmer with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were Trustees Richard A. Geyer and David Stotz.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, that the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; motion carried.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Inventory Meeting and inventory list. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; motion carried.

Ellen Ickes, Fiscal Officer, provided financial information as follows:

Total bills: .....	\$36,431.63
Total receipts: .....	\$1,467.09
Cash total: .....	\$933,009.27

Moved by Mr. Stotz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the financial report be approved and the bills be paid. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer –Yes; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A sign-in sheet was passed around and all present were requested to sign in (attached).

Ballville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Crowell presented the 2016 year-end report (copy attached). The department had 160 calls with \$163,500 loss in structures, contents, and vehicles. They provided mutual aid five times but the department did not receive any mutual aid. Chief Crowell provided information on their first responder calls. Last year was not a good year for grants. They believe they are still in contention for the grants they have applied for this year. Mr. Geyer asked about having EMS services at the station, and Mr. Crowell advised that those services are provided by the county already. Discussion took place on the frequency and nature of calls, assistance, and cooperation among first responder agencies.

Chief Crowell provided some background on their role in the Davis Besse safety plan and advised that a drill was coming up this year, but Ballville Fire Department will not be participating due to not being paid two or three times, contrary to their original agreement.

Jack Ferguson stated that when his wife suffered a stroke, she was at the emergency room within 22 minutes of the call being placed for help because of the Ballville Fire Department.

Phil Klausz advised he had nothing to discuss.

**CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson**

Mr. Ferguson had nothing new to report.

A deed was signed for Daniel Ochs, McGormley Cemetery Section 1, Lot 16, Grave 4.

Superintendent Lagrou informed the trustees the Grasshopper mower has been ordered.

**ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector**

Mr. Schwartz expressed his appreciation for condolences during the loss of his mother. The zoning year-end report will be coming soon.

On January 11, 2017, the Board of Zoning Commission held a public hearing and meeting regarding the property at 528 Third Avenue (PID: 1004-2600-1301). The application from Memorial Hospital requested a change from the current R1 zoning to proposed use as an office and GB (General Business) Zoning District. The Regional Planning Commission recommended GB zoning as requested. At the January 11 meeting, the Board of Zoning Commission voted to deny the GB zoning classification, and instead voted unanimously to recommend LB (Limited Business) zoning classification. Mr. Schwartz advised that all parties were happy with the LB recommendation. A public hearing will be held by the trustees on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., before the next scheduled regular meeting. The meeting will be published in the News- Messenger and notices will be sent as required.

Discussion took place on the Regional Planning Commission and Tax Map offices regarding coordination of maps needed by the Zoning Inspector. Chairman Kusmer will send a letter to assist the Zoning Inspector in getting documentation needed for the township.

The Zoning Inspector Report from December 21, 2016-January 17, 2017 was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

**PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood**

A meeting was held last week and officers were re-elected, and remain the same. There are still two persons interested in filling the alternate positions on the board.

Discussion took place on the lights in Conner Park. Mr. Lagrou advised he has a call in to Valley Electric, but has not had a return call.

Christina Kuechle, State Scenic River Coordinator, is expected to attend the February Parks Board meeting and will have information on matching grants.

The Ballville Bridge Christmas garland is tattered and will need to be replaced soon. Mr. Lagrou will search for after-Christmas bargains. Colored lights might be used instead of white lights next year for the bridge.

Mr. Lagrou is getting prices on epoxy flooring in the park restrooms and for metal roofs on the shelterhouses. Discussion took place on the flooring options, and Mr. Lagrou stated that whatever we get needs to hold up to cleats from ball teams.

Upon discussion, the trustees advised they wanted \$90,000-\$100,000 appropriated for the General Fund parks fund. Mr. Kusmer stated that LED lighting will provide good lighting and save a lot of money.

Mr. Lagrou discussed barricade poles for the new park as a purchase to be used for the OSS grant the township will apply for. The playground flooring isn't an option since the quote will not be received by the OSS grant deadline at the end of January.

For 600 - 6 x 6 x 6 green poles that will go down both Rice and Baker Roads, the cost is \$35,000.00 to go "locally" with Bright Ideas in Akron – the grant requires local vendors. For 600 – 4 x 4 x 6 poles, the cost is \$15,742.00.

The OSS grant the township will apply for is for \$10,000.00 with a 25% match by the township (\$2,500.00). The township got both grants it applied for in 2015, but got nothing in 2016. There is a lot of competition for these grants judging from the number of people at the meetings for them.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for Sue Babione, grant writer, to apply for the 2017 OSS Grant. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-3:

### **RESOLUTION 2017-3**

*2017 OSS Joint Solid Waste District Competitive Funding Program*

### **ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Bill Lagrou**

Mr. Lagrou advised that he would be meeting Wednesday, January 18 at 10:00 with Sue Babione to review the OSS grant.

A brief discussion took place on Dave Rimelspach's request for wood from township trees.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for renewal of the brush drop-off contract with Universal Farms. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-4:

### **RESOLUTION 2017-4**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Board of Trustees to Enter into an Agreement for the Disposal of Brush from Residents of Ballville Township, Sandusky County, State of Ohio*

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Bill Lagrou (continued)**

Mr. Lagrou stated that Ax-Pro LLC emailed two invoices today in the middle of the afternoon, and he did not receive them until around 5:00 p.m. Ax Pro will not be taking down trees on CR 9 due to miscommunication when providing their quote and it appears they looked at the trees on the other side of the road, not the trees the township wanted taken down. The township will look at having these trees removed next year. There are five more trees to be taken down this year.

The township has not heard from Ray Gindlesperger about the Kenworth truck title, but Mr. Lagrou will follow up on this.

Mr. Lagrou advised that he will make an appointment to meet with Carlos Baez of the County Engineer's office regarding Mobilite's desire to place cell towers in the township, as it appears other townships are also not allowing installation of them. He will advise of his findings.

Discussion took place on employee staffing and duties. It was noted that Michael Egbert is on military leave and Corey Hessick works as needed. Wage rates will be reviewed at a later date for duties performed.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for supplemental appropriations. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-5:

**RESOLUTION 2017-5**

*A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township for Supplemental Appropriations*

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to renew the Green Springs Fire Department contract for \$7,000.00 a year. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-6:

**RESOLUTION 2017-6**

*A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township to Execute an Agreement with the Green Springs Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for Fire Protection Services for 2017, 2018 and 2019.*

Discussion took place on providing additional cash to the fire fund for payment to Green Springs Fire Department. The trustees advised that an advance should be made for the \$7,000.00 at this time with further assessment of the fire fund throughout the year.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to enter into an agreement for mutual aid with other townships in Sandusky County. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-7:

**RESOLUTION 2017-7**

*A Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Trustees to Execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Various Townships of Sandusky County, Ohio.*

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to renew membership in the Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion passed.

The trustees discussed participation in the ODAS program and took no action.

Purchase orders and checks for bills were signed by the trustees at this meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Stotz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr.Kusmer - Yes. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ellen K. Ickes, Fiscal Officer

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W. Robert Kusmer, Chairman