

**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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, along with Randal L. Strickler, Solicitor.

Mr. Kusmer asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the January 17, 2017 trustees' meeting. Mr. Geyer noted a correction needed to be made on page 2, paragraph 2, under Zoning Inspector Report, correcting the date of the trustees' public hearing for 528 Third Avenue to February 7 (not February 5). The correction was made and duly noted. It was moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, that the minutes of the January 17, 2017 trustees' meeting be approved as corrected. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Kusmer –Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; motion carried.

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

Total bills: .....\$ 69,922.64  
Total receipts: .....\$ 14,804.50  
Cash total: .....\$ 877,931.13

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A sign-in sheet was passed around and all present were requested to sign in (attached). Mr. Kusmer asked all present if there were any topics for discussion, and there were none.

**CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson**

Mr. Ferguson advised he has had discussion with Superintendent Bill Lagrou regarding the mausoleum at Oakwood Cemetery. A piece has come off of it due to water getting in behind the stone and freezing, popping the piece out. Mr. Ferguson advised that this needs to be sealed. Mr. Lagrou advised the mausoleum should be powerwashed and sealed this spring at least on the East side and the back side as they are the worst and don't get much sun. It has been a year or so ago since the mausoleum was last powerwashed.

A deed was signed for Gary/Cynthia Hartshorn at McGormley Cemetery, Section 16, Lot 15, Grave 3 and 4.

Mr. Lagrou discussed two veterans' graves with foundations that no one has paid for yet. Attempts to reach the contact persons with the phone numbers he has have not been successful. Discussion took place on having the VFW pay for these monument foundations. The township cost is \$25.00 and the VFW would be charged \$160.00. Following discussion, Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for the township to pay for the one for Kim Black's monument foundation. Upon a vote – Mr. Stotz- Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion passed.

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

A trustee's public hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. today for the re-zoning of 528 Third Ave.

Mr. Schwartz reported he had nothing new to report. Discussion took place on a recent inquiry on acreage, the number and size of lots.

The Zoning Inspector Report from February 7, 2017 was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

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

Mr. Wood reported that Christina Kuechle, State Scenic River Coordinator, will attend their meeting on Monday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Lagrou advised that Valley Electric will finish their work on the new lights in Conner Park as soon as they finish with another project.

He also stated that OSS grant was turned in January 28 for \$10,000 and he hopes to hear results around March 1 on the grant.

S & S will provide pricing on roofing for shelter houses, dugouts and restrooms in Conner Park.

Prices on new lights that will be needed in Conner Park have been received and will be more expensive than the ones the township previously purchased. A different supplier will need to be used, but the product will be the same. A tall pole is \$4,000 (previously \$3,600-3,700), and a bollard with lights will be \$2,600.

Ax Pro will be taking down the old poles – there are five of them. One will be taken down later once utilities are removed. Phil Klausz suggested cutting these poles into 6-8 foot lengths to re-use as posts/poles somewhere else.

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Bill Lagrou**

Ax-Pro has finished taking down trees and the nice weather has helped.

Cold-patching has been done on Buchanan, Martin, and Richard Drives. Mr. Lagrou stated that if any paving is to be done this year, to also patch the trenches on these roads. All yard work has been done on Buchanan. Mr. Stotz commented that it looks very nice.

Adkins Sanitation recently ran a camera through a tile for the township.



The new 2017 Kenworth will be here some time this week.

Republic Services asked about battery disposal and offered disposal for a fee. Mr. Lagrou advised that the township takes old batteries to Solid Waste for free. Kerry Wood added that Progressive Iron might pay for some of them.

Mr. Lagrou discussed paving projects this year and Issue II. Following discussion, it was decided to start the Issue II process with the following townships: Green Creek, Sandusky, Scott, Townsend, and York. Mr. Lagrou will ask the county engineer to do a road count before the end of the school year.

Mr. Kusmer advised that he is working on bid plans for Stahl Road drainage project.

Mr. Lagrou stated that the Poorman's Subdivision streets of St. Paul, Norbert Drive, Victor Drive, and St. Thomas Drive will be close to \$90,000 for milling and paving.

Buchman Road is in need of repair and milling and paving has been discussed for several years, in addition to Poorman's Subdivision that is also badly in need of repair. Mr. Lagrou will get prices from the county on both.

Training for employees was discussed. LTAP classes for work zone traffic control safety will be offered May 4 from 8:30 – 3:45 and Mr. Lagrou advised that the three full-time employees usually attend. The cost is \$50.00 per attendee. A brief discussion took place on whether part-time employees should also attend. Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to approve the three full time employees to attend. Mr. Lagrou will provide additional information as to openings and sign-ups.

Mr. Lagrou will also provide additional information on a two-day course for trenching and suggested that full-time employees Ken Hoffman and Bryan Myers attend.

The township will look into getting onto the county's road-stripping grant to stripe Baker and Rice Roads. Joining forces with the county is more cost-effective.

Ron's Truck and Trailer Repair has been purchased by Garner Trucking and they will continue to do work for the township.

Discussion took place on the sale of the International salter truck. Mr. Lagrou advised there has been some interest in purchasing it. He will advertise this in the Ohio Township Association magazine, a good resource for equipment, in the next issue in April and potentially sell in May by auction.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Ickes explained the payment to Perkins Township was for mileage to the Ohio Township Association Conference since Diane Schaefer, Perkins' fiscal officer, drove and had to go from Sandusky to Fremont (and back) to pick her up. This was cost-effective for Ballville Township and this payment represented Ms. Schaefer's out-of-the way miles.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Ickes advised that the unpaid taxes for the Southland Meadows detention pond are due February 10 and will not be paid per the trustees at the January 3, 2017 meeting. Mr. Kusmer advised that he is meeting with the Sandusky County Commissioners on Thursday, February 9 at 11:30 to discuss the ownership and taxes on it.

The township received a billing from Great Lakes Internet Service, per Mrs. Ickes. The trustees had previously voted not to pay any of their bills. This bill should not be paid and Mr. Kusmer will continue looking into this matter and advise.

Mrs. Ickes asked for a motion to renew participation in CareWorksComp for a group rating for workers' compensation premiums. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to participate. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried. The premium is due in May and payment will be made before that deadline.

The trustees reviewed the Sandusky County Auditor's CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY AUDITOR THAT THE TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM EACH FUND DO NOT EXCEED THE OFFICIAL ESTIMATE RESOURCES. Upon a motion by Mr. Stotz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, the trustees approved following a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for passage of the re-zoning of 528 Third Avenue from R1 Single Family Residential to LB Limited Business. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-ZA-1:

### **RESOLUTION 2017-ZA-1**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP RELATIVE TO THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF PARCEL NUMBER 10-04-26-0013-01 FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO LIMITED BUSINESS (LB)*

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for an advance of \$7,000.00 to make contractual payment to Green Springs Rural Volunteer Fire Department. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-8:

### **RESOLUTION 2017-8**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE THE SUM OF \$7,000.00, FROM FUND 1000, GENERAL FUND, TO FUND 2281, FIRE AND RESCUE, AMBULANCE AND EMS, FOR PAYMENT OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FROM GREEN SPRINGS RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT*

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for passage of permanent appropriations. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-9.



**RESOLUTION 2017-9**

*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO ADOPT PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENDITURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,842,611.76 FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017*

Trustees signed the 2016 Township Highway System Road Certification for 55.142 miles in Ballville Township. The original will be returned to the Sandusky County Engineer.

Discussion took place on maps of new tiles needing to be sent to the County Engineer.

The River Drive Lighting District Special Assessment Fund was discussed. Mr. Strickler will look into this since the assessments being collected do not cover the electric bills at this time.

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 6:40 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - 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