BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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 P. Stotz.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, that the minutes of the February 7, 2017 zoning meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Geyer –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, that the minutes of the February 7, 2017 Trustees' meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; motion carried.

Ellen Ickes, Fiscal Officer, provided printed financial reports to the trustees, and a financial report as follows:

Total bills: ..... $ 30,463.98

Total receipts: ..... $ 3,495.19

Cash total: ..... $ 854,901.55

It was 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. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; motion carried.

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

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson
Jack Ferguson had nothing to report.

Superintendent Bill Lagrou advised that the new Grasshopper mower has been delivered and the old one traded in.

Mr. Lagrou said cemetery cleanup will be between April 1 and April 15. This will be advertised in March in The News-Messenger, on Facebook, and by posting a notice(s).

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT
David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector, was not present. The Zoning Inspector Report from February 21, 2017 was entered into the township's meeting minutes. Mr. Kusmer followed up on a letter he had sent regarding maps and he advised that Brian Edwards of Tax Map office will be preparing maps for Regional Planning.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou, Kerry Wood, and Sue Babione
Mr. Wood presented two letters of interest from Roger and Christy Gooslin for the open alternate positions on the Parks Board, and they have fulfilled the requirement of attending three meetings. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to appoint Mr. & Mrs. Gooslin as alternates on the Parks Board. Upon a vote – Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; the motion passed. The fiscal officer will contact them regarding the appointments and provide necessary paperwork to them.

Christina Kuechle, State Scenic River Coordinator, was present for the February Parks Board meeting. Mr. Wood advised that due to pending litigation on the new park, the township will not be applying for grants at this time because of the uncertainty on the outcome of the litigation. Mr. Kusmer advised that Solicitor Strickler will be attending a meeting in a few weeks regarding the pipeline and the new park, and stated that a private fund for the new park might be possible.

Mr. Wood and Ms. Babione discussed two items regarding the Development Plan for Active Transportation, an updated plan of the 1991 plan for what was formerly known as the "bike trail". The first item was a letter of support in the form of a resolution that Ms. Babione presented to the trustees and requested passage at this meeting due to timing issues. Ms. Babione stated that if the township would want to apply for grants in the future, this would be a good supporting document.

The second item was regarding making Conner Park a hub in the development plan since the park would be a good location as a resting place in the overall plan. The Parks Board approved making Conner Park a hub since it has water, shelter and restrooms. There are several nearby places for purchasing food items, and Broken Paddle campground is close by. The plan is still evolving.

Mr. Wood said his only concern was that he didn't want Conner Park to turn into a "zoo". Discussion took place on safety concerns, the Ballville Bridge, and alternative routes and activities allowed on the new path.

Ms. Babione requested that the trustees and superintendent become involved in the planning process because of their extensive knowledge of the township.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for passage of a resolution in support of the Development Plan for Active Transportation. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-10:

RESOLUTION 2017-10
A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Ballville Township in Support of Sandusky County Development Plan for Active Transportation.

Mr. Kusmer will scan and send a copy of the resolution to Andy Brown at the Sandusky County Parks District.

Ms. Babione added that grants for the future (lighting, etc.) may be available for the township if it becomes a hub in the project.

Mr. Wood asked about the interest from the new park fund (over $400), and Mrs. Ickes advised that the interest for the new park fund has to revert to the General Fund per Ohio Revised Code. Now that the end of the year activities are over, she is looking into what needs to be done to transfer the interest from the General Fund into the new park fund. She added that the General Fund paid for a spray application last year for the new park in the amount of $600 or so, and there will probably be other expenditures from the General Fund for the new park.

Mr. Lagrou advised that S & S Builders and Excavating gave him an estimate for metal roofs for the shelter houses of $5,000 each. The quote includes roofing and eaves troughs. The metal roofs have a lifetime guarantee, and will match the buildings in the back. After discussion, Mr. Lagrou will seek other quotes.

The quote for metal roofs for the restroom in the front of Conner Park is $5,626; for the two dugouts the total is $2,377.

Mr. Wood expressed disappointment in the lighting project at Conner Park. A discussion took place on the difficulty in getting prices on the lighting project in the first place, making the bidding process difficult. The township is waiting for Valley Electric to finish the work.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Bill Lagrou
Mr. Lagrou went online and completed the Lowe's tax exempt form recently.

The township picked up the 2017 Kenworth on February 10 and the three year warranty started that day. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to approve the purchase of the "Go Light", cost of $450.00, for the Kenworth. This is a spotlight add-on, and was not included in the original pricing. This light goes out farther than the truck's headlights and can be remotely operated.

Several snow fences have been taken down.

S & S Builders submitted a quote of $26,939 to put a metal roof on the entire township house building.

Mr. Lagrou discovered that there is a galvanized pipe that is rotted on the bottom in Poorman's subdivision.

The township will do the millwork for road projects and keep the millings.

Carlos Baez of the Sandusky County Engineer's office is getting prices on roadwork in Poorman's subdivision, Lutz Street (Issue I project), and Buchman Road.

Mr. Lagrou met with a Verizon representative last week and the township is eligible for updated cell phones. Dropping the fourth phone (unused at this time) will be a $26 a month savings; dropping the insurance on the phones will be a savings of $21 a month. Mr. Lagrou will make these changes. He also discussed the timing of our payment due date so that the bill is received and able to be paid (signed at a meeting) before payment is due. Discussion took place on phone service and options.

OLD BUSINESS
Mr. Kusmer and Mr. Stotz recently spoke to the Sandusky County Commissioners about the Southland Detention Pond. Assistant Prosecutor Mark Mulligan is researching this. Mrs. Ickes provided a copy of a fence permit that was recently discovered by Zoning Inspector Schwartz. This Application for Zoning Certificate (#4189) was filed in August, 2001 by property owner KF Ventures. Copies were provided to the trustees and will be sent to Solicitor Strickler.

NEW BUSINESS
Mrs. Ickes advised that the Annual Financial Report was filed on February 11. She also purchased a new chair for her home office.

The January 31, 2017 Bank Reconciliation, 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 7:05 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes – Kusmer; 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