# BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
## BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
## TUESDAY, MARCH 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 P. Stotz, along with Randal L. Strickler, Solicitor.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, that the minutes of the February 21, 2017 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer –Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; motion carried.

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

Total bills: ..... $ 9,013.45

Total receipts: ..... $ 11,483.45

Cash total: ..... $ 853,624.70

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).

Ballville Volunteer Fire Department Chief Doug Crowell reported that the MARKS grant was not received; no one in Sandusky County received the grant. There are still two grants the fire department has applied for that they are waiting to hear on.

**CEMETERY BOARD REPORT** - Jack Ferguson and Superintendent Bill Lagrou
Mr. Ferguson stated that there needs to be clarification on the Veterans' Section of McGormley Cemetery as to who can be buried there. It was intended for two burials per plot - veterans and their spouses only. In some cemeteries, there are up to four burials on one plot. The Veterans' Section was meant to have a spouse buried next to a veteran, or the cremains of a veteran and spouse on one plot, but either way, just two burials. Mr. Lagrou advised the township needs to set a policy so the rules are clear on the Veterans' Section. Solicitor Strickler advised that a resolution would be needed to amend the cemetery rules and include the criteria to meet the definition of a veteran. Mr. Kusmer added that this clarification would preserve the dignity of each veteran. Only one stone is permitted per plot.



**ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT** - David Schwartz, Zoning Inspector
Mr. Schwartz was not present due to a personal conflict.

A resignation letter was received by the trustees tonight from David Schwartz. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to accept the resignation of Zoning Inspector Schwartz with regret. A search will begin for a new zoning inspector.

Mr. Kusmer suggested that the township advertise for the new zoning inspector with a deadline for resumes and letters of intent of April 3, before the first meeting in April. There is a preference for a Ballville Township resident. Job descriptions will be available on Facebook and at the township house.

An email from John Willey at Regional Planning was received by the trustees regarding the request from Mobilite to erect cell phone towers in the township.

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

**PARKS BOARD REPORT** - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood
Mr. Wood had nothing to report.

Mr. Lagrou advised the trustees that the Easter Egg Hunt was in the works. The Conner Park restrooms will be opened up after the necessary paperwork is filed with the EPA.

**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - Bill Lagrou
Prices are being sought for the metal roof replacement for the township hall.

The township has started to erect signs obtained through the 2016 Signs Grant. Mr. Lagrou advised that the county could add the township to its signs grant application this year since the township needs posts for the signs received from its 2016 grant. If the county would receive the grant, the township would make payment to the county for the posts.

Mr. Lagrou is obtaining prices on roads in the Poorman's Subdivision, Buchman Road, and Lutz School for Issue I funding.

A bill for the township's mowing of detention ponds at Southland Meadows and West Cole Road was given to Sandusky County by Mr. Lagrou. This was the last the year for the township to mow these detention ponds. Ditch Maintenance is now under the County Engineer's office and the county will be doing the mowing in the future.

The snow fence on Lewie Drive will be taken down soon, per Mr. Lagrou.

**OLD BUSINESS**
Mr. Kusmer advised that the copy of the fence permit for the Southland Meadows detention pond recently discussed was taken to Prosecutor Tim Braun's office to help determine who owns and is responsible for the Southland Meadows detention pond.

**NEW BUSINESS**
Mr. Kusmer advised that there is a resolution on the agenda for the construction of a storm sewer on Stahl Road and completion is expected by December 31, 2017. He has started the bid package and hopes to have prices by the second meeting in April. With the passage of the resolution, he expects to get signatures for the final three easements needed for the project to start.

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for the construction of a storm sewer project on Stahl Road. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-11:

**RESOLUTION 2017-11**
*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO CONSTRUCT A STORM SEWER BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STAHL ROAD DRAINAGE*

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for reallocations within the General Fund. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-12:

**RESOLUTION 2017-12**
*A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO REALLOCATE AMONG ACCOUNT LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND*

Solicitor Strickler requested the trustees enter into Executive Session regarding pending litigation. At 6:15 p.m., Mr. Geyer moved, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to enter into Executive Session. Upon a roll call vote, Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion carried and the trustees entered into Executive Session. Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to exit Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. Upon a roll call vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the trustees returned to regular session.

Regarding the new park pending litigation, Mr. Geyer moved, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to accept Gary Chudzinski's vacation of the easement to Kinder Morgan. Upon a vote, Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion carried. No other action was taken.

The February 28, 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 6:35 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. 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