BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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. Stotz, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion passed.

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

Total bills: ..... $ 9,597.27

Total receipts: ..... $ 13,931.78

Cash total: ..... $ 1,056,611.94

Mrs. Ickes noted that in the bills paid there was a net charge of $3.24 for IRS penalty/interest for payroll contributions that were not made until made after the township switched to UAN software in 2016.

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. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer –Yes; motion passed.

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

Township resident Gary Nossaman was present and advised he had no input for the meeting.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis
Mr. Gillis stated that the Cemetery Board semi-annual meeting was held today at noon. Topics of discussion included columbariums, no changes in pricing, and getting the veterans' flags out before Memorial Day.

After discussion, Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for the township to provide an aluminum plaque "burial marker" at a cost to the township of $150.00 in lieu of a headstone to be used for marking an indigent person's gravesite. The cost represents the plaque and the foundation for it. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion passed. Solicitor Strickler advised that he will prepare a resolution for the same.

Superintendent Lagrou followed up on the topic of an indigent burial situation that the township had been approached about for a township resident. The family of the deceased came forward and claimed the cremains, so the township is no longer involved in this matter.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector
The trustees welcomed Mr. Bain as the new zoning inspector. Dave Schwartz, former zoning inspector, has agreed to stay with the township until May 15 only for the purpose of working with Mr. Bain for this time period.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood
Mr. Wood advised that Valley Electric has returned to the lighting project in Conner Park.

Mr. Lagrou recently met with the company the new Conner Park lights came from. It was discussed that instead of getting more new poles that maybe the township should change to lights off the buildings and see if that puts out enough light. Mr. Lagrou will be speaking to a company in Tiffin that can provide loaner lights to test this first, and he is hoping this will be a cost-effective option instead of purchasing more light poles.

The "Cancer Walk" (American Cancer Society Relay for Life) will be held June 10 in Conner Park from 12 noon to midnight. Mr. Lagrou has been advised that the duration of the event might even be shorter next year. There will be fewer activities at the Cancer Walk this year, but there will still be the luminary ceremony. Solicitor Strickler advised that no resolution is needed for the township to be a sponsor for this event, and the township's contribution is the labor and other expenditures the township has for the event.

Prices for the metal roofs in Conner Park were discussed. It was suggested that the township purchase all of the metal needed now since the price will go up in June and the township will be roofing all three shelterhouses, two dugouts and the restroom building eventually.

Phil Klausz advised the township wants to make sure the metal will be from ridge to eave as one piece for less labor to install and no maintenance costs. Mr. Lagrou will double check that this is what the township will be getting.

Sunrise Cooperative has quoted the cost to spray Chudzinski/Johannsen Park to kill the weeds (spray application - $767.75) and then to plant a combination of new grasses ($2,294 for seed). Sunrise has suggested that the township use a driller to plant the seed. It would take three days to plant the seed with the township's six-foot wide equipment. After discussion, Mr. Lagrou will look into the cost of rental equipment for this, and he will also check with Todd Lindsey. Lindsey has made a request for the township to control the growth of weeds in the park to keep them from spreading to his property.

The lawsuit filed by Gary Chudzinski (Sandusky County Common Pleas Court Case 16 CV 273) in connection with the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park was dismissed in April. Solicitor Strickler advised that Mr. Chudzinski is seeking to be reimbursed for his attorney fees which are in the neighborhood of $20,000-25,000.

The easement for the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park was released back to the township. Discussion took place on the history of the park, the money that was received by the township which was earmarked for the park, and the funds used to account for this money. It was noted that Mr. Chudzinski had given his input for the park in the early phases of design.

Mr. Kusmer informed the other trustees that he was approached by Todd Lindsey, who has just purchased Mr. Chudzinski's property, including his home, about the township purchasing a woods on the property (map attached). Upon discussion, the trustees agreed that perhaps a strip of land owned by Mr. Lindsey would be useful in connecting Conner Park to the Chudzinski-Johannsen Park. No action was taken.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Bill Lagrou

Mr. Lagrou will be taking an online webinar later in May as required by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation since the township had an injury last year when a piece of concrete flew into an employee's eye. The cost of the webinar is $35.00.

A resident of Celek Drive has contacted the township with a complaint about a neighbor ruining the cul-de-sac when he snowplowed. Mr. Lagrou will contact the neighbor who caused the damage and see if he will fix it.

The only thing to finish the project on Richard Drive is to plant grass.

Adkins Sanitation has been at both Richard Drive and Finley Drive with cameras due to drainage problems there recently. Discussion took place on catch basins in those areas.

Rick Jenkins of 1560 Maple Lane has a very serious erosion problem on his property, and Mr. Lagrou and Mr. Kusmer went out to look this over. This matter will need to be corrected immediately by the township as it starts where the township has an easement between Mr. Jenkins and his neighbor. Water flowing from the township's easement causes the erosion issue for Mr. Jenkins. Alternatives were discussed on resolving the problem.

Mr. Lagrou advised that four sets of bids have gone out so far for the Stahl Road storm sewer project. The bids will be opened at the May 16 regular meeting of the trustees at 6:00 p.m.

The 1989 International truck will be sold for more than $2,500; therefore, a resolution will be needed for the advertisement and sale of the truck. The truck will also be advertised on the township's Facebook page and will be parked outside with the truck's information. The bid date will be determined at a later date. The minimum bid will likely be $7,000.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to have Mr. Strickler prepare a resolution to advertise for bids and to sell the 1989 International. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion passed. Once the resolution is passed, the township will then proceed with advertising the truck.

Jenny Kramer, of the west side of Taft Avenue, complained to Mr. Lagrou about the cost of trash removal by Republic Services in the township when the City of Fremont residents pay much less. Solicitor Strickler advised Mr. Lagrou to have Ms. Kramer contact Republic Services herself to resolve this matter.

Paving projects for this year were discussed, including Poorman's Subdivision and Buchman Rd. It now looks like Sandusky Township will not be repaving in Poorman's, so Ballville cannot go in with them as previously considered. The Maple Lane (Jenkins) project needs to be done as soon as possible. It was decided that the Poorman's Subdivision should be repaved all at once when it is repaved.

After the bids are received for the Stahl Road project and Maple Lane, the township will review any other possible projects for this year.

Next year's Issue I project deadline is in September. The total cost for the township's roadwork will be $44,000 for Lutz Road (Township Road 505). The township's share of that is $24,200, or 55% of the total.

Discussion took place on the purchase and storage of additional road salt. This winter was mild and the township still has road salt on hand, Mr. Lagrou advised it is good to have 450-500 ton available, and he suggested a purchase of 300 ton through the ODOT salt contract for next year. Salt was $32 a ton this year, and would probably be between $30 and $40 a ton next year.

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for participation in the ODOT winter road salt contract. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-18:

RESOLUTION 2017-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT WINTER CONTRACT (018-18) FOR ROAD SALT.

Discussion took place on the damage done to roads by Prince Pipeline, a subcontractor of Columbia Gas. They are replacing anodes and have cut the roads. They have been contacted about making the proper repairs to the roads.

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for the renewal of the Sandusky County Township Association and Ohio Township Association memberships for the three trustees (Geyer, Kusmer, and Stotz), fiscal officer (Ickes), Superintendent (Lagrou), and Zoning Inspector (Bain). Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion passed.

Mr. Kusmer stated that he has met with Mayor Danny Sanchez of the City of Fremont and discussed the Revenue Sharing Agreement that has been expired for several years with the City of Fremont. Sandusky Township's agreement is still in place with the city. Solicitor Strickler advised that Ballville's agreement with the city commenced in 1993 and was for 15 years. It was renewed for five additional years and, at the end of the five years, the city was not interested in renewing the agreement with the township.

A resolution would be needed for another agreement, and the same agreement could be used with current information. Mr. Kusmer will speak further with the city about this matter.

Regarding the Zimmerman property across Tiffin Road from the township house, Mr. Kusmer informed the trustees that the proposal he made of $8,000.00 an acre for 3-1/2 acres was rejected. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to authorize Mr. Kusmer to make an offer for three acres at $12,000 an acre for a total offer of $36,000. Upon a vote, Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; the motion passed.

Discussion took place on a complaint by Sharon Ohms about the migrant camp located at the northeast corner of Buchanan and McGormley Roads. This camp has not been used in several years and tire(s) and trash have been dumped out there. Zoning Inspector Dave Bain will look into this complaint.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
The April 30, 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 7:30 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz - 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