BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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.

Mr. Geyer requested a correction to the meeting minutes of May 16, 2017 on page 3, second paragraph, second sentence of the Zoning Inspector's Report. He requested that the word "is" be replaced with the words "may be", as follows: "Since the camp is not currently used, it **is may be** a township issue, not a Health Department issue." Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, that the minutes of the May 16, 2017 meeting be approved as amended. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz –Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; the motion carried.

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

Total bills: ..... $ 29,767.60

Total receipts: ..... $ 11,681.82

Cash total: ..... $ 1,057,657.29

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 carried.

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

Joshua Randel from Liamer was present and requested that the outside photos for the township's new web page, scheduled before tonight's meeting, be re-scheduled due to overcast skies. The new date is Wednesday, July 5, before the scheduled meeting, weather permitting.

Derek Sprouse of Sprouse Insurance was present to review the OTARMA property/casualty insurance policy for the township. The township switched to the Sprouse Agency as of the renewal date, which is today. He strongly recommends the cyber breach insurance for the township and will send an application for the same. Mrs. Ickes questioned whether the current $3 million liability coverage was adequate. Mr. Sprouse advised that was the lowest limit available, and that he will provide the liability limits carried by other townships, with their permission, to compare with the coverage other townships carry.

Chief Doug Crowell of the Ballville Volunteer Fire Department reported that they received $750.00 from the Elks Club, and this will be used toward the purchase of turnout boots.

Chief Crowell also discussed the April 5 fire on Roselawn, which resulted in the death of the homeowner. He advised that a check would be coming to the township in an approximate amount of $22,000-$25,000 until the property is cleaned up or repaired. Not much has been happening on this property. The homeowner's relatives are handling the matter.

Chief Crowell advised that a letter from the U.S. Department of Interior has been received stating that red dye will be put in the Sandusky River at the Ballville Dam sometime between June and September. Sensors placed every 1,000 feet will gather data, such as stream condition, flow, and temperature. The Emergency Management Agency is supposed to receive a 24-48 hour notice before the dye goes into the river, and residents are supposed to receive notice as well. Upon discussion, there was speculation that this has to do with monitoring sediment from the dam removal.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis
Mr. Gillis reported that the cemeteries looked good for the Memorial Day holiday, and extended thanks to Mr. Lagrou and the township work crew for a job well done.

Superintendent Lagrou stated that cleaning the mausoleum by pressure washing and sealing needs to be done, and will cost $5,000-$10,000. Black marks and rust need to be removed. Mr. Lagrou will have prices at the next meeting.

Mr. Lagrou told the trustees that there is a marble mausoleum plate that needs to be made smaller in order to fit.

Mr. Gillis asked about looking into a columbarium. Discussion followed.

McGormley Cemetery has concrete work that should be done in the future. Mr. Lagrou would like a barrier installed so that people don't drive around on the concrete that is part of the veteran's memorial. Anstead Construction is supposed to seal the concrete they installed last year, providing the labor for free, and the township will only be paying for the cost of sealer at the veterans' monument.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector
Mr. Bain reported that there were 8 zoning permits issued since May. Potential violations were discussed. He reviewed the June 6 Zoning Inspector Report with the trustees.

Regarding the migrant camp at Buchanan and McGormley, Solicitor Strickler advised that whoever owns it needs to clean it up. Martha Bowen of the Sandusky County Health Department is to get back with Mr. Geyer on his inquiries about this property. Fire Chief Crowell stated that he had discussed a controlled burn with the owner a few years ago.

The Zoning Inspector Report from June 6 was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood
Mr. Wood advised that there will be a Parks Board meeting next week.

The 21st annual Cancer Walk (American Cancer Society Relay for Life) will be held at Conner Park this Saturday, June 10. Mr. Lagrou advised that the hot food permit has been obtained and things are ready to go. He requested that the trustees and the Parks Board members be present for the opening.

Mr. Lagrou stated that he received a bill from Valley Electric for $4,173.75 for work done on the lighting project at Conner Park, but not all of the work has been done. Tom Hoffman has been hard to reach, and has not returned phone calls and requests to call Mr. Lagrou to discuss this invoice. Mr. Kusmer advised the township would not be paying anything until the issue is resolved. Mr. Lagrou was directed to tell Mr. Hoffman more detail is needed on the costs on the invoice, and that he needs to speak to either Mr. Lagrou or Mr. Kusmer before the township agrees to pay their invoice(s) for this work.

Mr. Lagrou advised he did have Valley Electric replace a light bulb at Conner Park as a separate matter, and it should not cost more than $150.

Steel for the metal roofing in Conner Park arrived today, per Mr. Lagrou.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Bill Lagrou
Mr. Lagrou advised that Northern Ohio Rural Water has run a water line from CR 181 to the first house on CR 168.

A homeowner on Timpe Road complained that there was a waterfall gushing in the basement of the home recently. Mr. Lagrou advised that there is a storm sewer tile under the basement of the home. The homeowner said this was not disclosed by the previous owner at the time the home was purchased. After brief discussion, the township has no plans to make any changes.

Mr. Lagrou will be getting permits out tomorrow for ditch closing permits on CR 31.

A budget projection for the next ten years was briefly discussed and is being worked on by Mr. Kusmer. Mr. Lagrou stated that Poorman's Subdivision should be done next year although the township's roads are still good. St. Paul Drive is the worst as it gets a lot of traffic and has been cut several times. Pavement prices have dropped.

Mr. Kusmer advised the township will keep the millings from roads and use them in the parks and for future development.

River Run area residents have complained about the mowing of the Corfman property and grass being blown onto the road. Solicitor Strickler advised a letter should be sent stating that this is a safety issue. A brief discussion took place on mowing in the township's right-of-way.

Mr. Lagrou has looked into purchasing safety harnesses and pigtails from Contractors Equipment. He has priced three different sizes that will cost $558.18. The OTARMA MORE grant will reimburse $500.00 toward this purchase of safety equipment.

Brush drop-off at Universal Farms for township residents will be Monday, July 3 and Wednesday-Friday, July 5-7 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm, and on Saturday, July 8 from 8:00 am-12:00 noon. Mr. Lagrou will advertise this in the newspaper.

The county has asked the township to mow the detention ponds on Cole Rd., and also Southland Meadows. The township has charged the county $50.00 an hour in the past, and it costs the county $54.00 an hour to mow. The trustees would like Mr. Lagrou to discuss a barter system with the county for mowing the detention ponds and report back.

Mr. Kusmer has called Assistant Prosecutor Mark Mulligan regarding the Southand Meadows detention pond ownership matter, but has not received a call back from him.

Mr. Lagrou sent an email to Carlos Baez of the county engineer's office about the striping program.

Mr. Lagrou advised that he will not be in attendance at the June 20 trustees' meeting. He requested overtime authorization for Ken Hoffman to be paid to attend and report to the trustees at this meeting. Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to pay Mr. Hoffman overtime to report to the trustees for the June 20 trustees' meeting. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to declare that the 1990 International truck was no longer needed by the township, and could be sold. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-21:

RESOLUTION 2017-21
A RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT ONE 1990 INTERNATIONAL 4900 DUMP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW OWNED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP, OHIO, IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR TOWNSHIP PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE SAME

The River Drive Lighting Assessment was discussed and Mr. Lagrou will look into LED lighting for reduced costs.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for a reallocation of funds. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Kusmer – Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; as Resolution 2017-22:

RESOLUTION 2017-22
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO REALLOCATE AMONG ACCOUNT LINE ITEMS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND AND MOTOR VEHICLE TAX FUND

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for repayment of the advance made to the fire fund earlier in the year. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-23:

RESOLUTION 2017-23
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO REPAY $7,000.00 ADVANCED TO FUND 2281 FIRE AND RESCUE, AMBULANCE AND EMS FUND FROM FUND 1000 GENERAL FUND IN RESOLUTION 2017-8

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for an amendment to the indigent burial guidelines. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Kusmer - Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-24:

RESOLUTION 2017-24
A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE GUIDELINES FOR INDIGENT INTERNMENTS IN CEMETERIES OWNED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 517.06

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, for an amendment to the resolution recently passed regarding veterans' burials and spouses in veterans' plots in McGormley Cemetery. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Kusmer – Yes; as Resolution 2017-25:

RESOLUTION 2017-25
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP AMENDING RESOLTION NUMBER 2017-15 RELATIVE TO THE INTERNMENT OF VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES IN VETERAN'S PLOTS IN MCGORMLEY CEMETERY

Mrs. Ickes shard a thank you note with the trustees from Jon Leemaster for the flowers sent at the time of his mother's recent passing.

Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation is seeking donations, per Mr. Kusmer. It was discussed that the township will not participate in the pledging of funds, but will continue with donations as in the past when possible.

Mr. Kusmer updated the trustees on the revenue sharing agreement with the City of Fremont. It will be a 15 year agreement with an optional five year renewal, as before. The city has drafted the document. In the course of discussion, personal property taxes are better for the township than income taxes, and there is clarification needed for the cost of lighting as far as installation and/or monthly costs for bills. Solicitor Strickler will provide notes on needed clarifications and email the changes to Mr. Kusmer, including sources of revenues for each payment. Mr. Kusmer has a meeting June 20 with Mayor Danny Sanchez, who is working together with Ballville and Sandusky Township on this.

Brad Lawrence stopped in at the end of the meeting and dropped off an Elks Club Flag Day ceremony invitation.

The May 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 8:25 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