BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES – REGULAR MEETING
BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP HOUSE
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman David P. Stotz with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was Trustee Richard A. Geyer.

Moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, that the minutes of the July 5, 2017 meeting be approved as written. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz –Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; the motion carried.

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

Total bills: ..... $ 45,583.09

Total receipts: ..... $ 7,734.41

Cash total: ..... $ 1,019,928.85

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

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

Gary and Brenda Coonrod of 1980 Buckland Avenue were present and advised that they had several concerns as township residents. Mr. Coonrod recalled an incident several years ago when he had $150 stolen from him after he let a man in the house who came to his door selling something. The man had just been released from prison, as he later found out. He requested protection for township residents regarding unannounced solicitors. It was mentioned that the City of Fremont does not allow solicitors. Superintendent Lagrou advised that soliciting within the township has to be cleared by the Sheriff's Department and notification is provided daily, including the locations targeted and identifying information about the solicitor/company and vehicles they will be driving.

Mr. Coonrod stated that they are next-door neighbors of the American Legion on Buckland Avenue that is up for sale. He said raccoons are getting into the garbage. Later in the meeting, Jack Ferguson, who is involved with the American Legion, told Mr. Coonrod it has been a while since the dumpster was dumped and he will see that it is dumped soon.

Someone on Martin has been shooting off large fireworks around 10:00-10:30 at night. Mr. Coonrod reported there are problems with residue from the fireworks on their vehicles. After discussion, Mr. Coonrod advised that the Sheriff's Department contacted the person who was shooting the fireworks.

Israel "Bud" Book was present to ask the trustees several questions regarding calling cards he has been receiving from the Zoning Inspector about mowing his grass and a truck parked on his property. Mr. Geyer advised Mr. Book that the township has a resolution that "junk" vehicles cannot just sit out - that is, vehicles that are more than three years old, inoperable, and have no current license plate.

Mr. Book stated that he has had some very serious health issues and was unable to take care of things for a while. He has purchased a mower and has mowed his grass. Trustee Stotz told him that the trustees were glad he came to the meeting, and that he has done a good job with the mowing. Mr. Book also advised that he was trying to fix the truck up, get some plates on it, and sell it. Mr. Stotz told Mr. Book the Zoning Inspector was just doing his job with the notices, and that the township will work with Mr. Book to get the issues resolved.

Another question Mr. Book had was regarding County Auditor Jerri Miller and the Sandusky County Health Department because his neighbor (Miller) had complained about his grass. The Health Department informed Mr. Book there was nothing they could do about this.

Mr. Book then brought up the township mowing his grass in the past. He saw a mower in his yard and someone mowing his grass. Two days later his back yard grass was cut, and this time the trees were trimmed. Then the county notified him that he owed $675 for this. Mr. Book asked if the township sent someone to cut the grass. Rodents on the property were discussed, and Mr. Lagrou stated that brush was also picked up when the township mowed the property.

Mr. Book told Mr. Lagrou they got carried away and destroyed $3,000-$4,000 of shrubs, as estimated by a landscaper. Mr. Lagrou advised that they pulled brush and dead wood in trees. Discussion took place, and Mr. Lagrou will provide him a breakdown from Ax-Pro regarding the landscaping cleanup work that was done.

Mr. Stotz encouraged Mr. Book to keep things up on the property. Mr. Book said that it had been his health issues that kept him from taking care of things. He wants to work with the township and has purchased two electric chain saws and a tractor/trailer to keep the property maintained.

Zoning Inspector Bain asked Mr. Book to keep him updated on the status of the truck, and Trustee Geyer suggested either getting it fixed or putting it in the garage. Mr. Lagrou advised that he will get the documentation to Mr. Book that he requested. The trustees thanked him for coming to the meeting. Mr. Book then left the meeting.

CEMETERY BOARD REPORT - Jack Ferguson and Jim Gillis
Mr. Gillis reported that everything looks good. A columbarium should be considered, and this will be discussed at the Cemetery Board's semi-annual meeting in the Fall.

Superintendent Lagrou informed the trustees that there were two cremations yesterday, one last week, and a full burial is scheduled for tomorrow.

Two deeds were signed by the trustees for McGormley Cemetery:
#1773 – Gerald/Barbara Miller: Section 2, Lot 15, Graves 5 and 6
#1774 – David Lersch, Section 16, Lot 14, Grave 2

Mr. Lagrou has received a quote from Lee Potter of Fremont Waterblasting, and is waiting on a quote from Binsack, for cleaning the mausoleum at Oakwood Cemetery.

The Oakwood mausoleum was discussed. Two crypts were sold last year, and one more is going to be sold. Mr. Lagrou advised that the crypt cover they had problems with now fits. Discussion took place regarding the movement of materials within the mausoleum, and sealing the crypts with concrete.

PARKS BOARD REPORT - Bill Lagrou and Kerry Wood
Mr. Wood told the trustees that the Parks Board has recently had a meeting, and they are ready to move forward on the new park by making plans for the Fall.

S & S Builders will be re-roofing the Eagle Nest shelter with the metal roof soon. Mr. Wood added that they would like to re-roof another shelter this year if the budget allows.

Superintendent Lagrou stated that Valley Electric has completed all the work on the lighting in Conner Park and should be paid the 10% from the first bill (the township withheld 10%) and the revised bill that they just submitted.

Discussion took place on the lights in Conner Park, and also how much use the tennis courts get.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT - David Bain, Zoning Inspector
Mr. Bain reviewed the Zoning Inspector Report from July 18, 2017, which was entered into the township's meeting minutes.

Mr. Bain will follow up with Assistant County Prosecutor Mark Mulligan on some of the problem properties.

Superintendent Lagrou would like to talk to Devin Gillmor before going onto his property to mow. Mr. Bain has provided several notices, including certified mail, regarding this. Costs of the mowing were discussed.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Bill Lagrou
S & S started the Stahl Road drainage project on Morrison Road last week.

Everything is OK after the high water from the recent heavy rains – 8-1/2 inches between Monday and Friday last week. Adkins Sanitation needs to come in and unplug the old, clay tile on Morrison. The township had to shut down the usual roads that have high water – township roads 37, 43, and 15.

M & B Asphalt had to hold off on their work on the crossovers due to the high water.

The township had planned on submitting Lutz Street for the Issue I project for next year, but Mr. Lagrou questioned if the township should repave it since a new Lutz Elementary School building is slated there for construction in the near future and the construction process would be hard on the road. He would like the trustees to consider changing the township's Issue I project to East Cole Rd. from Morrison to Buchanan, which is .45 miles. The total cost would be $33,750 with the township's share being $20,000. To consider Cole Road from Tiffin to Morrison, .8 miles, the total cost would be $60,000. This was last repaved more than 12 years ago.

Mr. Lagrou suggested changing the Issue I project from Lutz Street to E. Cole Road from Morrison to Buchanan to keep the costs similar to the Lutz project. Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, to change the Issue I project to E. Cole Road from Morrison to Buchanan. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; the motion carried. Mr. Lagrou will contact Carlos Baez at the County Engineer's office to do a traffic study and get a price for this stretch of Cole Road for the Issue I project.

Superintendent Lagrou further advised that he is looking into a sinkhole on Lutz Street.

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
Mr. Lagrou advised that Pat Nepper, wife of employee Bob Nepper, passed away today. Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to send flowers. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer – Yes; the motion carried.

Mr. Stotz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Geyer, that the township certify its approval of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation claim for employee Craig Riehl. Upon a vote, Mr. Geyer – Yes; Mr. Stotz – Yes; the motion carried.

Mr. Geyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stotz, for approval of the 2018 tax budget. The motion passed following a roll call vote: Mr. Stotz – Yes; Mr. Geyer - Yes; as Resolution 2017-29:

RESOLUTION 2017-29
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BALLVILLE TOWNSHIP TO APPROVE THE 2018 TAX BUDGET.

Purchase orders and checks for bills were signed by the trustees at this meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Geyer, seconded by Mr. Stotz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Upon a vote, Mr. Stotz - Yes; Mr. Geyer – 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