

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
February 10, 2015

The German Township Trustees met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Drive, Springfield, Ohio. The meeting is called into order by Mr. Rodney Kaffenbarger, President.

Roll Call: Mr. Clark – present; Mr. Metzger – present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present

Other Township Personnel present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Mark Bevan and Dave Brown, Maintenance Department; Karina Emory, Secretary, and Lind Mader.

Visitors: Doug Smith for Companion Life Insurance

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer Report:

- A. Motion to correct the minutes of January 13, 2015 to reflect that an error was found in the reorganizational minutes December 30, 2014; Mr. Robert Clark was nominated and voted in as Vice President:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – All
- B. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected for January 13, 2015:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – All
- C. Motion to approve the checks issued: January 13 through February 15, 2015:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All
- D. Motion to receive the January 2015 Financial Reports from the Fiscal Officer:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – All
- E. Motion for the Fiscal Officer to attend the Annual Local Government Officials Conference in Columbus:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – All

Hearing of the Public:

Mr. Doug Smith represents our Companion Life Insurance. Our Companion Life Insurance is part of the package that Clark County has covering their employees. They recently increased their coverage from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Mr. Smith would like to know if the Township is interested in increasing the coverage they offer with Companion Life to the \$20,000 level for all eligible employees at an additional cost of \$1.90 per person for a 3 year contract.

- F. Motion to increase the Companion Life Insurance to \$20,000 for all elected officials and full time employees, the cost to be paid by the Township:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

Zoning Report:

Mr. Degenhart stated he has attended several meetings concerning the Upper Valley Mall. The mall is in a real estate trust. It is being managed by PNC Bank. There is a possibility it could be resold again within the next 6-9 months. PNC Bank, The Upper Valley Mall, The Chamber of Commerce, and German Township are all working together concerning this property. One of the main barriers of the property is there are three separate owners, Sears, Macys, and the Mall. Sears has stated that they plan on staying. We will need to take the matter to the Clark County Commissioners to see if they can help fund a development plan for this important business corridor in our Township.

Police Chief, Mike Stitzel, has been a good asset for mall contacts and in providing traffic counts for the area. Need to develop a policy as to what may be interested in the mall area.

Pike Township has requested Mr. Degenhart's help in developing Zoning.

Fire Report:

- G. Motion to approve a one year service contract for the Zoll monitors at a cost of \$760.00; and to approve the purchase of 3 - IV Pulls for the new cots at a total cost of \$598.00:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

Chief Holman notified the Trustees that we have a new Medical Director – John Casey – from the Springfield Regional Center.

Chief Holman has requested the final draw down of the funds For the FEMA fire grant; we will still have to pay our portion which is 5%.

The State EMS grant for \$3750.00 will be utilized towards the costs of the cots.

2014 Fire & EMS Statistics:

- Total number of calls: 1772 - this is an increase from 2013 total calls of 1701
- Fire calls: 400 EMS calls: 1372
- Total patient transports to hospital : 1129
- The number of times we had two or more EMS units out at the same time: 207
- Calls for Mad River Township, Champaign County : 118

Thank you to everyone for the Fire Department Annual Banquet. It was a success.

Police Report:

Chief Stitzel received information concerning our radio licensing. Chief Holman will check on them to be sure everything is current.

The speed trailer has been used in several locations throughout the Township and provides valuable information. Westbound cars traveling on State Route 41 recorded 1539 vehicles traveling per day, of those over 57 of those vehicles were recorded over the posted speed limit. The number of vehicles traveling on Lawrenceville Drive was 2730 cars per day. In an 18 day period, of the cars traveling east on Lawrenceville Drive 742 cars were traveling over 45 mph; and 230 cars traveling over 55 mph. The posted speed is 35mph. This shows the need for patrolling in these areas.

Chief Stitzel is also concerned about the growing epidemic of Heroin overdoses throughout the Township.

2014 Police Statistic:

- Total number of dispatched calls: 3237 - this is up 8.4% from 2013 of 2965 calls
- Traffic citations: 2015 – this is down -3.13% from 2014
- Traffic Warning: 1222 – this is up 28.23% from 2014
- 911 hang ups - 270
- Thefts – 231
- Crashed – 196
- Suspicious vehicles/person – 144
- Domestic Violence – 103
- Burglaries – 52
- Warrant arrests – 84
- Telephone harassment – 28
- Threats/menacing – 42
- EMS/Fire assists – 106
- Vandalism – 39
- Assaults/Fights -35
- Stolen vehicles – 10
- Suicide/attempted – 26
- Miscellaneous – 1068
- Generated paper report – 706

The Police Department vehicle fleet is getting worse, recently had 2 ball bearings go out and the 2008 transmission is in need of repairs. Need to look to replacement of those vehicles. Chief Stitzel presented quotes for the trustees, and his recommendation was for the a 2015 Dodge Charger AWD Police Cruiser package \$ 25313.00, new up fitting of inside equipment totaling \$ 5450.00, and markings at a cost of \$250.00. Mr. Metzger stated he believes the SUV is a better fit for the Township rather than the Dodge Charger. Discussion.

H. Motion was made to purchase the 2015 Dodge charger AWD Police Cruiser package, with new up fitting and markings: total cost \$31013.00.:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark

Roll Call: Mr. Metzger: No; Mr. Clark: Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger: Yes Motion Carried.

- I. Motion to hire Mr. Daniel Burton as an auxiliary police officer:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

Mr. Burton was sworn in by Police Chief, Michael Stitzel.

Chief Stitzel reported we have received the body cameras. The officers are to wear them when they are in uniform. Training has been provided.

Maintenance Report:

The police department was requested to give the township office copies of any reports that have damage done to township property, in order to collect damages.

The Gledhill situation has been resolved.

Mr. Clark will be working with Mark and Dave to complete a requirement of our EPA NPDES Stormwater Permit by locating and mapping drainage basins and outlets.

- J. Motion to approve the Hominy Ridge drainage repairs of \$600.00:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – All

Old Business:

- K. Motion to have North Willow Cleaning provide cleaning services twice a month to clean all public usage areas; Entrances – Hallways – Bathrooms – Meeting room; at a cost of \$83.00 per cleaning for a monthly cost of \$166.00.- and to charge half the cost to the Township General Fund and half the cost to the Police Department Fund:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

- L. Motion to table Cemetery Mowing until further information is collected.

Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes – All

The Fiscal Officer presented her opinion on how she would divide up the Fiscal Officer and Secretary Salary and benefit. After discussion, the Department Chiefs and Trustees settled on the following: The Township Fund will keep 50% of the costs; Maintenance Department - 14%; Fire Department up to \$20,0000; and Police Department none due to their tight budget.

The Insurance and the Insurance funding plan was brought up again. Need to talk with the Insurance Company to set up a meeting.

- M. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes – All

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees

Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

Recorded in the
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Mr. Clark, Vice President

Charles Metzger, Member

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer