

**German Township Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2013**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office at 3940 Lawrenceville Drive, Springfield, Ohio. The meeting is called into session by Charles Metzger, President.

Roll Call: Mr. Erlewine – present; Mr. Kaffenbarger - present; Mr. Metzger – present; Mr. Erlewine– present. Other Departments present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer: George Degenhart, Zoning: Tim Holman, Fire Chief; and Mike Stitzel, Police Chief.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2013 and March 29, 2013:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to approve the checks issued March 12, 2013 through April 9, 2013;

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to receive the financial reports:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Hearing of the Public:

Joy McDaniel is here representing owners along Mad River who are against the proposed Scenic River designation of Recreational for Mad River. She stated her views and left information for the trustees to review. Also present and against the Scenic River designation were Larry and Matthew Berner, David Stephens, and Dale Gentry. There was a discussion between those present and the trustees addressing their concerns. The trustees concluded that the approval the trustees allowed previously was just to allow the study of the river and that with their approval was the understanding that the designation would not have a negative impact on the properties along the river. Due to the concerns of the property owners along the river the trustees made the following motion: Motion to rescind our support of the proposed Scenic River designation for Mad River.

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Zoning:

Mr. Degenhart read a resolution that is needed by Community Development to continue with the AG Demolition Grant. The 3 resolutions are to approve the demolition of property which must be obtained before any structures can be torn down. Appeals to this decision will be heard on May 14, 2013 at the Twp meeting:

- i. 4177 St. Paris Pike – PCN 02-00014-202-001
- ii. 4760 Upper Valley Pike – PCN 02-00009-000-031
- iii. 3935 St. Paris Pike – PCN 02-00008-101-001

One of the property owners, Ty Peshek, spoke concerning the resolution and that he had not been informed that this was to be brought up at today's township meeting. Due to questions that were raised, a motion was made to table the matter until questions were resolved:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

A concern has been brought to Mr. Degenhart's attention concerning the City of Springfield trying to force businesses along Upper Valley Pike to sign a Development Incentive Agreement by notifying them their water will be shut off if they don't sign. Per Mr. Degenhart, the County Prosecutor's Office has refused to read the letter. A copy of the letter was also given to Simon Properties, (Upper Valley Mall). They plan on forwarding this to their attorney.

Fire:

Request to allow The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure to use the facilities at the township as a stop on bicycle tour. The Fire Association has done this in the past and is willing to work with the group again. They are here Sunday, June 16 between 6:30 am to 11:00 am and the association provides breakfast as a fund raiser. Motion to allow The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure to use the facilities at the township:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Chief Holman had a meeting with the Sheriff concerning the 911 system and the Active Shooter program. The Sheriff's department is looking forward to working with our local departments in this program. Chief Holman will continue to work at developing a template for the program and begin training with local departments at the mall and the school.

Motion to approve supplies for the fire department as follows:

Replace EZ-10 Needles	\$ 900.00
6- ABA Level IIIA Tactical Vests	\$3,400.00
6 Ballistic Helmets	\$2,800.00
6 Medical Thigh Packs	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$1,800.00
Less a donation by the Fire Association of	\$2,500.00
Total expenses to come out of the EMS Fund:	\$6,900.00

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

The Fire Department is to do a controlled burn on a barn for Dave Mabry on Hominy Ridge Road.

Police:

Chief Stitzel requested that a road study be done on the roads in subdivisions. We must have this study done in order to properly set speed limits and sign placements. It takes approximately 30-90 days to do the study. The county engineer's department will do the work, and will not cost us anything.

Motion to do the speed studies any of the sub- divisions where necessary;

Motion: Mr. Erlewine 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes – all

Officer Jason Shawver has tendered his resignation due to obligations from his fulltime career.

German Township Police are now participating in the Prescription Drug Box program. Any one may drop off prescription drugs into this box during business hour Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon or by special appointment. They will be properly catalogued, weighed, and destroyed as required.

Maintenance:

Information is available for anyone interested in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Chief Holman would like to inform the trustees that the Maintenance Department has continued to burn brush. There have been complaints from the citizens of the Lawrenceville area. Burning without a permit could cost the township up to a \$7,000 fine. Trustees are to speak with maintenance.

New Business:

Motion to allow up to \$250.00 to be spent on improvement of the grounds around the new township building:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to allow secretary, Rosemary Naulty, to attend the Dayton Region Economic Development Forum on behalf of the Township on April 19, 2013 at a cost of \$50.00:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Dave Foster, Foster Janitorial Services requested to be able to change the hours he cleans our building to late evening or night time. The Police department has several concerns with him being in the office when no one is there due to sensitive information and access to chief's office is limited. Mr. Foster also presented quotes for cleaning the floors and carpeting. Trustees are going to table this cost until the township LGS Reconciliation is finished.

Andrew Pickering, Clark County Prosecutor's Office, was here to answer trustee questions concerning insurance. Whatever insurance coverage was made available by resolution to the trustees when they last took office – Charles Metzger 2010 – Rod Kaffenbarger 2012- is what they are allowed to have. If the resolution did not give them options, but stated a certain plan and cost, then that is what they are allowed by ORC. The resolution at the beginning of 2013 in which the trustees designated the township to pay 95%, the employee 5% of insurance costs is in effect for all paid employees and for the appointed officials that took office in January. Mr. Metzger and Mr. Kaffenbarger are not required to pay the 5% because you cannot force a change in benefits midterm. However, they can voluntarily take out the 5%.

Aaron Rourke from Rivers Unlimited – a river conservation group- was here to offer a pro stance on the Scenic River proposed designation of Recreational for Mad River. He stated his views and left information for the trustees to review.

The next meeting will be an evening meeting on May 14, 2013.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees:

Charles Metzger, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Robert Erlewine, Member

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Record of Proceedings
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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer