

**German Township Trustees
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2013**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.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. 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:

A Motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013 and April 23, 2013 was on the floor when Mr. James Heath, Attorney for Mr. Ty Peshek, stated he would be recording this meeting. He then submitted a document (see attached Exhibit A) which he requested be recorded in the April 9th minutes, which he then read. No amendment to change the April 9th meeting minutes as submitted by Mrs. Griest was proposed, the motion on the floor still stands.

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

Motion to approve the checks issued April 09, 2013 through May 13, 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

Motion for a resolution to approve the following:

- i. Increase 1000 General Fund – Transfers out appropriations for \$16,410.81
- ii. Increase 2111 Fire Fund for Principal Retirement and Interest expenses for a total of \$102,000.
- iii. Decrease Fire Fund appropriations for costs moving to 2281 EMS Charges
- iv. Reallocate 2281 EMS Charges appropriations to eliminate the capital outlay budgets and create new ones for wages, fringes, contractual services and materials/supplies.
- v. Eliminate all 4901 Capital Fire appropriations

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

Motion for a resolution to transfer the \$16, 410.81 from the General Fund to 4901 Capital Fire fund:

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

Motion to submit the certificate of ending balances to Clark County Auditor for a revised Amended Certificate of Estimate Resources: Including a letter that changes will be forthcoming in revenues and appropriations.

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

Motion to split out the EMS costs for year to date 2013 in 2111 Fire Fund and to reallocate that amount to 2281 EMS Charges:

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

Motion to extend the contract with Local Government Services for an additional 10 hours at \$50.00 an hour if needed to finish:

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

Motion to move \$1360.05 in Police Fund 2081 from other expenses to workers compensation:

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

Motion to move \$1072.69 in Fire Fund 2111 from Equipment repairs and maintenance to workers compensation:

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

Levy information will be discussed at the next Township meeting.

Hearing of the Public

Mr. Charles Patterson, Health Commissioner, Clark County Combined Health District, spoke concerning the Tremont City Landfill and Barrel Fill sites. The EPA has changed its position on the process of how to clean up the Barrel Fill site. The new process – alternative 9A - does not fully address the problem. The concern is that solid wastes and untreated solid hazardous wastes are proposed to be re-disposed at the site. He is requesting the Trustees join him and others in sending a letter to US Representative John Boehner concerning this matter. Trustees agreed they were willing to sign the letter. Clark County Commissioner, John Lohnes, also suggested a letter be sent to Senator Portman who will be in the area on Monday.

Commissioner Lohnes spoke concerning the proposed formation of a County Wide Single Communication Center for dispatching emergency services. In an effort to make the 911 Dispatch services for the City of Springfield, Clark County and surrounding cities, villages, and townships more efficient, quicker, and cost effective they are looking into combining all dispatch services. The Dispatch center would be run through a Council of Governments which will include representation from each form of government. They are currently looking at different models on how this will work and be funded.

Zoning Department

Mr. Degenhart reported that the AG Grant is benefiting both owners and neighbors. With Clark County leading the process of the AG Grant it has also benefited the Township.

Motion to rescind resolution 04232013C pertaining to the AG grant structure removal of 4177 St. Paris Pike:

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

Mr. Health, representing Mr. Peshek, wanted the trustees to specify the reason the trustees were rescinding the resolution 04232013C. Mr. Metzger stated it was based on a recommendation from our legal counsel. Mr. Andrew Pickering from the Clark County Prosecutors Office presented information on the grant process and what was done. His recommendation to the trustees was - if an owner did not want to go forward with the grant that the trustees rescind the resolution.

Joann Huenke of 3935 St. Paris Pike who also has a property under the AG Grant stated she was proceeding to demolition and not contesting the removal of the structure. However, she has had several issues: the lack of communication with Tom Hale, Community Development: no notification of inspections or when someone is to be on her property; workers hired by contractors entering here property for non work related reasons and removing item from her property. She has filed complaints with Township Police Department. Chief Stitzel of the German Township Police Department verified that there have been several incidents and they are being reviewed. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he would talk to Mr. Hale to try to get a time line on the demolition.

Mr. Metzger stated that there is another property owner, Terry Oakes, who would like to apply for the AG Grant. His information will be forwarded to Community Development.

Fire Department

In order to provide faster care for critical cardiac patients, Chief Holman request s to purchase EMS cell phones with Data plans from Verizon wireless for each EMS squad to be able to send patient data to the hospital. Cost is \$140 per month. Motion to approve the purchase of the Verizon data plans and phones for the EMS Squads:

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

At Station 78 one of walls is deteriorating and now is movable. One of the wall support beams needs to be repaired and/or braced. Quote from Scanlon Construction is \$42.-00 per hour plus parts. Motion to approve the repairs using Scanlon Construction:

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

Chief Holman would like to replace the concrete apron in back of Station 78. Received two quotes: Scanlon Construction \$5296.00 for 22x25 6" thick ; Miller Construction \$3832.00 for 28x21 6" thick
Motion to have Miller Construction replace the concrete apron for \$3832.00:

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

Police Department

Chief Stitzel requested permission to put up steel poles in the green areas in front of the township to accommodate banners that advertise safety campaigns in which the Police Department will be participating, such as: Ticket or Click It, No Drinking and Driving, No Texting etc... All trustees were in agreement to allow.

Officer Sarah Hoover has resigned as of Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Motion to promote Officer Jeremy Blum to Sergeant with an increase of pay by \$1.00 an hour, to be effective for the payroll beginning May 27, 2013:

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

Motion to hire Danni Lee Hiles as an auxiliary Police Officer:

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

Chief Stitzel had the honor of swearing in Officer Hiles.

The Police and fire Department joint training for active shooter will be held at the school on Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 11am to 4pm. There will also be a training held at the fellowship Christian Church.

Resident Sue Bevan asked Chief Stitzel if all the police officers live in the Township. His response was no. Ms. Bevan then inquired if the police cars are allowed to leave the township and go down ST RT 675 by the Nutter Center. The Chief responded as a rule the cars are kept in the township, however, can go out of the township if necessary for a investigating case, training, schooling, or to be taken home by the officer after a shift.

Maintenance Department

Motion to approve quote from FDC Enterprise for the 2013 Vegetation Control:

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

Other Business

Motion to approve the donation of the old copy machine, old fax machine, and any other township equipment which is no longer of use or value to the township:

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

The next meeting will be morning meeting, June 11, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees:

Charles Metzger, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Robert Erlewine, Member

Recorded in the
Record of Proceedings
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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer