

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township
Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2014

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the German Township Office at 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: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector, Rosemary Naulty, Secretary, and Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer.

Visitors: Nathan & Jean Black, Mid Fisher, Roy & Amy Dillahunt, Bill Wolfarth, John Rehm, Marilyn Mayhone, Jason & Tracy Webster, Jackie & Emma Clark, Joe Garrett, Steve Bevan:

PLEDGE OF Allegiance

Fiscal Officer Report:

Motion to approve the minutes of May 13 & May 29, 2014

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

Motion to approve the checks issued May 13 through June 10, 2014

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

Motion to receive the May 2014 financial reports from the fiscal officer

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

Motion to accept the Clark County Auditor's Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for the 0.40 mill Renewal for Fire & EMS Services which is calculated to produce estimated revenue of \$45,003:

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

Motion to file a Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Levy a Tax in Excess of The Ten Mill Limitations (ORC Section 5705.19, .191, .194, .21, .26) for a Renewal Levy at a rate of 0.40 mill for the purposes of Providing Fire & EMS Services.

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

Comment from Mr. Metzger stated that this is the first time in almost 20 years that the township has asked for new money. The Governor and the State Legislatures have balanced their budgets by taking funds away from local government - \$125,000 from our General fund over the last 5 years. We need to put this on the ballot.

Motion to approve the following Resolution: RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY – Resolution requesting certification from county auditor pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, of German Township, Clark County, Ohio determines that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation, and

WHEREAS, before seeking to have a levy approved by the electors of German Township, the Board of Trustees must seek the certification of the Clark County Auditor in compliance with Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio, that the Clark County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to the Board of Trustees:

- 1. The total current tax valuation of German Township and*
- 2. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by **1.31 mills***

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the tax is for **Current Expenses of German Township (Excluding the Village of Tremont City)** which is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of German Township pursuant to the section 5705.19(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, and which shall be an additional levy.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clark County Auditor is requested to issue the certification within ten days after receiving this Resolution.

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

Motion to approve the 2013-2014 snow & ice control costs from the County Engineer \$22,916.00.

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

Motion to approve the repairs for Fire Rescue 1 for complete service and electric window repairs at a cost of \$800.75:

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

Motion to approve the repairs to Engine 1 for complete service, replacing brakes, and one tire for a total cost of \$2249.53:

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

Motion to approve the SCBA table testing at a cost of \$1519.00 by Megacity – this is a once per 5 year testing:

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

The striping costs for the Fire Department Medic unit and Chief 1 unit went over the December 31, 2013 minutes cost estimate, Chief Holman disagrees with the amounts listed in the December minutes.

Motion to amend the December motion as follows: the Township will pay \$500 towards the cost of Striping Chief 1, the Fire Association will pay the remainder; The township will pay all the costs of the Medic unit.

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

Reminder that Rosemary needs something in writing when a person resigns, retires, is terminated, or is on medical leave for the Township for their personnel files, in order to know when to remove them from insurance, doors locks, and fuel system.

Hearing of the Public:

Nathan & Jean Black were here tonight to address complaints from neighbors concerning their property at 5757 Hominy Ridge Road.

Mr. & Mrs. Black: We are 4 wheel drive enthusiasts. We invite our friends over to our property to have fun on our property, unusually from Friday through Saturday. All the trucks but one has an exhaust on them. There is no noise ordinance in German Township. On weekends we have around 9-12 kids over, we cut wood, run bikes, & probably get loud. We usually shut down around midnight. We are working on cleaning up the property. We (Mr. & Mrs. Black) don't complain when Mr. Rehm walks his dog and lets his children run a gator (dirt bike) onto his property, or when he cuts trees to make a path, or when he blocked his (Mr. Black's) water way with mulch. We are just enjoying our property, but we shut down around 10 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends. The Police Department has been called out several times to our property. One time it was only 7:00 p.m. and we were just butchering chickens.

Mr. Rehm: When his granddaughter was there for the weekend, she was awake all night due to the noise. It had been going on all night to 4:00 a.m. Recently it has been stopping around 11:00 p.m.

Ms. Mayhoney: We have had a problem with the noise. This last week was the only time it stopped before 3 or 4:00 a.m. Good neighbors needs to have respect for one another, and be willing to communicate. They have cleaned up the property.

Mr. Mayhoney: The neighbors did inform them of the wedding plans. They also work on vehicles.

Mr. Dillahunt: There has been noise and partying all night long. There should be no racing up and down the road.

Mrs. Dillahunt: If they would stop by 11:00 p.m. it would be okay.

Chief Stitzel, German Township Police Department, stated that in the last 12 months there have been a total of 8 calls. The times have ranged from 7:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Chief Stitzel stated that the noise from the property can be heard on Willowdale. The Police Department has been watching and listening at this property. It was loud, and the vehicles are leaving mud on the roadway. The Blacks were asked to have the mud rinsed off prior to getting on the roadway. During the recent wedding, the police did call them to turn it down. The Clark County Prosecutor was consulted and if the noise continues to be a problem past 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 p.m. on weekends, they could be charged with disturbing the peace. What can we do to resolve this problem? Neighbors need to communicate with one another and work together.

Mr. & Mrs. Black agreed to shut it down by 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 11:00 p.m. on weekends.

Mr. Kaffenbarger: Is everyone in agreement? (Agreement all around)

Zoning Report :

Motion to move Mr. Wolfarth from the German Township Zoning Commission to the Board of Zoning Appeals:

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

Fire Report:

The Blazer, old Medic unit, 2 older defibrillators and anything else departments have to sell will be put on Gov.Deals to be sold.

Chief Holman recommends that the new vehicles not be installed with the AIM 2 fueling rings, and to only use the programmable key fobs. Several of the other vehicles are starting to have trouble with the fuel rings and they don't always work. This will save approximately \$250 per vehicle and the service call cost of installation. With the key fobs you have to use your personal code. Mr. Metzger is concerned about someone putting another car right next to the other and stealing gas. Chief Holman stated that it is difficult. Trustee's made a verbal agreement to just use the fobs.

Report on the fatal fire at Johnson Road. There were two adult fatalities. The children are doing well and are with family. The Fire Department staff is doing okay but counseling will be ongoing. The Fire Department & fire Association has helped the family by donating clothes, other items and cash. No official cause has been determined at this time

Payroll has been worked out between Tim and Angela. The fire Department will stay as monthly payroll.

Sealing of the parking lot – Quote \$500.

The concrete slab needs to be replaced. Chief Holman will get several bids.

The Fire Grant paperwork has been turned in, we received a verbal acceptance, as of to date we have not received any funds. We are in the process of getting bids for 18 sets of turnout gear.

We did not get the \$14,000 Ohio grant, but will continue to look for additional grants. Mr. Clark asked Chief Holman to also look for grants for the Road Department as well.

Police Report:

Chief Stitzel reports:

Arrests from Department Cases:

2012 - 73 arrests 2013 - 60 arrests as of June 4th 2014 - 115 arrests

Warrant Arrests:

2012 - 22 2013 - 24 as of June 4th 2014 - 31 arrests

Dispatched Logs:

2012 - 5275 2013 - 5138 as of June 4th 2014 - 2387

Due to the increase in calls, and the age of current vehicles, Chief Stitzel would like to purchase a new cruiser for the Police Department. He presented the trustees with a chart of each vehicles miles and its average mpg. Upon the recommendation of Officer Ritesh, he would like to eliminate (sell) the 2006 Ford Explorer and the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, and purchase one new marked car. He has quotes for a 2014 Ford SUV - \$24,965 base price & a 2014 Dodge All Wheel Drive - \$24,179 base price. This does not included equipment package options and striping costs.

Mr. Metzger suggested getting rid of the unmarked car. He does not feel that the police department needs an unmarked car. Chief Stitzel stated under Chief Dickerson the department had 5 marked cars and 1 unmarked car. The unmarked car is used for investigations and stake outs. When the unmarked was down for repairs, officers used their personal vehicles. Mr. Metzger stated he was against the unmarked car and they only purchase a SUV to use during bad weather. Mr. Clark would like to see the service records for the vehicles. Mr. Kaffenbarger and Auto Doctor will be able to provide details. Motion to table buying vehicles for the Police Department until performance specifications and service records have been reviewed:

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

Motion to purchase 3 "tool Kits" outfitted with crash scene, crime scene, and safety supplies and gear not to exceed total cost of \$350:

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

Motion to move Joshua Perry from OVI pay to part-time pay at \$12.00 per hour:

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

Maintenance Department:

Motion to have the Clark County Engineer to repair the guard rail at Eagle City at a cost of \$1073.63:

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

The catch basin repairs at Baker Road are still in progress.

Mr. Kaffenbarger will have Mr. Bevan make a list of the yellow signs that need to be replaced this year in accordance with the sign retro-reflectivity regulations.

Mr. Metzger will call the Clark County Engineer to see what can be done at the intersection of Ballentine Pike and Lawrenceville Drive to make the intersection safer. People do not stop at the sign.

Old Business:

Mr. Garret representing Trebel in reference to electric aggregation: Do you want to ask your residents if they want to be part of electric aggregation? Because electric has been deregulated, you may purchase your electric supply through whomever you wish. By purchasing as a group – German Township- you would be able to purchase at a lower rate. There is no termination fee. You can opt out of the program. Bethel Township residents recently voted for the electric aggregation. If we want to have it on the ballot this fall, must be in to the Board of elections by August 5th. Mr. Kaffenbarger has spoken with Bethel Township, and so far Trebel has done what they have promised. The rate reduction has not yet taken place, due to waiting on finalization of paperwork. Mr. Clark would like to wait and see how the process and the numbers work out at Bethel Township.

New Business:

Mr. Steve Bevan would like to see the cracks in Zerkle Road sealed before they get worse. Mr. Metzger, check them out and will get cost estimates.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees

Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

Mr. Metzger, Vice President

Robert Clark, Member

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Record of Proceedings
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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer