

**German Township Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2013**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 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. Kaffenbarger – absent; 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 May 14, 2013:

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

Motion to approve the checks issued May 14 through June 11, 2013;

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

Motion to receive the financial reports :

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

Motion to amend funds 2111 (fire), 2281 (EMS), and 4901 (capital and to modify the three fund budgets:

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

Motion: **RESOLUTION 06112013E**: REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM COUNTY AUDITOR PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03 (Dollar amount of revenue generated by specified number of mill) (a.k.a. “Resolution of Necessity”):

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 .5mill*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the tax is for **Maintaining Roads (excluding the Village of Tremont)** which is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of German Township pursuant to the section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, and which shall be a renewal of an existing tax.*

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

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

Motion: **RESOLUTION 06112013F**: REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM COUNTY AUDITOR PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03 (Dollar amount of revenue generated by specified number of mill) (a.k.a. “Resolution of Necessity”):

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 mill***

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the tax is for **Providing and Maintaining Fire and Emergency Medical Services (excluding the Village of Tremont)** which is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of German Township pursuant to the section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, and which shall be a renewal of an existing tax.*

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

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

Motion: **RESOLUTION 06112013G**: REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM COUNTY AUDITOR PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03 (Dollar amount of revenue generated by specified number of mill) (a.k.a. "Resolution of Necessity"):

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 mill***

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the tax is for **Maintaining Police Department (excluding the Village of Tremont)** which is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of German Township pursuant to the section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, and which shall be a renewal of an existing tax.*

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

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

Hearing of the Public:

Ms. Fisher asked a question concerning the funds and how the reconciliation is coming. The reconciliation is almost complete. There are several issues but it is now down to between \$24.98 - \$2000 off at this time.

Mr. Peshek asked how much we have spent for fixing this problem. Mr. Metzger responded: The Township currently has a contract with Local Government Services to perform the reconciliation for up to \$5,000.

Ms. Lisa Roberts: Her son is a part time police officer with German Township and she would like to apologize for posting a picture on Face Book that may have been considered inappropriate (although she felt it was just a cute picture). Mrs. Roberts continued with concerns about the Police Department: Budget, the purchase of Dodge Chargers, and why her son and other officers were not allowed to drive the newer cars. She feels that her son and the other officers are being harassed, abused and taunted by Chief Stitzel. Mr. Metzger interjected that there will be an executive session concerning personnel issues at the end of the township meeting today, and this would not be discussed in the public session.

Zoning:

Mr. Degenhart reports there have been a lot of complaints concerning tall, un-mowed grass. Thanks to township departments for working together to address the problems.

Fire Department:

The Northwestern Schools are applying for their occupancy permits. Zoning and Fire Department have made reviews. The Fire Department requested a temporary surface road to be put in so fire department will have close access in case of fire. Fire hydrants need to be changed slightly to allow easy access toward the road. Demolition will not begin at any building until everything has moved.

Motion to approve an invoice for \$6873.73 for 2 sets of turnout gear that was ordered in 2012 but just recently was completed and invoiced.

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

Police Department:

A request has been submitted to the County Engineers to journalize the roads. Chief Stitzel requests an executive session.

Old Business: none

New Business:

A newsletter will be going out this fall. All departments please submit information. A special meeting will be held on June 18, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the AG Grant. The next regular trustee meeting is July 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss police personnel concerns and issues at 8:40 a.m.:

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

Motion to return to regular session at 10:18 a.m.:

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

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine 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
June 11, 2013

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer