

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
February 09, 2016

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 09, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Spfld, Ohio. Mr. Clark called the meeting to order.

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

Other Township Department Supervisors present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Linda Mader, Fire Department and Karina Emory, Secretary.

Visitors: Doug Smith, Dinah Kadel, Tim Suter, Bill Wolfarth, Steve Bevan, Jared & Shelby Demory, Bryan Axle, Angela Harden, Kainen Whitehead, Brooke Crum, Gary & Lou Cox, and Courtney Hileman

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Clark stated that today's agenda will be out of order to accommodate several departments.

Minutes

- A. Motion to delete Mr. Bevan from the Township Department Supervisors present listing; and to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2016 as corrected:

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

Police Department

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- He will be purchasing an air compressor for the Police bay at a cost of \$350.00
 - The township insurance will be reimbursing us for the 2010 Dodge Charger that was totaled in an accident for approximately \$15,400. The reimbursement will also cover the cost of reinstallation of the light bars, tow bill, and the decal kit. Chief Stitzel presented several options for replacing this vehicle; however no decision has been made at this time.
- B. Motion to list property on Gov.Deals that is no longer of use or functional for the police department (VHF radios, sirens, lightboxes, light bars, 2 stalker radars, GPS and other miscellaneous items:
- Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- C. Per the advice of legal counsel, notices have been sent and publicized in order to contact the legal owner(s) of the 2007 Dodge Charger that is in the possession of the Police Department from a case with a felony drug charge. In order for the Police Department to dispose of the vehicle, we will need a clear title, and then we can dispose of the vehicle as abandoned property through sale on GovDeals. The following resolution will need to be approved in order for legal counsel to file a motion to have the vehicle titled to German Township for disposal. Resolution as follows:

The German Township Board of Trustees resolve to have our legal counsel, Mr. Andrew Pickering of the Clark County Prosecutor's Office, file a legal motion to have a clear title to the vehicle listed below made to German Township; and that the vehicle may be disposed of as abandoned property via sale through GovDeals. This vehicle was seized in connection with case C15021514175 on February 15, 2015.

*Vehicle: VIN 2B3KA43R57H661179
2007 Grey Dodge Charger
Ohio License GEC2022*

Motion to approve the resolution:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger- Aye Mr. Metzger – Aye Mr. Clark – Aye

- D. Motion to approve the purchase of a dual antenna radar system at a cost of \$2088.00:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

- E. Motion to increase the pay of Joshua Perry to \$15.00 an hour retroactive to pay period beginning January 18, 2016; and to promoted Mr. Perry to Corporal status as of today;

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

- F. Motion to promote Katy Finney to full time status as of January 25, 2016 at \$14.50 an hour:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- G. Motion to hire the following as Auxiliary Officers; Ryan Axle, Michael Knotts, Jared Shoemaker, and Colin (aka Nate) DeSpain:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

Chief Stitzel administered the Oath of Office to Corporal Perry, and the 4 new police officers.

Fiscal Officer Report

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- H. Motion to receive the January Financial Reports:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Charlie Ayes: All
- I. Motion to approve payments from January 12, 2016 through February 9, 2016:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- J. Motion to approve the costs for the Fiscal Officer to attend the State Auditor's Local Government Officials Conference in Columbus from March 22-24:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Hearing of the Public

- Doug Smith, Insurance Broker for our Life Insurance Policies. Since we are no longer on with the County policy, Townships have gone together to acquire Life Insurance. The rates will not change from they had been, and will stay the same for the next 3 years at \$1.90 per 10,000 for eligible employees. Mr. Smith would also like those employees to file new beneficiary forms. The Met Life policy would not carry over to the township and has some changes. Therefore, Mr. Smith will talk with currently enrolled employees to make a recommendation on what action needs to be taken.
- Mrs. Dinah Kadel, Township resident. Mrs. Kadel has a concern with the Police Department. She feels that the income from the police fines is too high and should only be about 10-20% of their revenue budget. Also, the police hide in several different areas, which she believes is unethical. At times they are sitting with the lights off so as not to be seen. You cannot get a hold of them when you call. The Clark County Sheriff already patrols this area, so why do we need township Police? Mrs. Kadel described several incidents she had in dealing with the police department, but she felt that the Police Department did not handle these incidents to her satisfaction.

Mr. Clark stated that the Trustees will take her comments under advisement.

Chief Stitzel responded. We have reduced the occurrence of bad accidents due to our patrolling and siting of those who are speeding. Just because you can't see use, does not give anyone the right to speed. Concerning the incidents you had reported, an officer did return your calls, reports were made, and the situation with the neighbor was checked out. The Clark County Sheriff's Department would like us to increase our presence, however, we can't due to budget restraints. The response times from the Sherriff's Office would be delayed; the Township Police would be able to respond faster.

- Mr. Sutter from Ohio Edison reports that the tree trimming in our area in schedule to continue through March & April and then will move on towards Pike Township and North Hampton. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated the township appreciates all the work that Ohio Edison does with the tree trimmings. When asked if the tree trimming helps with the reliability of the electric staying on, Mr. Sutter replied that they lead the industry in the State with low liability.

The electricity from the wind turbines being put up in Champaign County will probably go through DP&L since they serve that area, and will not go to Ohio Edison.

Zoning Department

Mr. Degenhart reported the following:

- He has a meeting with the Upper Valley Mall and the new mall owners on Saturday, February 13, at 11:00 am.
- Rural King has requested sign permits. He has suggested that they change the zoning from a B-1 to a B-3 district in order to allow for outdoor storage.

Road Maintenance Department

Due to the weather and plowing the roads, Mr. Bevan was unable to attend the meeting.

Old Business

- Mr. Clark stated that the insurance motion that was passed December 30, 2015 for the new year of 2016 was not as it should have been.
- K. Motion to provide insurance as follows:
 Any Township Elected Officials and any eligible full time employees may participate in any of the insurance benefits offered by the Township for medical, dental, and vision insurance. They may select from any health insurance plan, HRA, or other available “pick-up” or a “reimbursement” option available during their term. The elected official or employee may select any available plan at the start of his or her term, or employment and change to a different plan if desired during the designated annual open enrollment period. The monthly premium costs for a plan including Medical, dental and vision insurance will be paid as follows: 95% of the premium shall be paid by German Township; the remaining 5% will be paid as a payroll deduct. The monthly premium costs for a plan including a medical reimbursement or “pick up” plan which cost a maximum of \$1000 per month, or the premium costs for only dental and vision insurance will be paid 100% by the Township. Discontinuation of the Wellness Funding Plan. No pick-up or reimbursement plan can exceed the maximum costs of the main health insurance plan offered by the Township. The reimbursement option will only be made available if and when the Federal and State laws are determined to allow reimbursement.

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

Mr. Metzger stated he had talked with several other Townships who are not providing any insurance. We are not obligated to provide insurance.

- Mrs. Emory provided an update on Church Hill Road and Mount Calvary Cemetery. Information from 1926 was discovered in which the Village of Tremont City made a resolution to give Church Hill Road to the township. However, paper work was never filed with the County and therefore, it is still a Village road. Because part of the cemetery is within the village limits, the cemetery east of Church Hill Road belongs to the Village; west of Church Hill Road belongs to the Township. Our legal counsel has sent a letter to the Village legal counsel. We have not had a reply.

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that all of this (concerning the road and cemetery) started because the Village of Tremont City came to us and asked for our help on repairing Church Hill Road. Mr. Metzger stated that by state law, we cannot repair Church Hill Road.

Fire Department

Chief Holman has 4 radios that cannot be repaired. He would like to replace them.

- L. Motion to purchase 4 new radios at a total cost of \$1200:
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Mr. Metzger thanked Chief Holman for the Fire Department Banquet. It was a good evening.

New Business

None

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Metzger Seconded: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

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Robert Clark, President

Charles Metzger, Vice President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer