

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
March 8, 2016

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

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

Other Township Department Supervisors present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Karina Emory, Secretary, and Mark Bevan, Road Supervisor. Other Employees: Dave Brown, Maintenance Department, Linda Mader, Fire Department.

Visitors: Linda Mitchell, Solid Waste District, and Bill Wolfarth

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the Minutes of February 09, 2016:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Mr. Metzger: absent Ayes: All (2)

Hearing of the Public

Linda Mitchell, Clark County Solid Waste District was here to present the Great American Cleanup program. Last year over 100 sites were cleaned up by 1000 volunteers with 2500 hours of service hours and they gathered 826 bags of litter. This year they are asking the Townships to let them know if there are any public areas that would need to be cleaned up. Not counting roadways, the Sheriff's Department will continue with the Pride Program with the roadways. There is also a Community Cleanup Trailer that is available (small deposit \$25.00) for cleanup projects.

Fiscal Officer Report

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- B. Motion to approve payments from February 9, 2016 to March 8 2016:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Mr. Metzger: absent Ayes: All (2)
- C. Motion to Amend the revenue budget at follows:
General Fund: No Transfer -8000.00
Police Fund: Police Fines +122,614.00
Other Miscellaneous: +16247.00 (insurance payment)
Other Miscellaneous: + 1000.00 (GovDeals – sales)
Seized and Forfeited property: +2500.00 (charger)
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Mr. Metzger: absent Ayes: All (2)

Mr. Wolfarth questioned about the comments the lady from the last meeting had concerning the amount of the fines. Chief Stitzel responded that the Police Department operates from a levy. That the fine money is not just speeding tickets, but also from other cases. Chief Holman also responded that since the Police Department has stepped up their patrols, the number of critical accidents is down in the township.

Zoning Department

Mr. Degenhart presented the following:

- He met with the new owners of the Upper Valley Mall on Saturday. They were receptive to any ideas for the mall. They are exploring ideas from the corporate level. What other type of retail stores or businesses would we like to see at the mall, or what would fit into our market? Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he also attended the meeting, and felt it went well.
- Rural King is opening on March 31st. There should be a lot of traffic.
- If anyone has any ideas for the Hobby Lobby store let him know.

Fire Department

Chief Holman reported the following:

- He has applied for an EMS grant, two Marcs Radio grants, and a Police cruiser grant. If we receive any of the grants, they will be reimbursements grants.
- There are several areas at the fire station that need to be tied into the generator so they will be operational when the power is out. If there are any other places that need to be tied in from this building let me know.
- There is an Active Shooter training schedule at the Mall for April 17th. The Sheriff's Department is also beginning an active shooter program and will be based on a respond team, with caches of equipment kept in a general area. We have been training for two years with our Police Department, we have the equipment available at all times, and we are not going to change the way we are responding. There are 12 other departments across the country that has copied our program. It works. Chief Stitzel commented that we have one of the best programs for our area because we all work together and train together.
- A fire inspection was done at Abby's Mediterranean Restaurant. There were many safety issues that need to be addressed. Due to other issues, the Health Department was called.

Police Department

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Attended a meeting on the use of drones. We will have the ability to use a drone for emergencies – ex looking for a lost child.
- D. Motion to move Officer Scott Harris from auxiliary to part-time paid at \$12.00 per hour:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Mr. Metzger: absent Ayes: All (2)
- Received quotes (state bid) for replacing the crashed police cruiser (the up-fits include striping, lights, cages).
 - Dodge Charger AWD base \$26,599 plus up-fits total \$31,174.00
 - Ford Utility Interceptor base \$27,600 plus up-fits total \$33,360.00
- E. Motion to approve the purchase of the Ford Utility Interceptor at a total cost of \$33,360.00:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Mr. Metzger: absent Ayes: All (2)

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- A few road signs are being replaced
- We have a burial today.
- A drainage problem in West Ridge – Hanson Road – is due to a driveway pipe. The home owner is responsible for replacing the pipe under their driveway. The drainage area on both side of the drive is flowing properly. Water just cannot go through the pipe under the drive. So it backs up.
- To date the Maintenance Department has use a combined total of 14 loads. This is way down from last year.
- Mr. Bevan asked the trustees if they have made any decisions concerning the medical insurance for the next year. Mr. Bevan stated that if it becomes time that he will no longer receive health care insurance, we can count on his retirement. He would not be able to stay. He also stated that he does not want a raise to offset the cost of not having insurance, would want the insurance.
- Mr. Brown also suggested the Trustees write a letter to the County to see if we could be included in their plan again.
- Trustees stated that a work session would need to be scheduled to discuss the insurance.

Old Business

- Need to follow up with the prosecutor concerning the status of the seized dodge charger.
- Update on the Mount Calvary Cemetery – We have not heard anything in response from Tremont City or their legal counsel, Mr. Health. The funds we currently have for Mt Calvary will have to go to Tremont with the transition of the old cemetery, due to the funds were done as a bequest for burial lots contained in the old part. We also need to be sure we still can maintain the tornado siren that is on the east side of Church Hill Road. Trustees suggest asking the prosecutor on the matter of the siren.

New Business

- Renewal for the FuelMaster maintenance contract - cost \$495.00. Tabled at this time.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kaffenbarger Seconded: Mr. Clark Ayes: All (2)

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Robert Clark, President

Charles Metzger, Vice President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member