

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
April 12, 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- present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present

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

Visitors: Bill Wolfarth, Steve Bevan, and John Rehm

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the Minutes of March 08, 2016:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: 2 - Mr. Metzger Abstained
- B. Motion to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2016:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Hearing of the Public

Mr. John Rehm reported that the railroad track at Hominy Ridge Road was in need of repair. Mr. Clark stated that the trustees would take a look at it and report it to the railroad.

Fiscal Officer Report

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- Accept the February and March Financial Reports
 - Approval of Payments from March 8, 2016 to April 12, 2016
 - Approval of the costs - \$2172.40 for the Banquet. (fire dept.)
 - Renewal of the accident policy with McMann Smoot Riddle Agency cost \$3017.50 (fire dept.)
 - Renewal of the service bridge annual SaaS Fee \$2150.00 (fire dept.)
- C. Motion to accept the financial reports and to approve the payments of all of the above:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- Request to split the cost of the generator maintenance between all departments evenly:
 - All trustees and departments in agreement.
 - Due to high banking fees at Key Bank for the checking account, need to change banks. Mrs. Griest has spoken with both Wesbanco and PNC, and both are able to reduce the fees substantially. The Trustees must decide which bank.
- D. Motion to change the main checking account to Wesbanco:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- Applied for the Bloom Blitz grant for this year.
 - 2014-2015 Audit will begin soon.

Zoning Department

Mr. Degenhart was unable to attend today meeting due to a prior engagement.

Discussion concerning Rural King: They were having a good response and they are glad to be in our community. They also own the old Hobby Lobby store and have several businesses looking into leasing it. There were several fire violations, they are working on correcting those and have been great to work with.

Fire Department

Chief Holman reported the following:

- There will be joint active shooter training with the Fire Department, Police Department and the Clark County Sheriff's Department at the Upper Valley Mall.

Police Department

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- The timers on the Township building outdoor lights do not seem to be working. The lights don't go off during the daytime. Have tried to reset them. As the bulbs go out they are trying to replace them with LED lights.
- Requesting an Executive Session at the end of today's meeting.
- Has obtained the title to the Dodge Charger forfeiture vehicle and would like permission to sell it on GovDeals.

E. Motion to sell the Dodge Charger forfeiture vehicle on GovDeals:

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

Mr. Metzger asked Chief Stitzel about the large drug bust that happened, and whether or not we would receive a percentage of the value of what was confiscated. Chief Stitzel responded yes we should.

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- Trees have been taken down in the cemetery without any damage to stones.
- Six and half tons of gravel was applied to Dredge Road.
- Riley's has will be doing berm work at a cost of approximately \$250.00
- Fox Hollow, Hominy Ridge and Ballentine Pike all need to have gravel laid on the berms, they are looking at borrowing a chute to lay the gravel, or looking into the cost of making our own chute. Will check out several places.
- Mr. Mark Sanders, neighbor to Mt. Calvary Cemetery, reported he is having trouble with people dumping old flowers and debris over the fence onto his property. Mr. Metzger suggested putting up signs for NO DUMPING.

F. Motion to approve the FDC 2016 road spraying , total costs approximately \$4800.00:

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

Discussion concerning the leasing of a new lawn mower:

Received two quotes: JD Equipment and Koenig Equipment

Both were for a one year lease at \$1000.00 year, maximum of 200 hours, purchase option at end of contract. Differences between the two were the size of the deck: 54" or 60", and the type of seat: standard verses suspension. The 54" would be better if they had to mow in the cemeteries, the 60" would be better for mowing larger open areas. Prefers the suspension seat.

G. Motion to lease the mower from Koenig Equipment :

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

Old Business

Mt. Calvary Cemetery – Mrs. Emory gave a report on the situation with the old section of Mt. Calvary Cemetery. We have not heard from the Village of Tremont concerning this matter. Their legal counsel did receive the letter from our prosecutor. Our prosecutor suggests we send Tremont a letter with the date that we will no longer be taking care of the old section, and when we will be sending the cemetery bequest funds to them. Tremont does not owe us anything for our care of the cemetery in the past. We do not owe them any money other than the bequest funds. The road in the cemetery belongs to Tremont. If we want to help with expenses of maintaining the road we need to sign a contract with Tremont and both entities must agree.

H. Motion to send a letter to the Village of Tremont City stating that as of April 20, 2016 the Township will no longer maintain the old section of Mt. Calvary Cemetery, and the bequest funds will be turned over to them:

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

Old Salt Shed: Need to get quotes on the cost of tearing down and removing the old salt shed.

New Business

Mr. Craig Robinson passed away. His funeral will be on Friday. Services are at Conroy on Thursday from 5-8 p.m.

Mrs. Laura Kaffenbarger has worked over 30 years against the landfill and for keeping our water safe. We would like to recognize her for her continued efforts in supporting our community during the May 10th meeting with a plaque. Mr. Metzger is to inform her and to get the plaque.

- I. Motion to go into executive session at 9:34 a.m. fo the purposes of discussing personnel hiring and disciplinary matters for the Police Department:

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

The regular meeting of the Township Trustees was brought back in session at 9:55 a.m. by Mr. Clark.

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

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the
Record of Proceedings
April 12, 2016

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Robert Clark, President

Charles Metzger, Vice President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member