

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Session**  
**May 10, 2016**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 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, and George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector (arrived late). Other Employees: Dave Brown, Maintenance Department, Linda Mader, Fire Department.

Visitors: Joe Galuski, Rural King; Dale Griest; and Steve Bevan.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

Mr. Metzger noted changes needed to the April 12 minutes as follows:

- Motion J was seconded by Mr. Clark not Mr. Metzger.
  - Under New Business there was a request from Beth Bennett, Donnelscreek Church of the Brethren, for permission to use the grassy area next to the fire station on June 21-24 for their Kids Club. Same as they did last year. All trustees agreed to grant permission
- A. Motion to approve the Minutes of April 12, 2016 as corrected:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Mr. Clark addresses the meeting with the following statement: The following statement is my personnel opinion, not representative of the other two trustees. The events that transpired in the previous meeting were not acceptable and will not be tolerated as long as I am the chairperson. The intent of the German Township trustee meetings is to conduct business and not to air grievance toward fellow employees or elected officials.

**Hearing of the Public**

None

**Fiscal Officer Report**

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- The April 2016 Financial Reports have been given to the trustees
  - Need approval of payments from April 12,2016 to May 10, 2016
- B. Motion to accept the financial reports and to approve the payments:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

**Fire Department**

Chief Holman presented the following:

- Rehire Dustin Douglas as a paramedic effective April 22, 2016.
- C. Motion to rehire Mr. Dustin Douglas effective April 22, 2016:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

- He would like to see a 1.5 mill levy put on the ballot for this fall for Providing and Maintaining Fire and EMS Services.

Discussion concerning the proposed levy: Chief Holman stated that a 1 mill levy would only bring them back to the previous level of the past few years. The reasons the money is needed is due to the state lowering their money, receive less from property taxes, increasing costs and increase in the number of multiple, simultaneous runs (2 or 3 medics out at the same time).

Mr. Clark asked if we should ask the Village of Tremont if they want to be added to this levy, or would they prefer the contract? Mr. Holman replied in the past they have wanted the contract.

Other items that were discussed and considered included the age of the equipment – medic units have a 10 year life cycle, fire vehicles have a life span of 20 years – number of miles/hours on each vehicle, age of the building, what may need to be replaced in the years ahead, the roof leaking and the garage doors.

D. Motion for RESOLUTION 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 **1.5 mills**

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 City)** 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 new tax.

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

Mr. Metzger moved for the adoption of the Resolution, and Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Clark: Yes; Mr. Metzger: Yes Mr. Kaffenbarger: Yes

Having received the required two-thirds majority, the Resolution was adopted.

- Garage Doors at the Fire Station are bad and need repaired/replaced they are old and maintenance on them has increased.

E. Motion to replace the garage doors on the fire station:

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

- The joint training with the Sheriff Department and the Township Department went well and they look forward to training together again.
- The old salt shed could possibly be burnt down by the Fire Department. They would try to collapse it inward, and would have to have a fire curtain to protect the maintenance garage. Need to check the insurance for the Maintenance building just to be sure its covered.

**Zoning Department**

Mr. Degenhart apologized for being late and thanked Mr. Galuski , representing Rural King, for waiting for him. Mr. Degenhart presented the Township trustees with Re-Zoning Case ZB-2016-01. The owners of the Rural King Farm and Home Store located at 1476 Upper Valley Pike, Springfield, Ohio has requested a rezoning from B-1 Shopping Center District to B-3 General Business District in order to have permanent exterior merchandise display as related to the nature of their business. Both the Clark County Planning Commission and the German Township Zoning Commission recommend the proposed re-zoning to be approved.

F. Motion to approve the rezoning request as presented:

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

Mr. Joe Galuski, Store Manager, Rural King, thanked Mr. Degenhart for recruiting Rural King for this area, and for all the support this community has given them.

**Police Department**

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Request to move Officer John Betts to a part-time position:

G. Motion to move Officer John Betts from auxiliary to part-time police officer at a rate of \$12.00 hour - effective April 29, 2016:

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

- Request that the Police Department be approved for summer uniforms:
- H. Motion to approve the Police Department to wear their summer uniform (marked - gray polo shirts with Khaki pants) from May 10, 2016 to October 1, 2016. Standard Uniforms to worn for upcoming parades and court, and the proper safety, BPV's & equipment shall be worn  
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger      2nd: Mr. Metzger      Ayes: All
- The seized and forfeited Dodge Charger was sold on Gov.Deals for \$2520.00.

**Road Maintenance Department**

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- Road mowing will start shortly
  - Discussed which roads needed repairs/paving/chip & seal. The worst roads are Johnson Road from 41 to Ballentine Pike- need chip seal; Pine Tree needs repaired and paved, and several roads need repair work done: Mosspointe, Stonebridge and Autumn Creek. For an approximately 102,178.88
- I. Motion to approve the paving and repairs for Ballentine Pike (Johnson to ST RT 41), Pine Tree, Mosspointe, Stonebridge, and Autumn Creek for a Total of approximately \$102178.88:  
 Motion: Mr. Metzger      2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger      Ayes: All
- The smaller road repairs that need done on Baker Road, and on Ballentine Pike by the Sportsman Club and other roads can be done by having Hensley's to grind, and Riley's to patch. Or we can ask the county to grind out while they are in the area.

**Old Business**

- Cell phone reimbursement was tabled at the December 31, 2016 meeting. Several have inquired about cell phone reimbursements for this year. There was a discussion concerning cells phones. The reason for cell phone use is to provide a means of communication within the township. The Fire and Police Departments both have radios that can be used to communicate with Dispatch while on duty, and in case of emergencies. The maintenance department does not.
- J. Motion to table the cell phone use until we receive an opinion from the prosecutor:  
 Motion: Mr. Clark      2nd: Mr. Metzger      Ayes: All
- Insurance meeting to be rescheduled
  - Update on the Mt. Calvary Cemetery: The Village of Tremont has received the certified letter we sent to them. There has not been any other communications between the two entities. It has been rumored that there has been a change of Mayors. Several things we need to consider is whether the Township wants a contract with the Village concerning repairs to Church Hill Road, and/or does the Township want to accept the road and the cemetery as part of the township. The trustees agreed that the Township will continue to keep it up until it is legally settled due to a moral obligation to provide services until the matter is settled. It was suggested to ask the Village Counsel and their legal counsel and ours to come to the next meeting. In the meantime we need to ask the contracted cemetery mowers to provide an estimate on the approximate costs of mowing that portion of the cemetery.

**New Business**

Today we are honoring Laura Kaffenbarger for over 20 years' worth of dedication, hard work, and volunteer hours that she has given our community. Mrs. Kaffenbarger has worked with both CF Water and Clean Water in an effort to keep our water safe; fighting both the Landfill and the Barrel Fill Cleanup. The Township appreciates all she has done for our community, therefore the Board of Trustees would like to present this plaque to Laura Kaffenbarger, and declare today Laura Kaffenbarger Day. After the meeting there will be a small reception, everyone please stay for refreshments.

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

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees:

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 Robert Clark, President

Recorded in the  
 Record of Proceedings  
 May 10, 2016

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 Charles Metzger, Vice President

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 Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

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 Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member