

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
June 14, 2016

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 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, George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector

Visitors: Andrew Pickering, County Prosecutors Office; Don & Jane Clos, Dale Griest, Jim Peck, Teresa Cligrow, Seth Waldell,

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

A. Motion to approve the Minutes of May 10th and May 23, 2016:

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

Hearing of the Public

- Clark County Health Department – was unable to attend.
- Mr. James Peck of 4935 Willowdale Road. Issue with bees from the neighboring property. He has been stung several times when he goes out to his back yard. Swarming is a major issue at times. He has asked the bee owner if he could possibly move the bees to the back of the property, in order to change the flight path of the bees. Neighbor has refused, and has bought more bees. Mr. Peck has sought aide in this matter from Mr. Lyon, state inspector for this area. Since the keeping of bees falls under the agricultural blanket of the state, there is not much we can do under zoning or as trustees. Mr. Degenhart suggested as a courtesy, we could send a letter to the bee owner requesting him to move the bee hives during the winter and to contact Mr. Lyons for help.
- The issue with the Mr. & Mrs. Clos has been addressed.
- Mr. Andrew Pickering, Clark County Prosecutor, addressed the concerns from the Trustees about the Mount Calvary Cemetery and Village of Tremont City. The Village of Tremont City's legal counsel, Mr. Health, has been contacted. The township has received no response from the Village. Should the township cease taking care of the cemetery and send any complaints or burials to the Village of Tremont? Mr. Pickering stated the cemetery is not ours to provide services and the funds are not ours and needs to be transferred to Tremont. The Trustees feel they have a moral obligation to the community to continue to mow and provide burial service until such time that Tremont City takes it over. It was suggested that the Board of Trustees attend a Village of Tremont City Council meeting to see if any progress can be made on the this issue. Trustees requested Mr. Pickering to attend also if he was available during that time. Mr. Pickering stated if his schedule would allow, he could attend. If the Trustees go, a meeting notice will need to be published prior to the meeting.

Fiscal Officer Report

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- The May 2016 Financial Reports have been given to the trustees
- Need approval of payments from May 10th to June 14th, 2016
- No report concerning the on-going audit at this time.
- The change of banks is in process. We are now using Wesbanco for our main account.

B. Motion to accept the financial reports and to approve the payments:

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

C. Motion to rescind previous resolution number 05102016D:

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

D. Motion for :

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

*Resolution requesting certification from County Auditor
Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705-03*

(Dollar amount of revenue generated by specified number of mills)

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(excluding the village of Tremont City), the Board of Trustees must seek the certification of the Clark County Auditor in compliance with Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, submitted for the General election held on November 8, 2016.

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 (excluding the Village of Tremont City)and*
- 2. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 1.50 mills*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the tax is for Operating and Maintaining the Fire and EMS Department

And is for Five years commencing and appearing on the tax list for the years specified: 2016-2020.

Such tax is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) pursuant to the section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, and which shall be an additional levy.

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

Mr. Kaffenbarger moved for the adoption of the Resolution, and Mr. Metzger 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.

E. Motion to renew the contract with CareworksComp to manage our Workers Compensation at an annual cost of \$1856.00:

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

Zoning Department

Mr. Degenhart reported the following:

- There is a property on Detrick Jordan Pike that is vacant and in deplorable condition. The owner of the property has Elder and Elder as a guardian. There are back taxes from the past 6 years due - \$12,000. There is no mortgage, so it cannot be foreclosed. He would like to request the County Treasurer to file for the back taxes. Perhaps this can get the property foreclosed on or a response from the owner (or guardians). The latest complaint for this property was from a person who drives by the property on a regular basis. Trustees were in agreement for Mr. Degenhart to send the letter.
- In the past months, the Active Shooter program and the training for this program has s been mention several times. Mr. Degenhart, on behalf of the Township, would like to recognize those employees who have voluntarily signed up to participate in Active Shooter program. It is dangerous, putting their lives at risk during an active shoot in order to provide quick medical treatment to the injured, thereby increasing the ability to save lives. Rural King has donated a token of appreciation for each participant. They are: Tim Holman, Sherree Liming, Richard Craig, Andrew Kegley, Brad Baugh, Tiffani Barrett, Jeff Scanlan, Jeff Emory, Molly Fisher, Karina Emory, Chad Eubanks, Steven Hirtzinger, Curtis Freeze, Kory Little, Zach Spina.

Fire Department

Chief Holman reported the following:

- Participated with the Sherriff Department for the Raider Training that they hold. It went well and they will continue to work/train with the Sherriff's Department and The Township Police Department.
- The Medical Director needs to be put on our township liability insurance. Tim will get the information.

- Resignation from Allison Denton – her resignation in file.
- With the EMS Grant purchased an AED for the Township meeting room.
- Flushed out 4 culverts on Leon Lane. But there is nowhere for the water to go, it is sloped the wrong way. The drainage in the field north of the location should work better for draining the water away. Need to see who is responsible.
- The New Carlisle Rotary club named four first responders as “Firefighters/EMS Persons of the Year” at their May awards luncheon. One of our own – Richard Craig – received this award along with three other firefighters/EMS personnel from City of New Carlisle Fire Dept., Pike Township Fire Dept., and Bethel Township Fire Dept. for their exemplary work ethic and their commitment to their community. Congratulations!
- New hire Dwight Whipp, EMT. To be sworn in at a Fire meeting.

F. Motion to hire Dwight Whipp as an EMT:

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

Police Department

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- June 28-29th the Sherriff’s Department will be using the meeting room and firing range for Tactical Rifle training.
- The new patrol car in at KR Rose for detailing.
- Where do we stand on phone reimbursements? Can we get reimbursed or get phones through the township? Trustees tabled.
- Stepping up patrols on Eagle City Road. Speeding has been an issue. Mr. Kaffenbarger also stated Shrine Road needs patrolling for speed.
- According to the attorney from the City of Springfield, Eagle City Road to the river is still the Township’s. Only the land along the Eagle City Road from the Springfield sign to the river belongs to the City. So far most of the tickets issued have been on our side of the sign.

G. Motion to hire Amy Mosier and James Lee as auxiliary officers:

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

Chief Stitzel administered the Oath of Office.

Road Maintenance Department

- Took down three large trees on Miller Road. Need to take the stumps out yet.

H. Motion to purchase 2 sets of blades for the road mower at a cost of approximately \$400 per set:

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

Old Business

- Mr. Kaffenbarger talked with Megan from Ohio Public Entity Consortium concerning early withdrawal from our contract. You have to pay for 3 months’ worth of premiums plus an early withdrawal fee, total cost to withdrawal \$38,548.00. She is willing to come and talk with us over our options. Need to also start looking at other options.
- Received several quotes on making the chute for the dump truck. Fire & Marine Fabrication could do the job for \$250.00. Mr. Kaffenbarger was there and told them to proceed. Two other quotes from Spradlin, and McConahay were both higher.

New Business

- Grasshopper, the company that does our cemetery mowing has made an increase of \$30 per mowing. Need to check our contract for terms.
- Phone System. The Avaya phone system we have in place is an old system that was outdated when the original installer sold us the system. It is starting to fail and lose programming. Parts and services are pricey. This effects the police department the most. Need to look into updating the system. To update the Avaya system it would cost approximately \$6-8,000. Need to look at other options also.
- Next meeting we have to approve the Budget for 2017.

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

Approved by: Board of German Township Trustees:

Robert Clark, President

Recorded in the
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Charles Metzger, Vice President

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member