

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Session**  
**July 11, 2017**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Kaffenbarger called the meeting to order.

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

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

Visitors: Beth Freeman, New Carlisle Library; Tim Suter, Ohio Edison/First Energy

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

- A. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he had not had a chance to read the minutes. A motion was made to table the July 11, 2017 minutes until next meeting:

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

**Hearing of the Public**

Beth Freeman of the New Carlisle Library - Ms. Freeman explained that the New Carlisle Public Library (NCPL) is not a part of the Clark County Library system, but its own independent library. Due to budget restraints they are only open 5 days a week, and have reduced staff. It is currently funded by the State Public Library Fund, which is sent to Clark County and which they have agreed to distribute 10.7% of the funds they receive to NCPL for operating expenses. The County has passed a library levy for additional income for all the Clark County libraries. However, NCPL does not receive any of these funds because they are independent of Clark County. She has talked with the County to see if they could possibly increase the percentage of the State Library Fund they receive in order to reopen that extra day, provide staff and be able to continue providing educational programs; negotiations are ongoing.

She is here today to ask the Trustees to support her in the effort to have Clark County increase the percentage of the State Public Library Fund that the New Carlisle Public Library receives from the 10.7% to 13%.

New Carlisle Public Library currently has 12,000 library card holders. They serve not only the people of New Carlisle, but also a portion of western Clark County, including Pike and German Township.

Mrs. Emory stated she has she heard nothing but good things about their children's programs from people at school and the community.

- B. Motion to support the New Carlisle Public Library and the services they provide to our children and our community by supporting their request to increase the New Carlisle Public Library's percentage of the State Public Library Fund that is received by Clark County.

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

Mr. Suter- Ohio Edison/First Energy: He is here today concerning the flooding surrounding an electric box on Brookston. Due to the placement of the electric box in a low area, the electric box floods during rains causing a concern by the neighbors. In order to bring the box out the water a raised pad would be installed. However, Ohio Edison/First Energy does not have the ability to repair the yard areas once they have finished.

Mr. Bevan stated that there are a couple of drains in that area that should take some of the water away. They need to be checked to be sure they are open.

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he would make contact with the residents concerning the matter. Safety is #1 priority

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- Trustees received the June 2017 monthly financial reports
  - Approval of payments from June 3 to July 10, 2017 \$99,161.87
- C. Motion to receive the financial reports and approve the payments:  
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- Review and Approval of the 2018 Budget

D. Motion by Mr. Metzger to adopt the following Resolution:

*Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio hereby submits its Annual Tax Budget for the year commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to the Clark County Auditor’s Office for consideration by the County Budget Commission pursuant of Section 5705.30 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes Mr. Metzger –Yes

- Need to accept county auditor information and proceed with the filing of the Police and Fire Levies.
- E. Mr. Metzger moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

**Resolution to Accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue**

*To accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the Clark County Auditor for the following:*

*1.0 mill for the purposes of Providing and Maintaining Fire and Emergency Medical Services (excluding the Village of Tremont City) pursuant to Revised code Section 5705.19(I) – \$136,663*

And

**Resolution to Proceed of the Taxing Authority**

*WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), Clark County, Ohio; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees , Clark County, Ohio, with two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), for the purpose of Providing and Maintaining the Fire and Emergency Medical Services, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$ 0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for 5 years, commencing and appearing on the tax list for the years specified: 2018,2019,2020,2021,2022. Said levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 1.0 mill.*

*RESOLVED, that the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said, German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City, at the General election to be held at the usual voting places within said German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) on the 7th day of November, 2017: and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that said levy be place upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of this German Township is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Clark County, Ohio and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.*

Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded the Resolutions and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes Mr. Metzger –Yes

F. Mr. Metzger moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

**Resolution to Accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue**

*To accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the Clark County Auditor for the following:*

*1.0 mill for the purposes of Providing and Maintaining Police Services (excluding the Village of Tremont city) pursuant to Revised code Section 5705.19(JI) – \$126,225*

And

**Resolution to Proceed of the Taxing Authority**

*WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), Clark County, Ohio; therefore be it*

*RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees , Clark County, Ohio, with two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of German*

Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), for the purpose of Providing and Maintaining Police Services, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$ 0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for 5 years, commencing and appearing on the tax list for the years specified: 2019,2020,2021,2022,2013. Said levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 1.0 mill.

**RESOLVED**, that the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said, German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City, at the General election to be held at the usual voting places within said German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) on the 7th day of November, 2017: and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that said levy be place upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further

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Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes Mr. Metzger –Yes

- Renewal for the Township Property and Liability Insurance with Burnham & Flower of Ohio Annual costs: \$40,516.99. There are options to increase the Limit of Liabilities and there is Optional Cyber Breach coverage. Costs estimates were in the packet provided.
- G. Motion to approve the property and liability insurances renewal with Burnham & Flower at annual cost of \$40,516.99:

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

- Reviewed the Statement of Action form which is in the process of being completed for the Recommendations by the Ohio Township Risk Management Authority. Five out of seven recommendations have been completed or are in the process of being completed.

### **Zoning Department**

Mr. Degenhart reported the following:

- Dollar General will be going in on Route 41 next to the Crown Mini Mart.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> Zoning Commission hearing for the zoning change request for the Hunan East property.
- At the Upper Valley Mall, CVS is looking to move to an out building in the parking lot. Access to the store will be via the current Mall entrances. They will have a drive through for pharmacy.
- With the Trustees permission, he would like to proceed with the planning and development of the Upper Valley Mall area and continuing to work with Clark County Planning, Engineers and Health Departments, the county Reinvestment group, mall owner, and others.

Motion to approve Mr. Degenhart request to proceed with the planning and development of the Upper Valley Mall area:

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

### **Fire Department**

Chief Holman presented the following:

- He still has not been able to speak with Mr. McCoy concerning the mailbox problem .
  - Still researching vehicles (different makes, & gas vs diesel) for the replacement of a squad.
  - Had several hard EMS runs lately: the young girl involved in the near drowning is home and doing well; a suicide attempt victim is doing good.
  - The brakes on Tanker 1 froze up. They are going to have to replace all rear brake shoes. Labor intensive. Drums may be salvaged, possibly \$2000 in labor, plus parts.
- H. Motion to proceed with the repairs of Tanker 1:

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

### **Police Department**

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Break-ins are escalating. Stealing generators, lawn mowers, anything they can get.
- Officer Grigsby has resigned and will be joining the Coast Guard. Possibly loose Officer Johnson within the next month to the City of Springfield Police Division.
- They have received several complaints of a road hazard at the intersection of Skylark and Fox Hollow. There are shrubs/ bushes blocking the view of traffic on Fox Hollow. Mr. Metzger is to talk to the residents, either they have to keep them trimmed down, or remove them. If not the Township can remove them because they are in the right-of-way.
- The bushes have been taken out on Cedar Hill and Group Road.
- The old guns have been sold, and the new guns are now in service.

- Need to approve the disposal of evidence that was released from the courts, and the sale of old Taser cams, all to be sold on Gov.Deals.
  - Need approval to purchase 2 new Taser Cams from Axon for \$828.62
- I. Motion to approve the disposal and sale of released evidence and old Taser cams on Gov.Deals , and to approve the purchase of 2 new Taser Cams for \$828.62:  
 Motion: Mr. Metzger    2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger    Ayes: All

**Road Maintenance Department**

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- Road Paving through the county should begin soon. The county is going to coat the parking lot.
- Johnson Road still needs to be done.
- Water at the Smith’s on Crescent Hill needs to be able to flow.
- A catch basin on Pinewood -water lies in the ditch.
- Trustees thanked guys for picking up a large amount of brush.
- Reminder that people need to know that we do not chip brush if it was cut by a tree service company.

**New Business**

- Mrs. Griest reported that a Mr. Rodney Hudson from AT&T First Net concerning a new program being developed that with help with wireless, and MARCS services. An email was sent to all trustees, and the Fire & Police chiefs. May want to look into the program.

**Old Business:**

- Tremont Barrel Fill Resolution. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that he does not have the resolution ready at this time. We will have to set another meeting date and time to approve the resolution.
- Prosecutor Beau Thompson is trying to get a meeting with Tremont City concerning the Mt. Calvary Cemetery.
- Mrs. Griest is to pay Mrs. Emory 2 extra payments this month to cover payments for June.

J. Motion adjourn: Mr. Metzger    2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Kaffenbarger    Ayes: All

Approved by:  
 Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the  
 Record of Proceedings  
 July 11, 2017

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 Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

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 Robert Clark, President

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 Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

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 Charles Metzger, Member