

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Session**  
**August 8, 2017**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 08, 2017 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. 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: Mark Sanders; Jody Ward; Rex Stelzer; Joe Garrett, Trebel

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

- A. Motion to approve the minutes for June 13; June 27; July 11; July 19, 2017:  
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All

**Hearing of the Public**

Mr. Joe Garrett of Trebel, was here today to present trustees the quotes from natural gas suppliers for our next 2-year contract for a natural gas provider. Quotes were received by IGS, Volunteer and Constellation. Of the quotes presented, Mr. Garrett recommended that the trustees accept Volunteer, with a 24-month contract and a fixed Add (+) Nymex: NX + \$0.1281. Customers will still have the option to opt out of the program or to opt into the program at any time without any fees.

- B. Motion to approve Volunteer as the supplier of Natural Gas for the township Aggregation program with a 24-month contract at a cost of Nymex + \$0.1281:

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

Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – abstain; Mr. Clark – yes  
Motion carried.

Mr. Kaffenbarger abstained due to his work connection with Columbia Gas.

Mr. Mark Sanders: His property, 2254 Snyder Domer, abuts to Mount Calvary Cemetery at the North-west corner of the cemetery. He has complaints that people are throwing old flowers and debris across the fence to his property. Weed killer had been sprayed along the fence. He believes that the fence is on his property by about 18-22 inches.

Mr. Metzger asked him what he wanted us to do concerning the situation. The township has ordered signs for no littering or dumping, and sprayed the fence to control weeds.

Mr. Sanders thought it would be helpful if the Township would put in a gate so he could mow the lower portion of his property. He stated he was willing to split the cost of a surveyor. He believes it is about 18-22 inches over onto his property. Mr. Bevan asked if he would give permission for the maintenance department to go onto his property to clear brush away from the fence. Mr. Sanders replied yes that would be fine.

**Rezoning Case – ZB-2017-01:**

Mr. Degenhart presented the following:

- The property is the old Hunan East location on Upper Valley Pike.
- The zoning request was recommended by Clark County Community Development.
- The zoning request was approved by the German Township Zoning Board.
- The zoning change was requested on the use as a used car dealership.
- No parties requesting the zoning change is present today.
- The change is from a B-1 Shopping Center District to B-3 General Business District
- As of today he has not seen any approval or agreement between the current owner and the prospective owner concerning the sale of the property or its use as a car dealership.

As the township zoning inspector, he would recommend that the rather than ruling on this request at this time, the Township Trustees table this meeting for one month, until September 12, 2017. This will benefit the owner, Mr. Chen, and may be in the best interest of the mall area.

- C. Motion to table the hearing until September 12, 2017:

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

### **Zoning Department**

Mr. Degenhart reported the following:

- There are several properties that he is working on trying to get cleaned up:
  - 4221 Detrick Jordan - Will be going on the Treasurer's sale for unpaid taxes. It has trash, junk vehicles, and unsafe buildings.
  - There are other properties throughout the township with junk vehicles, trash, and several places that could be health concerns.

### **Fiscal Officer Report:**

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- Trustees received the July 2017 monthly financial reports
- Approval of payments from July 10 to August 8, 2017 \$118,663.61
- D. Motion to receive the financial reports and approve the payments:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- The Clark County Budget Commission has sent the information for the County's Undivided Local Government Fund and the Public Library Fund Entitlement for the calendar year of 2018. Allocations are the same as the previous agreement for the Alternative Formula for Local Government Fund. Trustees will need to approve the resolution for continued distribution of the Local Government Funds.
- E. Mr. Metzger motioned to approve The Alternative Method of Apportionment of the Local Government Fund of Clark County, Ohio as presented by the Clark County Budget Commission for a renewal of the alternative Formula for Local Government Fund. Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded the motion:  
Roll Call: Mr. Clark – Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger - Yes; Mr. Metzger – Yes
- Mrs. Griest stated that having reviewed the numbers for distribution, it appears the City of Springfield combined with all other Cities & Villages receives about 50 % of the funds, while all townships in the county combined only received 5.9 % of the funds. This seems disproportioned due to the fact that when combined the Townships have a larger population and more square miles than the Cities & Villages combined. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that maybe this would be a good topic for the Township Association meetings.
- The Board of Elections has advised us that per their legal counsel the Police Levy has been put on the ballot too early and will need to be withdrawn The Fire Levy has been submitted and will be on the November Ballot.
- F. Motion to withdrawal the Police Levy from the November 2017 election:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- Reminder that September 1, 2017 is the deadline to rescind our withdrawal notification for 2018 for our current insurance provider. (unless they change the date).

### **Fire Department**

Chief Holman presented the following:

- Painting will begin sometime this week for the fire station and maintenance garage.
- Spouting to be done in 2-3 weeks.

### **Police Department**

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Would like Trustee consent to have Tammy Davidson come to the Township to present a program for women concerning how not to be a victim, how to escape an attacker. There is a power point and hands on activates. She is also a firearms instructor and could give instruction on firearms and firearm safety. She would need access to the shooting range. She provides all necessary equipment. Trustees were all in agreement to allow.
- This year for the Breast Cancer Endowment Funds, he would like permission to have survivors or a family member in memory of a loved one to sign the pink Humvee in exchange for a donation to the Breast Cancer Endowment fund. He would like to put it on the Police Department web page.
- G. Motion to approve the Breast Cancer Endowment Fundraiser as presented:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- The MARCS radio system went down all over Clark County. Don't know why, but it left us without communications. He is looking into going to back to have VHF radios as a backup.

- Would like permission to bring on Jake Champion as an auxiliary officer and maybe transition him to a part time position:
- H. Motion to approve the hiring of Jake Champion:  
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

**Road Maintenance Department**

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- Drainage issue on Brookston. There was much discussion on how to improve the drainage:
    - Two possible ways to fix the problem. Need to review on site.
    - Will need 18” pipe but need to have it shot for fall. Explore going open vs closed. Costs from Hiles for opening/excavating and costs of the pipe. Mr. Kaffenbarger to talk with Stevenson.
  - Willowdale- Need a paved trough to keep the side of the road from washing out – Riley’s estimate \$1500.00
- I. Motion to approve the costs with Riley’s for \$1500.00:  
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- The telephone in the maintenance office is not working. Need to call AT&T.
  - Mr. Hiles asked if the township would like to join together to cover the cost for 7 days of cutter/mower/mulcher. He would use it for some of his jobs, and we could use it for some of our jobs. It is cheaper per day to rent it for a whole week than to rent it just for one or two days. We have trees along sides of roads that need to be trimmed back to keep from hitting vehicles. Fox Hollow, Miller Road, River Road and others.
- J. Motion to approve share the rental of the machine with Mr. Hiles  
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- Need to send a letter to the residents of Pinewood to inform them of work being done.
  - Mr. Metzger to contact Mr. Dean Fenton concerning the paving of the township parking lot.
  - The trash hauler – Rumpke- hit the fence around the dumpster. It needs to be repaired. Need to contact Rumpke.
  - Updates on Roads-
    - Township roads are done.
    - Willowdale and Hominy Ridge are done
    - Jacksonville is finished.
    - 4450 Willowdale - driveway culvert seems to be blocked.
    - Jerry Ilges- owe a couple loads of dirt.

**New Business:**

- Springfield Occupational Health will now be known as Mercy Health Occupational Health – same locations
- Lawrenceville Cemetery only has 5 or 6 lots left for sale. Need to finish the newer section so will have additional burial space.
- Large trees in the right-of-way on Ramsey Road are dead and need to be taken down. Dave suggested taking them down once the crops are off, to be able to put them down in the fields.

**Old Business:**

None

- K. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Approved by:  
 Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the  
 Record of Proceedings  
 August 8, 2017

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 Robert Clark, President

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 Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

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 Charles Metzger, Member

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 Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer