

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Session**  
**October 10, 2017**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Clark called the meeting to order.

Board of Trustees- Roll Call: Mr. Clark– present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present; Mr. Metzger- present

Fiscal Officer: Angela Griest

Township Department Supervisors present: 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: Beau Thompson, Clark County Prosecutor’s Office; Jacob Jefferies, legal counsel for Tremont City; James Clippinger, Tremont City Mayor; Tony Flood, David Foster, and Steve Heider, members of the Board of Tremont City; Bertha Bolin; Rusty Smith; and Robert Weaver.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

A. Motion to approve the minutes for September 12, 2017

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

**Hearing of the Public:**

None

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

B. Motion to receive the September 2017 financial reports and to approve payments from September 09 through October 10,2017 \$140,181.94:

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

**Zoning Department Report:**

None

**Road Department Report:**

Mark Bevan presented the Maintenance Report:

- Wildflower: quote from ADS through County for 140’ - 12” swall hwy solid pipe; 12 couplers; 2- 100’ black tape – total \$471.94
- Wildflower: quote from County; 2-2B Riser 36’ \$207.00; 2-2B riser 12” \$105.00 grate \$165.00

C. Motion to approve the costs for Wildflower for the pipes, and catch basins. The owner to excavate and the Township to install.

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

D. Motion to approve the Riley’s Asphalt invoice for \$1650 for asphalt culverts for Group Road, Overholser Road, Crescent Hill, and Ballentine Pike:

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

**Police Department Report:**

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- The radios are ordered and will be installed within 30 days.
- Officers will be out collecting for the Breast Cancer Endowment Fund.
- Sgt. Blum has done an excellent job since his rehire. His probation period has been completed, and he would like to recommends a \$1.00 increase for Sgt. Blum’s wages.

E. Motion to approve the wage increase of \$1.00 for Sgt. Blum:

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

- Would like to have Sgt. Blum reimbursed for the payroll deducts for the WIFI. He had requested to have the WIFI to help with township business and for use for home. However, after about 25 gigabytes Verizon slows down the service so much that he is unable to use the programs needed

to do his job. The wifi has been cancelled. Total payroll deducts to be reimbursed totaled \$160.62. Chief Stitzel would like Mrs. Emory to try to see if Verizon will reimburse the township for those costs because the WIFI was not unlimited and useable as was represented.

F. Motion to approve the payroll deduct of \$160.62:

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

• Introduced Carly Raney as a new hire as an auxiliary officer.

G. Motion to hire Carly Raney as an auxiliary officer:

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

Chief Stitzel administered the Oath of Office.

#### **Fire Department Report:**

None

#### **New Business:**

- Ohio Insurance Services meeting at Springfield Township Office on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.
- Next CCTA meeting is set for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- Benovation (our new medical provider) sent notice they are sorry for any delays in payments but they have been working hard to catch up. Claims and payments are back to industry standards now. Any questions or problems with claim payments, please contact them.

#### **Old Business**

Tremont City – Mount Calvary Cemetery

- Mr. Jefferies, legal Counsel for Tremont City, presented Mr. Thompson, Township counsel, with Documents as to why Tremont City believes the old section of Mount Calvary Cemetery does not legally belong to them. Mr. Thompson stated he will review the documents.
- Mr. Kaffenbarger is working with the neighbor to Mount Calvary Cemetery concerning his complaint concerning the trash and fence.
- OTARMA is working well with the Fire Department on the replacement of the fire gear that was destroyed in a fire.

#### **Any Other Business:**

- Mr. Metzger stated he has been in contact with Heidi at the Ohio Township Association, Charlie Patterson, of the Clark County Health Department, and Representative Bob Hackett concerning the situation where the City of Springfield and the County Health Department are trying to require township property along State Route 41 to tie into the city sewer, even though their systems may not be bad, and that those costs estimates have ranged from \$16,000 to \$33,000. This does not seem right, especially if their system is still working.
  - Mr. Thompson stated that because he also represents the Clark County Health Department, there may be a conflict of interest in the matter of him representing us for this issue. He will look into the matter.
  - Mr. Degenhart said this issue had come before him from a letter he received from the Board of Realtors concerning a home that had recently been sold and the owners where presented with this situation.
  - Mrs. Griest mentioned that usually the City will require them to sign a DIA agreement to be able to get the water/sewer. This agreement requires annexation into the City at some point.
- Chief Holman asked Mr. Thompson if he had a response to his request concern using EMS Funds to help pay for maintenance on fire department vehicles (TAC truck and Rescue Truck) that are also used for accidents and other ems runs. Mr. Thompson stated that all the levies the Township currently has does state that they are for Fire and Ems Department expenses. The EMS Fund should also be able to help with those expenses if those vehicles are used for EMS purposes. Mrs. Griest asked for a written opinion on this matter.

H. Motion to go into executive session for discussion with legal counsel at 8:47 a.m.:

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

I. Motion to go back into regular session at 9:05 a.m.

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

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

Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the  
Record of Proceedings  
October 10, 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