

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
July 10, 2018

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 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. Kaffenbarger – present; Mr. Clark - present; Mr. Metzger- present
Fiscal Officer: Angela Griest

Township Personnel present: Mark Bevan, Road Supervisor; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Karina Emory; Dave Brown; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; and Tim Holman, Fire Chief (arrived late)

Visitors: See Sign in Sheet.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the May 01, 2018; June 12, 2018; and June 26, 2018 minutes:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Fiscal Officer:

- B. Motion to receive the management reports and Bank Reconciliation for June, 2018:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- C. Motion to approve the payments from June 11, 2018 to July 09, 2018 for \$84,713.45
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- D. Motion to approve invoice for OTARMA – McMann, Smoot & Riddle Agency for the property and liability insurance annual renewal beginning July 15, 2018 for \$40,688.01
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- E. Motion to adopt the following 2019 Annual Tax Budget 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 1st 2019 to the Clark County Auditor's Office for consideration by the County Budget Commission pursuant of Section 5705.30 of the Ohio Revised Code.
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- F. Motion to approve 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 limitations, and Whereas, before seeking to have a levy approved by the elector's 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 06,2018 . Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio, that the Clark County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to the Board of Trustee: 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 mills. Be it Further Resolved that the purpose of the tax is Maintaining Township Police Department and is for five years, being first levied in tax year 2019, first collected in calendar year 2020, and appearing on the tax list for the years specified: 2019,2020,2021,2022,2023. Such tax is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of the German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) pursuant to Section 5705.19(J) of the Ohio Revised Code and shall be levied on the residents of the German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) pursuant to Section 5705.19(J) of the Ohio Revised Code and which shall be a renewal of an existing levy. List any other county into which this subdivision overlaps: None. 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. Clark seconded the Motion:
Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes; Mr. Clark – Yes; Mr. Metzger – Yes
Motion Carried.

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Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes; Mr. Clark – Yes; Mr. Metzger – Yes
Motion Carried.

- H. Motion to approve the invoice from the Auditor of State for the 2016-2017 AUP Audit at a cost of \$2,529.79: This is an Agreed Upon Procedures rather than a full audit, and is allowed by the State of Ohio if you meet certain criteria. We can have an AUP audit for two consecutive times, and then it goes back to a full audit. The savings for having an AUP audit is approximately \$5,000 less than previous years.

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

- Update from the New Perspective Asset Management concerning the 2017 run out claims. They have paid almost \$5million dollars of outstanding claims. OPEC found another million dollars to use for paying additional run out claims. They are continuing to make their way through individual claims as well as the collective problems of the group as a whole.

Zoning Department:

Mr. Degenhart, Zoning Inspector presented the following:

- The property at 2831 Covina has been mowed. There is a sales contract for the property. Once the sale is finalized, the new owners will begin renovations on the property. They plan to keep the property mowed. At this time, there is no further action required by the Township.
- According to Mr. Tom Hale, Director, Clark County Community Development, negotiations are continuing for a possible use for the Mall area.
- The County complimented the Township Police Department for working with the Upper Valley Mall and stepping up the security.

Police Department:

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- We will be having access to the Mall. Officers can use it to do reports, use the restroom, and to help boost the security on site.
 - We have made an arrest on a stolen car that came out of Columbus.
 - We have been working on several drug related issues. Looking for another indictment for a drug house.
- I. Motion to move (Timothy) Connor Engleka from auxiliary to part-time at \$15.00 an hour:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- He would like to go into contract with Axon Enterprises for a five-year contract for Taser 60 Basic. Total for five-year contract - \$5644.00. Approximately \$1120.00 per year, depending on the down payment
Would like to put \$2000.00. Provides four Taser 60:Xs6p Basic; includes accessories for four; eight Cartridges – Simulation; eight Cartridges – 25” Hybrid; and Kits with data port download, & USP. When we use a cartridge, they will replace the cartridge at no cost. The cartridges we currently have will be at end of life in September. Budget will cover the expense.
- J. Motion to approve the five-year contract with Axon Enterprises at a total cost of \$5644.00:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All

- There have been several pursuits come through German Township. He would like to purchase three stop stick kits to place in each cruiser. Cost is \$445.00 for each kit. Total \$1335. They are replaceable at no cost, one time, if used in the line duty within a five-year period. This will help to slow cars down during a pursuit.
- K. Motion to approve the purchase of the three stop stick kits at a cost of \$1335.00:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All

Fire Department:

Chief Holman presented the following:

- Attended a Bureau of Worker’s Compensation meeting and they have grants for law enforcement, for safety equipment, guns, and other safety equipment. They also have some for schools.
 - The Fire Department received the State EMS grant this year for \$4550.00. He would like to replace the CPAP units with BIPAP units. This will make treatments easier for people. Could buy a new one for this year and one each following year or we could buy the refurbished units and get all three.
- L. Motion to approve the purchase of the BIPAP units, using the \$4550.00 EMS grant.
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- M. Motion to approve a new hire, Sidney Dennis as a basic EMT - \$13.50 hour:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Mr. Metzger wanted to inform the visitors here today how Mr. Cleland from the school, submitted Chief Holman to be recognized , along with the other Paramedics, & EMTs that had saved his life at an upcoming Cincinnati Reds Game. One resident president also stated that two years ago, he had a heart attack, and their response helped to save his life. Mr. Metzger stated we are blessed to have such a good Fire & Ems Department in German Township. Mr. Clark wanted to extend the same to our Police Department for their work. In addition, a thank-you to the Maintenance Department for keeping the roads cleared during the winter.

Hearing of the Public:

- Several residents were here today concerning the Covina property, which Mr. Degenhart mentioned in his report.
- Mr. Van Eancheff, on Deer Run Road was here today concerning the drainage problem in his backyard. It actually goes behind several properties in that area. Not draining well His septic system works well, but when there is rain, the drainage goes into his leach system. He would like someone to come out and look at the problem. Mr. Clark stated he had a Mr. Powers from that area call him also concerning drainage. There is a utility easement there, but it is not a township easement. That drainage area is not a Township easement; the property owners would be responsible for that drainage area. Mr. Clark asked Mr. Bevan to look at it to give the resident an idea what needs done. Mr. Bevan stated that the owners of the properties had some tiling done in that area before he had started working with the Township. It is the owner’s responsibility to correct the issue; however, he would go to look at it for the residents.
- One resident asked a question concerning a speeding ticket her daughter received on Upper Valley Pike in front of the mall area. Chief Stitzel stated that the area in front of the mall is a 35 mph zone. You cannot increase your speed in that area until you past the 45 mph sign. If an officer is sitting at the sign, he is clocking you for the speed you are doing in the 35mph zone. if the officer clocks you at 45mph, you can receive a ticket. Once you past the sign, it stays 45 mph until you past Fox Hollow. After Fox Hollow is turns into 55 mph. Chief Holman stated that due to the Police Departments efforts to control the speed limit, there have been a lot less serious automobile accidents in our area. It causes people to slow down.

Maintenance Department:

Mr. Bevan and the Trustees presented the following:

- Ditch on Ebersole needs cleaned.
- The other side of the Brookston area worked on needs the same thing done to it. The other side looks good. See if can be done before school starts again.
- Fire Department has helped to clean out some drainage pipes.
- 2283 Ballentine- Rader’s was looking to put in a catch basin and drainage, then pump it up to the road ditch. It should probably go under Ballentine and tie into the drainage area in Thuma Estates. Mark to get ahold of Brian to coordinate it.
- James Peck- Willowdale. Asked about his ditch and culvert. Mr. Kaffenbarger to stop to look at it.

- Branches posing a safety issue between Ballentine to Shrine Road. Trees need trimmed back. It is a County issue. Mark to contact the County.
- The gentleman on Ash Drive has never called back concerning his drainage area.
- Road Mowing. Not quite finished. Have not changed to the new blades. Mr. Kaffenbarger asked to try to finish the mowing first.

Old Business:

- QSEHRA – Concerning the question of changing the waiting period for new employees. Mrs. Griest read response from our Wesbanco Administrator. In summary, a QSEHRA can only have a waiting period of 90 days, not more. Because we did not have this as an eligibility requirement at the beginning of the year, she does not recommend making a mid-year change. By changing it mid-year, you are not operating it in a uniform and consistent basis with all eligible employees. Our legal counsel, Mr. Beau Thompson also agreed that no mid-year changes be made at this time.
- The Lawrenceville Church has gave us an option to purchase a portion of their property, the lot to the east of the cemetery driveway (concrete area) for \$31,650.00 which is the value set by the County Auditor. Mr. Degenhart stated that the lot is small, does have access to water, but not sewer. May be difficult to build on at its current size. It would be best if attached to a neighboring property (Township). Trustees stated they would be interested in purchasing the property but not at the current asking price. The lot could be used for a small storage building, or to add to the cemetery. Trustees could make a counter offer; however, there are no funds in the budget at this time to purchase the property. Trustees asked Mr. Degenhart to draft a letter of interest, stating that it was not in our budget for this year, but that we would be interested in negotiating a price that could possibly be put into our budget for January 2019.

New Business:

- Mr. Kaffenbarger has talked with New View Property Management concerning taking care of the flowerbeds at the front of the Township building. Cost \$350 monthly charge to keep the flowerbeds in order. Would include mulching. Trustees all agreed to have them do the work.
- There is a wet spot on the ceiling in the meeting. May be from condensation from the conditioner. Need to check, and then spray the area.
- Valic - an employer sponsored retirement plan. Trustees need to meet with our financial advisor with them to discuss making changes to the contract. Trustees requested to see if there could be a meeting set up to discuss it one evening, mid week, 7:00 p.m. (no Thursdays)

N. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the
Record of Proceedings
July 10, 2018

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

Robert Clark, Vice President

Charles Metzger, Member