

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
October 09, 2018

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, October 09, 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 – present

Township Personnel present: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Mark Bevan, Road Supervisor; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Karina Emory, secretary; and Linda Mader.

Visitors: Michael Miller, Valic; Jill Acuff, Mark Sanders, and David McGowan

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

The Trustees need more time to review the September 11, 2018 minutes. Postponed until next month.

A. Motion to approve the September 29, 2018 minutes:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark

Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – Yes Mr. Clark – Yes Mr. Kaffenbarger – Abstain

Hearing of the Public:

Moved to the end of the meeting.

Fiscal Officer:

B. Motion to receive the management reports and Bank Reconciliation for September, 2018:

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

C. Motion to approve the payments from September 12, 2018 to October 10, 2018. Total \$118,560.68

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

- New perspective Asset Management is no longer permitted to pay out claims due to a third party filing a claim with the United States Bankruptcy Court.

Zoning Department:

Mr. Degenhart presented the following:

- Meeting with the principals involved with a possible sale of the Upper Valley Mall.
- No further information at this time.

D. House Bull 602 : Motion for the adoption of the following Resolution; and to allow Mr. Degenhart to represent German Township in this matter with the Health Department, other Townships, and other interested parties, by Mr. Clark:

Whereas, HB 602, protects poor residents in townships from being overcharged for water/sewer services; and

Whereas, HB 602 protects township government from having commercial territory poached through annexation, and

Whereas, HB 602 allows villages and cities to choose whatever price they want to charge if they do not opt to utilize state funding; and

Whereas, HB 602 allows villages to recoup “any” cost to serve residents, including higher charge for outside residents but rates must be applied equally to all customers in the system in similar circumstances; and

Whereas, HB 602 allows villages and cities to grow by annexing land but cannot force annexation as a condition of connecting to water and sewer; and

Whereas, HB 602 allows villages and cities to continue using bonds to finance their infrastructure; and

Whereas, HB 602 applies only to water and sewer services, not other municipal utilities, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective on the date of the adoption of this Resolution, the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio, hereby supports the fairness of HB 602

Motion was seconded by Mr. Kaffenbarger

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

Motion Carried.

Police Department:

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- A traffic stop led to information concerning the house on Saint Paris Pike where drug activity was reported in the past. More drugs and meth was found at the home. We are hoping this will help to completely shut down this drug house.
- There is a lot of shop lifting going on at Sears, Rural King and Victoria Secret.
- Started collections for Cancer Fund. The Police will be wearing their Pink shirts.

Fire Department:

Chief Holman presented the following:

- Will the Township provide for flu shots for the employees? Trustees stated yes as we have in the past. If not covered under their insurance or through another job, the Township will reimburse them for the flu shot, or we may be able to do vouchers with the Health Department.
 - Requested to purchase a new Braun medic unit for Fire/EMS Department. Mrs. Griest stated that there was not funds available in the current budget (2018) and that Chief Holman had put the new medic in the 2019 Budget. Chief Holman stated it needed to be ordered now because it takes quite a long time for the unit to be built and outfitted and it would not be ready until 2019. Mrs. Griest explained the procedure for purchasing the new vehicle, and recommended that the Trustees would have to amend the 2018 Annual Appropriation Budget in order to be able to place the order for the new medic unit in order to be compliant.
- E. Motion by Mr. Clark to amend the 2018 Annual Appropriation Budget to purchase a Braun Medic Unit at a cost of \$138,000.00 with 50% coming from Fund 2111-760-750-0000 Motor Vehicles and 50% coming from Fund 2281 -760-750-0000 Motor Vehicles. Motion was seconded by Mr. Metzger.

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

- The property on Covina has changed ownership. The neighbor is still concerned about the tree coming down on her garage or house. She may trim any branches that are hanging over the property line onto her side.
 - He is working on a fire grant for \$370,000. Engine 1 is 18 years old, will go out of NFPA compliance in the year 2020. It is still in good shape mechanically, but we must maintain one fire engine in compliance with NFPA. Engine 2 is 28 years old and is no longer compliant.
 - Fire Department is selling T-shirts to support the Women’s Cancer Center at Ohio State.
 - Later this month we will be doing a field trip with first graders from Northwestern Schools.
- F. Motion to approve a new employee – Adessa Harris. She is a new paramedic and is coming to us from Christiansburg:
- Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- There is pressure from the EMA to go to the MARCS radio system. It is an expensive system. It costs a lot to replace all the radios and equipment, there is also a monthly fee. There have been reports from other places across the United States where the channels get overloaded and jam up, especially during major disasters. This leaves emergency services without a way to communicate. He currently is holding off for now, and will continue to look for better options.
 - Chief Stitzel stated that the Police Department is currently using the MARCS system, and he does not like the Marcs system. It goes down frequently. That is why they now have portable VHFS radios in the cars.

Maintenance Department:

Mr. Bevan and the Trustees presented the following:

- There is a water issue on Walnut Grove.
 - Thackery Road ditch is done and on grade.
 - Terry Hiles will be another week before he will be available.
 - Radar’s will be working in West Ridge
 - Bucks’ Tree Service is done with the tree work.
 - Baker Road needs looked at.
 - Quote from Custom Way for the chipper box:
 - Steel @\$2900
 - If we go with the Steel, it will need to be powder coated at an additional cost.
 - Stainless Steel @ \$3900.
- G. Motion to purchase the Stainless Steel chipper box from Custom Way:

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

Old Business:

Mount Calvary Cemetery: Both parties’ attorneys have been communicating. There may be a solution forthcoming, but nothing is finalized. There is a possibility that Tremont will turn over the Old Section of the cemetery to the Township. Mr. Metzger stated we did not have to accept.

New Business:

- Conceal Carry – Do we want to allow it or not allow it?
 - Currently in government buildings conceal carry is not permitted.
 - Mr. Clark stated that he is against having conceal carry in the buildings. It should be posted.
 - Can Township employees have conceal carry in the buildings but have it restricted to the public? Need to ask prosecutor.
 - It was noted during the last meeting, there was a gentleman here who did have a concealed carried weapon on his person.

Hearing of the Public:

- Mrs. Martino had requested to be put on the agenda. However, she is not present.
- Mr. Kaffenbarger made the following statement in regards to Mrs. Martino’s complaint:

We have heard Mrs. Martino’s complaints. The police chief conducted an internal investigation, determined appropriate action, took that action, and we have chosen not to undertake any additional investigation or punishment relating to the actions taken by Officer Axel on that date. We have responded appropriately to your public records requests and will continue to do so to ensure that you get all the information that you ask for and are entitled to under the law, and have nothing further to say on the matter.

- Mrs. Emory stated that Mrs. Martino has received the information she asked for in the public records request with all the appropriate information redacted and the reasons for the redaction.
- Mr. Miller – Valic
 - Mr. Miller is here today to go through the application to amend our current 457B retirement plan.
 - The main concerns the Trustees had was to make it easier for the employees to access their information, to borrow against their funds, and have other options available to them.
 - The Trustees and Mr. Miller went through the application line by line, asking questions on how each change would affect employees.
 - The Revised plan allows them the ability to:
 - Borrow against their funds. Loans, payback with interest. If the loan has not been repaid before the employee leaves employment, the balance then becomes taxable.
 - Over 70 options to choose from for investments.
 - Employees can change their portfolio based on varying degrees of risk tolerances.
 - Have access online.
 - Changes can be made by contacting Valic or Mr. Miller by phone.
 - New plan meets all IRS codes and is open to all employees.

H. Motion to approve all changes to the Valic Plan, as amended:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd Mr. Clark Ayes: All

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

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

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Record of Proceedings
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Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

Robert Clark, Vice President

Charles Metzger, Member

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer