

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
April 09, 2019

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, April 09, 2019 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
Fiscal Officer: Angela Griest - present

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

Visitors: Jesse Salyers, ChemStation; Harold Williams & Larry Hopkins, Joel Johnson concerning Cell tower; Pam Upper, Green Lawn Village; Jessica Reynolds; Barb Reynolds; Bruce Reynolds; Elissa Troutt; Heather Gould; Don Richardson; Donna & Tracy Hudson; Josh Rife; Jill Acuff; Bill Wolfarth.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the minutes for March 12, 2019:

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

Fiscal Officer:

- B. Motion to receive the March 2019 management reports:

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

- C. Motion to approve payments issued March 11, 2019 through April 08, 2019 \$249,982.01

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

- Discussion concerning levies for the general election:

- Mr. Metzger stated that the reason for requesting the additional road levy is the roads are deteriorating and the Township cannot keep up with the repairs due to the high cost of black top. It costs \$100,000 per mile to pave. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he has also noticed the road deterioration and that due to road funds we can only patch and repair, rather than pave.
- Chief Holman stated that the .04 mill levy is a renewal of an original levy that from many years ago for the starting of the Fire & EMS Department. In 1966, when the Fire Department began, an engine costs \$23,000. Today an engine is over \$300,000.

- D. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX REVENUE

Mr. Metzger moved the adoption of the following resolution: To accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax revenue from the Clark County Auditor for the each of the following:

- i. .40 mills Providing and Maintaining Fire and Emergency Services – Renewal - \$42,439
- ii. 1.0 mills Providing and Maintaining Roads – Additional - \$153,485.

Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded the Motion and the roll being called up its adoption the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Clark – yes Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes Mr. Metzger – yes. Having received the required two-thirds majority, the Resolution was adopted.

- E. RESOLUTION TO PROCEED OF THE TAXING AUTHORITY

Mr. Kaffenbarger moved the adoption for the following Resolution:

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 the said German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), Clark County; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, Clark County, 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 the German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) for the purpose of Providing and Maintaining Fire and Emergency Medical Services at a rate not exceeding 0.40 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.04 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for 5 Years commencing and appearing on the tax list for the years so specified: 2020,2021,2022,2023,2024. Said levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 0.40 mills.

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 5th day of November, 2019; and be it further

Resolved, that said levy be placed upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election, if a majority of the electors voting there on vote in favor thereof; and be it further

Resolved, that the Clerk or Fiscal Officer of German Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of the Resolution to the Board of Elections of 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. Metzger seconded the motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Clark – Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes; Mr. Metzger – yes

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G. Motion to approve invoice for Route 40 Signs for striping (red, black, green) reflective lettering & decals - \$1290:

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

H. Motion to approve invoice for Image Trend – Fire & EMS reporting software – Annual renewal - \$2280.94:

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

- Asked Trustees to review the OTARMA CBIZ Valuation Report and make notes on any changes they may wish to make. This report will be the figures the property insurance company uses to renew our 2019-2020 property insurance, usually due in July.

Hearing of the Public:

- Jesse Salyers, ChemStation, Dayton, Ohio; They sell supplies for Truck Washers. Cleaners, neutralizers, refillable units, that can be used with many types of power washers. He brought information.
- Harold Williams, Larry Hopkins, Joel Johnson, with concerns about the cell tower access off Kelly Avenue.
 - A cell tower is going to be constructed on the Rust property, which abuts the subdivision off Penney Pike, along the end of Kelly Avenue.
 - Mr. Metzger stated he was aware of the plans. He has received letters concerning the work. Main entrance for heavy construction equipment is to be off St. Rt. 41 not Kelly Avenue. It would be too dangerous with children in the area, and be hard on the Township roads. However, there is an electrical easement off Kelly Avenue.
 - Because the Rust property abuts Kelly Avenue, an entrance could be made from Kelly Avenue. They can put up a gate across their property to restrict access to their property.

- The Township does not assign street addresses to property. That is done through Clark County, contact Allen Niemeyer.
- Pam Upper concerning Mt. Calvary Cemetery:
 - Her brother recently passed away and was buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Church Hill Road is deteriorating. Cannot drive through because of the bad road. Needs to be repaired, or at the least, put crushed gravel in the holes along edges for safety.
 - The Cemetery is full of trash and needs cleaned up. People have made piles of trash along the fence and road. It would be helpful if there were trash cans or drums of some kind to put out for trash. I suggest perhaps the Boy Scouts could do a trash pickup day, or the County's work crews could possibly help.
 - She has been to a Tremont City Council meeting, and they told her the Cemetery and Church Hill Road belongs to the Township. They gave her some documents that say the same thing.
 - She has talked with Kyle Koehler and turned information over to him to see if there is something he can do to help.

Township responses:

- Per our legal counsel, Clark County Prosecutor's Office, Church Hill Road is a Village Road, and is illegal for the Township to expend any funds for the Road. The Old Section of the Cemetery is in the Village and does not belong to the Township.
- Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he has went through and picked up trash in the spring, and we contract through the mowing season for cemetery maintenance and mowing. We can look into putting up drums for trash, and can try to get the trash cleaned up.
- There was recently vandalism done to the overturned stones in the old section of the Cemetery. The Tremont City Police Department handled that call.
- We can see about filling the holes in the road with some gravel as a courtesy, but we cannot accept any other responsibility for the road.

Zoning Department:

- The Upper Valley Mall is a continuing process. There is a 51% chance of the Mall being sold. A non-refundable down payment has been made. However, there needs to be a lot of money invested for development; and a lot of hard work ahead to make it happen. The County Commissioners and the Re-development Group are continuing to work on this project.
- Property at 1646 Ballentine Pike: on going Case.
 - Township did send a letter stating the owners had 45 days to repair or demolish the current residence. The Township must follow the legal steps. Ongoing Case.
 - Currently there are problems with unsafe structure, trash, illegal burning of debris, septic trenched to woods, dumping trash in woods and along fence line, dog, water in basement, and criminal activity. Both the Police and Fire Departments have been involved.

Fire Department

Chief Holman presented the following:

- The Horton Medic Unit was sold to an EMS organization for \$12,000. We did not get much on the bids through GovDeals.Com.
- New Medic Unit will be in service tomorrow.

Police Department:

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- I. Motion to approve costs to repair 2011 dodge for a bad head gasket, and air conditioner. Total Cost \$1500:
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- J. Motion to purchase tools & equipment to repair the antennae on the Police radio tower, which was lost during the storm (may use the aerial truck during repairs): Cost \$1700
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Thank you Officer Taylor Stuart for the doughnuts this morning.
- Returning the Hummer back to the Federal Government. May replace it with another if there are any available at no cost.
- K. Motion to sell the ATV, old radars, and other confiscated property on GovDeals.com (once the Judge has approved):
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All

- Officer Stuart has been with the Police Department for a year, and has done an excellent job of assisting me with department matters. I would recommend to promote Officer Stuart to Corporal for all the hard work she has done. She received a raise at the beginning of this year and so we will wait 6 months to review. Chief Holman stated she has helped the Fire Department out a lot and works well with them.
- L. Motion to approve the promotion of Officer Taylor Stuart to Corporal:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- M. Motion to hire two new auxiliary officers: Anthony Reynolds and Sierra Hudson:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
Corporal Taylor Stuart administered the Oath of Office.
- N. Motion to move Austin Renner to full time officer position at \$17.00 per hour:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that Safety was a priority. He received a call from a resident concerning someone in a police vehicle doing a U-turn in the center of the street, almost involving an accident. Please keep Safety #1.
 - Pam Upper, resident of Green Lawn Village, apologizes to the Police Department for the added pressure they may have had concerning dog complaints. Residents must have reports to turn in to remedy situations in their neighborhood. Chief Stitzel stated they are happy to help.

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan & Trustees reported the following:

- Reminder - Roads for the 2019 County paving/stripping need turned in – deadline April 15th
 - All three trustees stated they had many roads that need repaired this year. They are to get the road names and sections to Mrs. Emory to send to the County Engineer for estimates, before choosing which roads they will repair.
 - Reminder Salt contract with county for the 2019-2020 season – deadline April 19.
 - County Line Road culvert – bottoms gone, rusted out. Needs replaced. Get estimate.
- O. Motion to approve a mower Lease contract through Koenig Equipment same as last year. Price has not changed - \$1500 year:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- The drainage catch basin on Colonial Drive is finished.

Old Business:

- Credit Card Policy – reviewed each section making changes as went through the policy. Will make changes, reprint and then review for next meeting before approving.
- QSEHRA – changes were made to the form that you use to send in requesting your reimbursements. New forms will be printed and distributed.
- Due Chief Stitzel not knowing he had to purchase insurance before the beginning of the year to be able to participate in the QSEHRA this year, the Trustees would like to find a way to compensate him. Suggestions include an increase in his salary to match the amount of the QSEHRA. Or to offer him a bonus based on his actual medical expense for each quarter. Need to ask the prosecutor if we can give him a salary bonus.
- A-1 Able Mosquito control - \$2400-\$2500 for 11 applications or just the Lawrenceville area need more details.

New Business:

- Get quotes form Terry Hiles for multiple jobs, and check the drainage issue at the drive at the ballpark.
- Need Newsletter information, and pricing quotes

P. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Metzger, seconded by Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes – All

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

Robert Clark, President

Recorded in the
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Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Charles Metzger, Member

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer