

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Session**  
**June 11, 2019**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 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; and George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; and Karina Emory, Secretary.

Visitors: Bill Wolfarth, George White, Gary Sherrock, and Kelly Fife

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

- A. Motion to approve the minutes for May 13, 2019:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All

**Fiscal Officer:**

- B. Motion to receive the May 2019 management reports:  
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- C. Motion to approve payments issued May 14, 2019 through June 10, \$116,714.01  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Reminder to turn in 2020 Revenue Budget information – any new revenue for 2020, (excluding levy money). Ex. Grants, sale of property, etc..

**Hearing of the Public:**

Joe Garrett - Trebel- The natural gas aggregation contract is due to expire in October. The rates are down at this time and look to be down in the future. Therefore, going to bid out the contract a little earlier this year in order to take advantage of the lower rates. The same for the Electric aggregation contract, which is due to expire next May, but we are going to go out for bids now. Contracts for the natural gas will be 1-2 years long, the electric is usually 1 to 3 years long. Will depend on how the bids in from the companies. Residents will continue to have the option of opting out of the program. At this time, Mr. Garrett needs to have a trustee authorized to sign the agreements.

- D. Motion to authorize Mr. Metzger to execute an agreement with a Natural Gas supplier for the renewal of the German Township Natural Gas Aggregation Program at a fixed rate not to exceed \$0.41 per ccf or at a variable rate not to exceed NYMEX Month End Settlement plus a fixed adder of \$0.118 per ccf.

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

- E. Motion to authorize Mr. Metzger to execute an agreement with an electric supplier for the renewal of the German Township Electric Aggregation Program at a fixed rate not to exceed \$0.05 per kwh.

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

Mr. Metzger asked how many government agencies are there doing aggregation programs. Last year Trebel had 26 entities in contract, but the numbers are slowing down. There are approximately 70 percent of the areas have aggregation programs, whether through a co-op, city or countywide program.

Mr. Kaffenbarger asked if there was a way to show how much residents are saving through the aggregation program. Mr. Garrett will look for the information. If the Township could provide copies of their bills, he could also do an analysis on that to show the kind of savings. Mrs. Emory to send the information.

**Zoning Department:**

- None

## **Fire Department**

- Marcs radio transition went smooth. We are up and operational. We are keeping several portable radios for use in the vehicles for when we are in Champaign County. The County included use in a grant that they acquired for the radios, Marcs radios are about \$3000 each. The County maintains ownership and has them covered by insurance. We will need to purchase holsters.
  - Needed to purchase 4 additional pagers – cost over \$1000.00
  - Will sell old radios and repeaters on GovDeals.com
  - We did not get the grant through BWC for the new cots with loading system. However, will need to purchase 3 cots at \$14,000 total.
  - Waiting for government applications for grant to replace Engine 2 truck.
  - EMS Expo is in New Orleans this year in October. We send seven or eight people. They receive many of their Continuing Education Credits through the courses. I also pay for one meal as a group. They pay their own airfare. We cover expo cost and hotel.
  - We cannot get a burn permit from the EPA for burning of the mulch debris. So no more burning at the Township.
  - Gave aid to Montgomery County, Harrison Township on a fire. Needed a tanker. Their pumps for their hydrant system was down.
  - Rotary Club Award – Once a year they invite the area Fire Department to submit someone for their Fire Award. This year Karina Emory received that award. Congratulations.
  - Not all the Tornado Sirens were working during this past storm. The siren in Tremont City had low batteries. Batteries replaced. It is hard to keep the tornado sirens working, so we are going to contract with W.S. Electronics to do maintenance checks on them every March and October. As a reminder, the Township does not set off the Tornado Sirens. They are set off only by the National Weather Station. At this time, there are no grants available to purchase an additional siren.
- F. Motion to sell the old fire department radios on Govdeals.com along with the maintenance truck, sander, copier and other small items.

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

## **Police Department:**

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- The hummer was returned to the Federal government.
- Seized and forfeited merchandise has been sold on Govdeals.com
- Assisted burial for Barrett.
- We are getting calls concerning the Township Police Department cars being in places they are not supposed to be. I have checked their locations, and some of the cars people see are not the Township cars, but either Tremont's, or North Hampton's police cars. They have stripped their cars very similar to ours. Need to do something to make ours stand out and look different.
- For your information, the resident at Ballentine Pike appears not to be living in the house, but has moved to living in his car behind the house. The dogs are living in the house.

## **Road Maintenance Department**

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- Mr. Sherrock is here today concerning water issue at his property. Trustees have decided in order to move the water away, the berm on both sides of the road will need to cut off. Make sure the road right-of-way is mowed, and need to have the County Health Department be sure that the water that is running down hill is not from a septic system.
- Westridge drainage: Covina/Anita - Residents to pay for drainage work to be done, Mr. Bevan to supervise on the Townships behalf. Covina/Deer Run – the drainage issue there is not the responsibility of the township.
- Brush – What to do with the pile of wood since we can no longer burn. Mr. White suggested the following:
  - C&S Tree Services could come out and haul some of the mulch away. Will take shredded or not shredded materials at approximately \$300.00 per load.
  - Long term could haul truckloads ourselves out to C&S to dump it. Only cost would be truck use, time, and labor.
  - Grapple truck – could purchase a grapple truck (\$150,000) to pick up the brush from the roadways, eliminating use of the chipper and labor, then hauling it to C&S to dump.

At this time, the Trustees would like Mark to talk to C&S to come remove two loads. We will see how it affects the stockpile of mulch and better judge future costs.

- Bridge on Saint Paris over 68 – Pratt area – will be closed for two weeks.
- Ash Drive – pipe across from Holly Drive needs repaired. Has blown out.
- G. Motion to pay \$2000 to Riley’s Paving for invoice covering multiple jobs; and \$3450.00 to Hiles & Son for invoice covering multiple job:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Township parking lot is holding water since it was pave. They will be out to fix the problem.

**Old Business:**

Trustees discussed best way to pay for the purchase of the side property owned by Lawrenceville Church and adjacent to the current Township property: Paying cash from the General Fund or taking a small cash secured loan. Principal would be \$10,000. Could get a 2-3 year loan with a low interest rate. Make one or two payments per year for up to three years. Mr. Metzger to call to have the County survey the property.

- H. Motion to have Mrs. Griest work with Wesbanco for a Cash Secured Loan to purchase the property adjacent to the Township from Lawrenceville Church for \$10,000:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All

**New Business:**

- A large semi-truck was stuck on Kelly Avenue while bringing equipment in for the Verizon Tower that is going up on the Rust property. Need to contact them because we were informed no large equipment would be brought in through the subdivision, access was to be off Route 41. During the meeting, Mr. Degenhart made the call, and stated the problem would be resolved.
- For information, Johnson Road has interest in getting a Columbia Gas main approximately 2700 feet. Directional boring. Should not have an impact on roadway.
- Rumpke trash service contract - \$153.50 per month for 1-8 cubic yard:
- I. Motion to approve Rumpke trash service contract costs:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- Chief Holman to be clean out Fire Department storage area and garage of old unusable items. Mrs. Griest requested him to keep a list of the items disposing for retention and inventory purposes.
- Township business phone calls has been affecting the costs of his personal cell phone. Mr. Kaffenbarger does not wish to continue to use his personal cell phone for Township business. He prefers to have a township provided cell phone.
- J. Motion to approve the costs for Mr. Kaffenbarger to have a township provided cell phone:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: - All
- K. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kaffenbarger, seconded by Mr. Metzger Ayes – All

Approved by:  
Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the  
Record of Proceedings  
June 11, 2019

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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