

German Township
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2014

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the German Township Office at 3940 Lawrenceville Drive, Springfield, Ohio. The meeting is called into order by Mr. Rodney Kaffenbarger, President.

Roll Call: Mr. Clark – present; Mr. Metzger - present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present. Other Township personnel present: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning; Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer Report:

Motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014:

Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to approve the checks & EFT's for January 14 through February 11, 2014:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to receive the January financial reports:

Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – all

On January 10th the State owned Township computer crashed. It took 14 days for UAN and Dell to get the computer back up and operational. The computer was repaired and reloaded. All the emails, and a few documents were lost, all financial information seems to have been recovered.

Motion to approve the Young's Bike Event for July 19th 8 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

At the December bid opening for the 2014 Mowing contract the Township received the following bids:

1. Dream Catchers Landscaping - Dwayne Lambert
 - a. Mt. Calvary Cemetery - \$485.00 per mowing
 - b. Lawrenceville Cemetery - \$270.00 per mowing
 - c. Fall & Spring clean-up - \$480.00 per service
 - d. 2% fuel surcharge if fuel goes over \$4.00 per gallon
2. Gillam Lawncare & Landscaping LLC - Ryan Gillam
 - a. Mt. Calvary Cemetery - \$435.00 per mowing
 - b. Lawrenceville Cemetery - \$250.00n per mowing
 - c. Spring & Fall Cleanup - \$450.00 per service
3. Grasshoppers of Springfield – Dave Aills
 - a. Mt. Calvary Cemetery - \$240.00 weekly or biweekly as needed
 - b. Mt. Calvary Cemetery – Fall & Spring clean-up \$350.00 per service
 - c. Lawrenceville Cemetery \$180.00 weekly or biweekly as needed
 - d. Lawrenceville Cemetery – Fall & Spring clean-up - \$275.00 per service
 - e. Callison Cemetery- \$55.00 per mowing
 - f. Sims chapel Cemetery -\$55.00 per mowing

Motion to accept the bid from Grasshoppers Lawn Care for Cemetery mowing for Mount Calvary and Lawrenceville Cemeteries:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Hearing of the Public:

Mr. Metzger spoke concerning the salt supply being almost gone. At this time, no new orders of salt are being taken per Clark County. We will do the best we can for the roads with what we have available. If the roads get bad, people will need to only go out if necessary, and then slow down!

Police Report:

Chief Stitzel wanted to take this opportunity to have the Trustees meet the police officers that we have out on the roads: Ritesh Sharma, Joshua Perry, Zachary Larimore, Teresa Jordan, and Jeff Stelzer. Several other officers were unable to attend due to work schedules.

Before continuing, Mr. Metzger requested that in the future, all agenda items and information copies need to be given to the Fiscal Officer the Thursday prior to the meeting date. This will give time for the items to be added to the agenda, and time for the Trustees to review the information.

Chief Stitzel would like to amend the German Township Parking Resolutions. There was a brief discussion concerning the proposed changes. The Trustees would like to have a copy of the completed changes and a prosecutor opinion on the changes before continuing. Therefore, a motion was made to table the parking resolution amendments:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

An executive session was requested at the end of the meeting by Chief Stitzel.

Chief Stitzel would like to have approval for a session on GRACY Training, which is a certified training dealing with combative people. The training will take place at the school, and other departments will be invited to attend. Cost is \$600.00: Motion to authorize the GRACY training:

Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – all

Mr. Studebaker asked if anyone knew whether there was an armed, trained employee at the school. At this time, no one has been notified by the school concerning that issue. A general discussion ensued concerning school shooting, safety, and trainings.

Fire Department:

Chief Holman stated that the generator maintenance was done today. The change over to the county dispatch will take place on March 1st. The Township should receive separate invoices for the equipment and the dispatch fees. Motion to pay both the equipment and dispatch fees for fiscal year 2014:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Mr. Studebaker asked Chief Holman if the Fire Department has ever trained for grain rescues. Chief Holman responded that yes several people attended grain bin rescue training. The Fire Department was then trained.

Maintenance Department:

The backflow was broken and the drain was not functioning properly. Storer's Plumbing fixed the drain and repaired the back flow. They will be issuing two invoices. Motion to pay for the repairs:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to purchase two tires and a wheel from Best One Tire & Service of Mid America, Inc. for the 98 Dump Truck at a cost of \$776.64:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel compensation at 8:10 p.m.:

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to go back into regular session at 8:21 p.m.:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to promote Jeremy Blum from Sargent to Lieutenant with an increase of pay of \$1.00 to \$17.00 per hour beginning pay period February 17, 2014:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes - all

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees

Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

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Mr. Metzger, Vice President

Robert Clark, Member

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer