

**German Township Trustees
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the German Township Office at 3940 Lawrenceville Drive, Springfield, Ohio. The meeting is called into session by Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President.

Roll Call: Mr. Erlewine – present; Mr. Kaffenbarger - present; Mr. Metzger – absent.

Other Departments present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; George Degenhart, Zoning; Chad Eubanks, Captain- Fire Dept.; and Mike Stitzel, Police Chief.

Zoning Case: G-2013-01 Owners Richard and Lisa Carey are requesting to rezone approximately 47.47 acres of property located at 5501 Knollwood Road from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Residential in order to seek bank refinancing.

Mr. Carey explained that in order for them to refinance their home and property, the financial institution is requiring the property be residential. They have no plans to develop the land but to continue to use it as their home.

Mr. Kaffenbarger asked if there were any questions or objections. No objections. Mr. Erlewine made a motion to approve the rezoning request to rezone approximately 47.47 acres of property located at 5501 Knollwood Road from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Residential. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaffenbarger. Roll Call: Mr. Erlewine – yes Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes.

Fiscal Officer Report:

A motion was made to correct the February minutes to read “Motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2013 and January 19, 2013” and to approve the minutes as corrected:

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

Motion to approve the checks issued February 12 through March 12, 2013;

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

Motion to receive the financial reports:

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

A motion to approve a resolution to allow the Fiscal Officer, Angela Griest, at her discretion, to do supplemental transfers, reallocations or maintenance within all funds as needed for the entire year of 2013 – January through December when the need arises due to low money in the affected appropriations.

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

Motion to transfer funds from one bank account to another bank account to allow funds to be available for automatic withdrawals for payments of 2 loans; a total of \$11,378.00 per month for each month March through December 2013;

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

Mr. Steve Bevan asked what the loans were for? Mrs. Griest responded for the aerial truck refurbish and the township building.

Local government Services is holding a training conference in Columbus April 3&4TH. Angela Griest would like to attend. It will have various classes concerning the township finances. Cost of \$175.00 (registration and lunch) for the conference plus one night of hotel costs. Motion to approve the request for training for Angela Griest:

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

Hearing of the Public:

Mr. Bob Jurik from the Scenic Mad River Project and Mr. Bob Gable, Director of the Scenic River Project for the state were present to answer any questions that the township or residents may have concerning the project. Several areas of concern were discussed.

Zoning:

Mr. Degenhart, Zoning Inspector, reported that the Upper Valley Mall is working with the township and other groups in looking at ways to update the Mall area. Recently, the new owner of the Hunan East location has installed new heat and air. And the Boonshoft is coming to the Mall.

Fire:

In Chief Tim Holman's absence, Chad Eubanks of the Fire Department requested approval for tools, helmets and medical supplies totaling \$5,000.00. Trustees tabled the request for expenses until they are able to discuss the costs with Chief Holman.

The Fire Department is currently exploring the idea of having the Sheriff Department to dispatch the Township 911 emergency calls. Tim has talked with the Sheriff and discussed concerns about medics being attached to a first entry team and is working on developing a template for the "active shooter" program. Chief Stitzel is in support of the program and looks forward to working together with the Fire Department. Mr. Kaffenbarger expressed his thanks to both departments for their team work.

Police:

Several Departments from surrounding areas participated in the simulators for active shooter and driving simulations. Training with other departments helps us to work together as a community.

Chief Stitzel proposed to hire Mark Clifton as an auxiliary officer. His job would be mainly to work at the schools in developing a relationship with staff and students, serve as Public Relations Officer, and help with neighborhood watch programs.

Motion to hire Mark Clifton as an auxiliary officer:

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

Mark Clifton was sworn in by Chief Stitzel.

Also the police department requested an approval for 3 police officers to attend training on April 22-26 called Finding Words. This course is to teach law enforcement how to talk to children when investigating cases. This course is recommended by the prosecutor's office and Child Advocacy. The cost is \$100 per person – and they would like officers Thomas, Hoover and Stitzel to attend.

Motion to approve the training as requested:

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

Maintenance:

The older dump truck is in need of repairs for the oil pan. Total cost for parts \$1000.

Motion to approve the purchase of parts for the dump truck:

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

The trustees agreed to participate again this year in the Pride Program. They will get a list of roads that need cleaned up to the secretary.

The Township received a quote from Jeff Bonham to tie the Maintenance Garage into the generator at a cost of \$496.00. Motion to accept the estimate from Mr. Bonham and have the work done:

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

New Business:

The Township receives flags for decorating the cemetery graves each year from the Veterans. Motion to approve the attached resolution to donate \$100.00 to the Veterans Council to help defray expenses for Memorial Day Events:

WHEREAS, GERMAN TOWNSHIP is desirous of decorating graves, conducting memorial services, and otherwise engaging in activities appropriate to the observance of Memorial Day on May 27, 2013 and,

WHEREAS, Section 307.66 of the General Code of Ohio provides that the Commissioners of a County, annually, upon request of the officials thereof, shall appropriate to "each chartered camp or post of any organization of veterans of the World War, in the County, the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00), to aid in defraying the expenses of Memorial Day," now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that request be and the same is hereby made of the Board of County Commissioner of Clark County that such appropriation to be made to this ORGANIZATION for the purpose herein set forth, and to be paid to:

*Address: Clark County Veterans' Council
120 S. Center St., 3rd floor
Springfield, Ohio 45502-1204*

No expenses for his purpose have been incurred as of this date.

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

Motion to pay the limited maintenance agreement with Syn-Tech systems for our Fuelmaster system at a cost of \$495.00:

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

Need to see what our needs are with all departments for having an IT person or company to handle our day to day needs of our computer and electronic systems.

There is information in the foyer concerning the Great American Cleanup for 2013.

Liquor permits renewals for the township are to expire June 1, 2013. If anyone has a problem with a business and wishes to file a complaint, it must be done by May 1, 2013.

Mr. Kaffenbarger would like to address all departments and ask them to take a good look at what they do in the course of a day and be sure to make the most of the time you have in order to get the job done in a timely and cost effective manner.

Resident Mr. Mark Sanders has a concern at his property which is adjacent to Mt. Calvary Cemetery. He has problems with cemetery flowers and debris being thrown over his fence. The area is very hard to get access to due to the fencing. Trustees will take a look at the problem.

The next meeting will be a morning meeting on April 9th in the morning.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Erlewine 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes – all

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees:

Charles Metzger, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Robert Erlewine, Member

Recorded in the
Record of Proceedings
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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

