

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
July 8, 2014

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 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; Rosemary Naulty, Secretary; Linda Mader, Fire Department; and Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer.

Visitors: Tim Sutter, Ohio Edison/ First Energy Solutions; Joe Garrett, Trebel; Steve Bevan(late arrival).

PLEDGE OF Allegiance

Fiscal Officer Report:

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of May 13 & May 29, 2014
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All
- B. Motion to approve the checks issued June 10th through July 8th 2014
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All
- C. Motion to receive the June 2014 financial reports from the Fiscal Officer
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – All
- D. Motion to approve the medical insurance contract with the Healthcare Cooperative:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – All
- E. Motion to approve the renewal of Provident Insurance Accident Policy through McMann & Smoot \$3416.00 year:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes – All
- F. Motion for Resolution by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio hereby submit its Annual Tax Budget for the year commencing January 1st 2015 to the Clark County Auditor's Office for consideration by the County Budget Commission pursuant of Section 5705.30 of the Ohio Revised Code:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All
- G. Motion to approve the 2015 Frank Gates Group Retrospective Rating Program for our workers compensation:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

Hearing of the Public

None

Zoning Report:

None

Fire Report:

- H. Motion to approve Promotions – Effective 07-01-2014 :
 - Chad Eubanks to Deputy Chief – increase \$0.10 per hour
 - Richard Craig to Captain – increase \$0.10 per hour
 - Jeff Emory to Lieutenant – increase \$0.15 per hour
 - Eli Hemphill to Lieutenant – increase \$0.15 per hourMotion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

Mr. Clark requested information on the previous discussions concerning a fire district with Pike Township and Mad River Township, Champaign County.

The old Medic Unit has been sold to Clark County Utilities Department for \$7000.00.

Chief Holman is going to change the time frame of servicing vehicles to fire trucks once per year (based on hours used), front line medic units every 3 months, and the backup medic unit once every 6 months.

- I. Motion to service two fire apparatus vehicles at a cost of up to \$1000 per vehicle:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

FEMA Grant (@\$ 47,000.) for turnout gear will need to be put in the paper for sealed bids. Will need 18 complete structural firefighting protective ensembles to meet or exceed the NFPA 1851 Standards.

Chief Holman is also looking into grants for MARCS radio system.

Police Report:

Chief Stitzel would like to further discuss the issue of purchasing one new cruiser and selling 2 vehicles. He has checked with other departments comparing the dodge all-wheel drive vs. the SUV. Both had good performance reports but the SUV has a higher ground clearance. The current police vehicles are getting older and beginning to have maintenance issues. Mr. Clark asked what the cost would be if all vehicles were repaired and road ready? Mr. Kaffenbarger would like to do an analysis of maintenance costs and issues. Chief Stitzel suggested the Trustees drive the vehicles themselves. This discussion is to be continued.

- J. Motion to allow the Police Department to have pink Breast Cancer polo shirts to be the Official Class D uniform for the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes – All

Maintenance Department:

- K. Motion to approve two additional culvert repairs for Hominy Ridge Road at \$2000 each:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

Need to get a count on the sign replacements for this year for the retro-reflectivity. There are not enough expenses to file for the Ohio FEMA grant for the flooding.

Old Business:

Tim Sutter spoke concerning Electric Aggregation. In 2010 the County tried to pass electric aggregation and it failed. Mr. Sutter gave the trustees the voter count on the issue. He stated electric aggregation was good for communities, it lowers the electric costs. He suggested the Opt-Out program in much better than the Opt-In. The first hurdle is to get it passed by the voters. Then there is the process with PUCO to file. Whoever you choose as a broker or manager, you need to be sure there are no penalties for leaving the program early for residents, that residents are still able to do the budget payment plans, those on low income billings may not be eligible. He said the final contract should stay away from variable rates. He suggested we talk with the City of Springfield or the City of Marion concerning their experience. He said there are pit falls that you need to watch out for when deciding how to handle the electric aggregation.

Mr. Joe Garrett of Trebel was here to also discuss electric aggregation. He stated his company would work with us to get it passed with no problems. They will educate the residents so they know what they are voting on. There are several meetings held before the elections, newspaper ads, and mailings to go to residents. The township is responsible for those costs. Mr. Garrett stated they will work extremely aggressively and get good rates and rate guarantees. They have worked with Bethel and Mad River to pass their electric aggregation programs.

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he is leery to begin the process until he gets more information.

- L. Motion to let Trebel represent the Township in an electrical and gas aggregation program as long as the contract is approved by our legal counsel, Clark County Prosecutor, and that there are no costs to the Township except for newspaper ads for the meetings.

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger

Roll Call: Mr. Clark – No; Mr. Metzger – Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes

Mr. Clark stated that he is for saving the Township residents money. However, he voted No because he did not want to go with one company in particular until it was passed by the residents and then to have contact with multiple company's before choosing who to manage the program.

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he voted yes because Trebel has other entities that he is involved with in the program at the same time and can go out to bid a larger group.

The Trustees will call a special meeting to finalize the Electric and Gas Aggregation program after they have spoken with the prosecutor's office.

New Business:

Mr. Metzger stated that the county engineers Offices charges us for everything we ask them for help on, example the 30" culverts, but we let them pile up gravel and leave vehicles here.

M. Motion to go into an executive session at 10:14 a.m. to discuss the discipline of a public employee:

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

We are back in public session at 10:25 a.m.

N. Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – All

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees

Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

Charles Metzger, Vice President

Robert Clark, Member

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer