

**German Township Trustees
Meeting Minutes
July 09, 2013**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the German Township Office at 3940 Lawrenceville Drive, Springfield, Ohio. The meeting is called into session by Charles Metzger, President.

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – present; Mr. Metzger – present; Mr. Erlewine– present. Other Departments present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer: George Degenhart, Zoning: Tim Holman, Fire Chief; and Mike Stitzel, Police Chief.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2013:

Motion: Mr. Erlewine 2nd: Mr. Metzger

Roll Call: Mr. Erlewine – yes; Mr. Metzger – yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – abstain

Motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2013 making a spelling correction on Ms. Huenke's first name:

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

Motion to approve the checks issued June 10, through July 9, 2013;

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

Motion to receive the financial reports:

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

Mr. Erlewine moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 07092013E

To accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax revenue from the Clark County Auditor for the each of the following:

- i. 1.0 mills Providing and Maintaining Police Services - \$129,089*
- ii. 1.0 mills Providing and Maintaining Fire and Emergency Medical Services \$140,447*
- iii. .50 mills Providing and Maintaining Roads - \$64,544*

Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded the Motion and the roll being called up its adoption the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Metzger – yes Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes Mr. Erlewine – yes

Mr. Kaffenbarger moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 07092013F

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 German Township, Clark County, Ohio; therefore be it*

RESOLVED, *by the Board of German Township Trustees, Clark County, Ohio, with 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 German Township, for the purpose of providing and maintaining Police service, under Section 5705.19(J) of the Ohio Revised Code, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 (one) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$ 0.10 (ten cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for 5 (five) years, commencing in 2014 (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018), and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 1.0 mill.*

RESOLVED, *that the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said, German Township, at the General election to be held at the usual voting places within said German Township on the 5th day of November, 2013: and be it further*

RESOLVED, *that said levy be places upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further*

RESOLVED, *that the Fiscal Officer of this German Township is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, 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. Erlewine seconded the Motion and the roll being called up its adoption the vote resulted as follows:
Mr. Metzger – yes Mr. Kaffenbarger - yes Mr. Erlewine - yes

Mr. Erlewine moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 07092013G

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 German Township, Clark County, Ohio; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of German Township Trustees , Clark County, Ohio, with 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 German Township, for the purpose of providing and maintaining Roads, under Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code, at a rate not exceeding 0.50 (½) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$ 0.05 (five cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for 5 (five) years, commencing in 2014 (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018), and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 0.5 mill.

RESOLVED, that the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said, German Township, at the General election to be held at the usual voting places within said German Township on the 5th day of November, 2013: and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of this German Township is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, 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. Kaffenbarger seconded the Motion and the roll being called up its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Metzger – yes Mr. Kaffenbarger - yes Mr. Erlewine - yes

Mr. Kaffenbarger moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 07092013H

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 German Township, Clark County, Ohio; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of German Township Trustees , Clark County, Ohio, with 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 German Township, for the purpose of providing and maintaining Fire & EMS service, under Section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 (one) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$ 0.10 (ten cents) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for 5 (five) years, commencing in 2013 (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017), and which levy is a renewal of an existing levy of 1.0 mill.

RESOLVED, that the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said, German Township, at the General election to be held at the usual voting places within said German Township on the 5th day of November, 2013: and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of this German Township is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, 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. Erlewine seconded the Motion and the roll being called up its adoption the vote resulted as follows:
Mr. Metzger – yes Mr. Kaffenbarger - yes Mr. Erlewine - yes

Motion to renew the contract with Ohio DAS General Services Division (government cooperative purchasing program) \$100.00:

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

Motion to renew Township property and liability insurance as of 07-15-2013 – through the Ohio Township risk Management authority – Cost for the year \$38,810; add the extra \$100,000 to the Fire truck to bring it up to RC coverage – Cost \$480.00; add coverage for cemetery fencing - \$48.00. Total cost \$39,338:

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

Motion to join the 2014 Group Retrospective Rating Program through Frank Gates – worker’s compensation service group, cost \$1650.00:

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

Mr. Bob Baker questioned why weren’t in group rating now. The reason is our claims are too high. Mr. Metzger did hear that Workers Compensation will be sending a refund of premium checks out soon. Mrs. Naulty, secretary, stated that we had already received the check, \$7279.00.

Motion to purchase an ad in the Northwestern Athletic Boosters sports program. Purchase a full page ad for \$175.00; include all departments in the ad:

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

Hearing of the Public

Mr. Jeff Boggs questioned why the township is billing residents for EMS runs when they are already paying for the service through taxes? Chief Holman responded that township residents are soft billed, which means only your insurance or Medicare/Medicaid is billed. We accept whatever they pay as payment in full. The township resident should never be billed directly. Those who are not township residents are hard billed. Currently, the Fire & EMS cannot operate within the current tax levies. Payroll, vehicles, and the costs to operate have all increased dramatically since those levies first went into place. The funds received from the EMS Billings goes back to purchase EMS vehicles, Ems equipment and help offset EMS payroll costs. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Fisher asked is the problems with the finances all been fixed, and how she can get a report. Mrs. Griest responded, yes, the books are balanced and you may submit a public records request for financial reports.

Zoning Report

Mr. Degenhart stated there is a lot of tall grass. Other than that zoning is quite.

Fire Report

Chief Holman presented the Fire Department Report.

Motion to approve an invoice from Rush Truck Center for repairs to the 2008 Medic Unit - part of the cost is covered under warranty the remainder to pay is \$999.00.

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

Fire Department to do Trench Rescue training and needs to know where trustees would like them to dig ditches for the training. Trustees responded behind the Lawrenceville Cemetery.

The department received an EMS grant for \$4500.00 this year and will use it to replace backboards and reflective vests.

The Fireman’s Association is sponsoring a raffle to raise money to purchase EMS items.

The Pharmacy Board will not accept electronic signatures. Until they do, the EMS runs will require an extra step before their reports enable to satisfy the Board. However, all reports and requirements have been met and our Drug License is up-to-date.

The Budget for the Fire Department is tight. Working with Angela to try to understand the adjustments made by LGS and in understanding the reports.

Police Report

Chief Stitzel presented the Police Department Report.

Motion to accept resignation of Matthew Raines:

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

Need to move two officers from auxiliary to part time paid due to the fact that we now only have one part-time officer. They will also work the OVI grant.

Motion to move Jeff Stelzer and Jordan Bean from auxiliary to part time paid at a rate of \$12.00 per hour:

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

Chief Stitzel would like commend the Fire Department for their management of a bad crash with 4 injuries and working it with a minimum amount of personnel. They did a very good job. Chief Holman also thanked the Police Department for their assistants during that time. Both Departments worked well together.

Maintenance Department

Motion to purchase the 15 Stop Ahead signs and 1 Hidden Drive Sign from Newman signs for a cost of \$555.75 plus shipping:

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

Motion to replace culvert and surface drainage on Ebersole Road using the Clark County Engineers Officer at a cost of \$7397.75:

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

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Kaffenbarger brought up a concern that the cell phones through Sprint that the Maintenance Department uses, does not have good service. There seems to be a lot of places that they cannot receive a signal. He would like us to get a quote on switching that service to Verizon Wireless.

Next meeting is August 13, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine 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