

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
July 14, 2015

The German Township Trustees met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2015 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.

Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – present; Mr. Clark– present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present

Other Township Personnel present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Mark Bevan and Dave Brown, Maintenance Department; Karina Emory, Secretary; and George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector.

Visitors: Heather Brackney, families of new Officers

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer Report:

A. Motion to approve the minutes of June 9, 2015

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark

Roll Call: Mr. Metzger: Yes; Mr. Clark: Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – Abstain

B. Motion to approve the checks issued June 9, 2015 through July 14, 2015:

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

C. Motion to receive the June 2015 Financial Reports from the Fiscal Officer:

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

D. Mr. Clark moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

i. 0.9 mills - Providing and Maintaining Roads - \$107,130

ii. 3.0 mills - Providing and Maintaining Fire and Emergency Medical Services - \$357,100

Mr. Metzger seconded the Motion and the roll being called up on its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes Mr. Clark– yes Mr. Metzger – yes

E. Mr. Clark moved the adoption of the following resolution to Proceed of the Taxing Authority that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Providing and Maintaining Roads at a rate of .9 mill for 5 years (2016-2020) – RENEWAL

Mr. Metzger seconded the Motion and the roll being called up on its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes Mr. Clark– yes Mr. Metzger – yes

F. Mr. Clark moved the adoption of the following resolution to Proceed of the Taxing Authority that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Providing and Maintaining Fire and Emergency Medical Services at a rate of 3 mills for 5 years (2016-2020) – RENEWAL

Mr. Metzger seconded the Motion and the roll being called up on its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes Mr. Clark– yes Mr. Metzger – yes

G. Mr. Metzger moved the adoption of the following resolution to accept and submit the Annual Tax Budget for the year commencing January 1st, 2016 to the Clark County Auditor’s Office for consideration by the County Budget Commission

Mr. Clark seconded the Motion and the roll being called up on its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes Mr. Clark– yes Mr. Metzger – yes

H. Motion to approve the minutes of June 18th and 25th :

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

The Permissive Tax Levy Resolution was mailed certified to the State on June 30, 2015. Receipt has acknowledged.

- I. Motion to have Karina Emory, Secretary, to addend the Public Records Training as the designee for Mr. Metzger and Mr. Clark:

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

- J. A sealed bid for the 1998 Dump Truck with spreader and plow has been received. Mrs. Griest opened the bid as follows: Springfield Township - \$21,255.00. Motion to accept the bid and sell the 1998 Dump with spreader and plow to Springfield Township:

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

Zoning Report:

None

Fire Report:

Prisoners from the Sheriff's Department work program came and painted. The lockers and bay floor have been painted. The bay floors are not setting up, the humidity is keeping them from drying out properly. Chief Holman will inform the paint company and let them know of the problem. We have saved the costs of labor by doing the work ourselves rather than hiring the work done.

Police Report:

The police department will not be renewing the Leads –on-Line contract this year due to the lack of businesses at the Upper Valley Mall our need has diminished. We will still have access through the Clark County Sheriff's Department.

- K. The camera system that was installed in the Township Building still has several blind spots. Currently we have a 9 camera system and we would like to go to a 16 camera system. Cost would be \$773.14. Any of the current camera system equipment that is not needed will have to be sold through auction. Motion to approve the cost for the 16 camera system:

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

- L. Chief Stitzel would like to use part of his Training Budget to purchase a police mascot suit. This mascot would be a large pink bear. In the past they used a gorilla suit. However, some children are scared of the Gorilla. The pink bear would be friendlier and more approachable to young children. The mascot would be used as a community relations tool. Examples would be at school functions, the mall, and during Halloween. Cost \$220.00. Motion to approve the purchase of the bear mascot at \$220.00:

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

Officer Daniel Burton resigned and Office Terrance Saunders was terminated due to not fulfilling any training or work duty.

- M. Chief Stitzel would like to bring two new people onto the department as auxiliary officers: Benjamin Belcher and John (Mike) Betz. Motion to hire both gentlemen on as auxiliary officers:

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

Mr. Belcher and Mr. Betz were sworn in by Chief Stitzel.

Hearing of the Public:

None

Road Maintenance Report:

Mr. Bevan stated they have put the "T" in at Delrey and the drain is open. There are trees that need to be cut down, which will be an ongoing issue.

The work on Hominy Ridge will need to have Concrete Coring to cut the road. We had rented a saw to cut the road, and had asked for a saw that did not need to have water on site, the rental company rented us a saw, however it was damaged due to the fact they7 rented us a saw that needed water at the site.

- N. Motion to add an additional cost of \$10,000 to the work being done on Miller Road for road paving and markings:

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

Old Business:

Mr. Phil Steele had come to the township to ask if the township could provide any assistance on the cost of putting in the culverts on Ballentine Pike where he is trying to drain farm fields. The Township will cut the road, provide the culvert, tile and labor for only the part that is in the Township right-of way that the

Township is legally responsible for. The rest of the costs will have to be assumed by the land owners. We will however, provide the gravel for the culvert area. It needs to be done before school starts.

Crack sealing the township parking lot. The township will need to get an estimate from Riley's. Mr. Metzger will call.

Mr. Kaffenbarger asked the maintenance department if they could get an estimate on repairing the air conditioning on the little truck.

New Business:

Chief Holman stated that they received an EMS grant for \$5,000; which is an increased from the grant they received in prior years. He is working on a fire grant for \$200,000.

Mr. Kaffenbarger asked that all departments need to report any damage that occurs- whether it is township property, or property belonging to someone else to all three trustees. If the damage is to someone other than the Township, please notify the owner or the township.

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

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees

Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

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Robert Clark, Vice President

Charles Metzger, Member

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer