

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Session**  
**August 11, 2015**

The German Township Trustees met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 11, 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; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector, Karina Emory, Secretary; and Linda Mader

**Visitors:** Joe Garret, Trebel: Heather Brackney, Steven Bevan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of July 14, 2015  
 Motion: Mr. Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Metzger  
 Roll Call: Mr. Metzger: Yes; Mr. Clark: Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger: Yes
- B. Motion to approve the checks issued July 14, through August 11, 2015:  
 Motion: Mr. Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Kaffenbarger  
 Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – Abstain – Because he didn't get a chance to sign all the checks;  
 Mr. Clark: Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes
- C. Motion to receive the July 2015 Financial Reports from the Fiscal Officer:  
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all
- D. Motion to approval the property and liability insurance renewal through Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) – Burnham & Flower - renews 07-15-2015 through 7-15-2016 – cost \$40,298.00:  
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he checked with Nationwide Insurance and their costs could not come close to the cost of the renewal costs.

Mrs. Griest stated on August 27<sup>th</sup> she will be attending training through the State Treasurer's Office at the Center for Public Investment Management (CPIM) Academy.

**Hearing of the Public:**

Mr. Joe Garret from Trebel presented the bids he received for our gas Aggregation. There were two bids: Volunteer Energy and IGS Energy. Bid quotes are as follows:

Estimated Start Date First Meter Read in November 2015

All quotes in cents/ccf

All quotes to include \$0.005/ccf for Trebel, LLC

Fixed Full Requirements	Volunteer Energy		IGS Energy	
End of Month Year	16- Oct	17-Oct	16 – Oct	17 – Oct
Residential/Commercial				
% off COH Adder	7%	7%	N/A	N/A
Fixed Price	\$0.434	\$.434	\$0.482	\$0.506
NYMEX + Fixed Adder	\$0.1161	\$0.110	\$0.174	\$0.183
Early Termination Fee	Zero	Zero	Zero	Zero

Note: The Standard Choice Offer (SCO) rate is based on the New York Mercantile Exchange month-end settlement price, plus a retail price adjustment of \$0.129 per ccf. The SCO is a monthly variable rate and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for CGO customers.

Mr. Garrett went over the various types of options, and the rates. He recommended to go with Volunteer Energy rates and to take the option of Nymax + Fixed Adder. He feels this will give the largest

discount off the rate for the customers. The contract will be good through October 2017 (2 years). This contract was done as a group contract with several other townships in the group in order to get better pricing.

Due to Mr. Kaffenbarger employment at Columbia Gas, he will be abstaining from any decision concerning the gas aggregation

E. Motion to contract with the Volunteer Energy and to use the Nymex + Fixed Adder cost pricing:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Clark  
Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – Yes; Mr. Clark – Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – Abstain

F. Motion to allow Mr. Metzger sign on behalf of German Township all paperwork for the process of having Volunteer Energy as our Natural Gas supplier for the gas aggregation program.  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Clark  
Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – Yes; Mr. Clark – Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – Abstain

#### **Zoning Report:**

Mr. Degenhart stated the Chamber of Commerce has done a market study that included Bechtel Avenue and the Mall areas combined. They have recommended that any stores located in the Dayton area could be a good choice for this area.

Hobby Lobby will be relocating to the Bechtel Avenue area, and a Dick's Sporting Goods will also be coming to the Bechtel area.

The Upper Valley Mall continues to maintain the property. The Theatre has renewed their contract with Mall. They are looking to do some updating. Mr. Degenhart had suggested they improve their outdoor signage.

#### **Police Report:**

Chief Stitzel reported the Pink Bear Mascot was a big success! The suit arrived in time to be utilized at the Kids Safety Training program held at the Upper Valley Mall. One of the fire personnel volunteered to wear the suit. Kids and adults both seemed to enjoy the Bear.

The Police Department is in the process of filing to obtain ownership of the silver Dodge vehicle that was seized on a drug related case and has been in their custody. Chief Stitzel recommends selling the vehicle if we obtain possession. Mr. Metzger agreed selling the vehicle would be in the best interest of the Township.

Chief Stitzel questioned how the Audit Adjustments of over \$3000 would affect his budget. Mrs. Griest stated it would not affect the current appropriations, but would lower the amount of carry-over for the next year.

Chief Stitzel recommended rehiring Mr. Jeffrey Stelzer as an auxiliary officer:

G. Motion to rehire Mr. Stelzer as an auxiliary officer:  
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

Chief Stitzel administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Stelzer.

It was reported that there have been a lot break-ins in the area, and there have been a lot arrests. Thieves are breaking into locked vehicles, and sheds. They are stealing items from cars, including charge cards and phones left in the cars; and larger items like zero-turn mowers. Residents need to be aware of strange vehicles in the area, and noises or dogs barking at night. There was discussion on the possibility of shifting officer hours to cover more nights during this time; however, the daytime calls have also increased. The Clark County Sheriff at times only has two cars out during the night to cover the whole county, so it is hard to depend on them to be in this area. Chief Holman stated that the response times from the German Township Police is a lot better than response times for the Clark County Sheriffs when responding to calls in our area.

#### **Fire Report:**

The painting of the fire bays has been finished. The floors have finally dried. By utilizing the Sheriff's Department prisoner work program, and doing work some work themselves, the Fire Department probably saved \$11,000 of labor costs. The prisoners work skills were very good and the work turned out excellent. The prisoners enjoyed the food the Fire Department provided them, and many asked if they had more work they could do for us. Chief Holman stated he was sure we would have them back again sometime.

Due to the bed bug situation, which has been taken care of, the Fire Department will be replacing the furniture. They are purchasing 5 leather chairs (bed bugs don't like to hide in leather) The Fire

Association is paying half the cost. Chief Holman is requesting the fire department pay the other half - \$1800.00. Money will need to be reallocated out of the fuel line item:

H. Motion to approve the request to move money and pay the cost of \$1800.00 to replace the furniture:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes – all

**Road Maintenance Report:**

I. Motion to install the culverts (24" plastic) on Ballentine Pike estimated costs of \$3500.00:

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes – all

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that the Township will have the right to tie into this drainage area in the future to run water off of roads per his conversations with Mr. Steele. The trustees would like to see this project finished before school begins. Mr. Bevan stated it will depend on the scheduling of cutting the road. The schools will be notified of any road closures.

Other items:

Dave will be repairing the trim on the door.

Mr. Bevan will be ordering two PTO spline couplers – 1 for repairs, 1 as a spare.

The road mowing will continue.

The Forest Hills tree removals are on schedule.

Johnson Road project is done, but there is a lot of tree debris to clean up

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated a resident had damage to fence posts caused by a township vehicle. The problem with the fence posts has been addressed and Mr. Metzger and Mr. Bevan will take care of the repairs. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that in future if anyone has caused damage of any kind to please report it to the trustees immediately so it can be addressed in a timely manner.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Metzger did not get a return call from the county. He will call again for an estimate to crack seal and stripe the township parking lot before the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that the Township Building loan was paid off.

On August 27<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. at the Northwestern High School Gym there will be a public meeting concerning the Tremont City Barrel Fill. USEPA will be there. We are all encouraged to be there, it may be the last time we can voice our opinion. It would be great to have the gymnasium full.

On August 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. there will be an Open House. Chief Holman has worked at the Township for 40 years, and he wanted to thank the people of German Township for supporting the Fire Department over the years.

Chief Holman would also like to state that his daughter has now obtained full time employment and can be taken off the Township insurance as of today.

Mr. Metzger asked if the township bills could be paid twice a month, instead of once a week, due to the fact that it is hard for him to get here to sign them some weeks because he is very busy. Mrs. Griest stated no, she prefers to pay once a week (usually on Tuesday). She stated by paying the bills once a week insures that they are paid on time with no finance charges or late fees.

J. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Clark Ayes : All

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees

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Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

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Robert Clark, Vice President

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Charles Metzger, Member

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer