

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
October 13, 2015

The German Township Trustees met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 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, Fire Department; Matt Thomas and Josh Perry, Police Department .

Visitors: Heather Brackney, Steven Bevan, Bill Wolfarth

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer Report:

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2015

Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

- B. Motion to approve the payments issued September 8, thru October 13, 2015:

Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger

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

Mr. Metzger stated he voted no because he thought there were some checks that he did not get to sign before they were mailed out. Mrs. Griest stated she had not put any checks into the mail the past month. She asked Mrs. Emory, the Township Secretary, if she had mailed any out without Mr. Metzger signature. Mrs. Emory stated she did not think so. Mr. Kaffenbarger asked her if she had been mailing out checks the way she was told and she stated yes.

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

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

Mrs. Griest requested approval to pay the early payoff fee of \$2576.08 for the building loan that was paid. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he had talked with someone from PNC and was told there was no additional payment. Mrs. Griest had met with Chris George, Vice President of Business Banking and he looked into the situation. The loan is paid off but there was an early payment fee that was not activated until the loan was actually paid off. Mr. Kaffenbarger requested to look at the loan information that we have in our records.

- D. Motion to table the request for payment approval:

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

The Bloom Blitz grant was filed, and we are waiting for the reimbursement. The flowers and bulbs have been planted. Mr. Degenhart thanked Mrs. Griest for the time she spent working planting the flowers. Mrs. Griest stated that the Mr. Bevan and Mr. Brown helped with digging.

Hearing of the Public

None

Zoning Report:

Rural King is a possibility to move into the old K-Mart area. The mall will be going up for auction. Bids are due in November. Macy's own their own space and is included in meetings. Sears seems to be doing fine. Bechtel Avenue is filling up quickly. There has been some development in other areas of Springfield, such as downtown. However the downtown area still has a parking problem.

Police Report:

Chief Stitzel requested that a letter be sent from Zoning or Trustees to the owners of the K-Mart property that the building has been left unsecured. There have been incidents with people trespassing, the lights have been left on and the heaters have been turned on high.

- E. Motion to fill the vacant full time police position with Officer Joshua Perry with a \$1.00 increase in pay rate:

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

The Police Department now has no part time police officers. Chief Stitzel recommends hiring Mr. Benjamin Belcher at \$12.00 hour for a part time paid position. Mr. Belcher has previous police experience.

F. Motion to hire Mr. Belcher, part time, at \$12.00 hour

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

Chief Stitzel also would like to recommend hiring two new auxiliary officers: Mr. Kurtis Green, and Ms. Katy Finney.

G. Motion to hire two new auxiliary officers:

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

Mr. Green and Ms. Finney were sworn in by Sargent Thomas.

H. Motion to approve the purchase of ammunition from Vance's for training and certification - cost \$519.00:

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

Sargent Thomas and Chief Stitzel would both like to use the remaining balance on their uniform expense to purchase a Glock 43 – 9mm gun to be used as a backup weapon. They will be certified for use and will be used as a tool while on duty, the weapon will be owned by the officers. Cost is \$358.00 per weapon. Any costs over the uniform expense balances will be paid by the officers.

I. Motion to allow the use of the uniform expense balance to purchase the weapons as listed above:

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

The gray Dodge Charger that was seized during a drug raid should soon become property of the Township. Once it does, it will be put on Gov.deals for sale.

The Pink Bear mascot has been successful. It has been used during the Breast Cancer Fund Drive. Collection for the Cancer fund will continue, but at this time have raised approximately \$800.00.

Update on the break –in's: A brother and sister team are involved. They are not from this area. Some property has been recovered. There are still on-going investigations.

Mr. Metzger asked Chief Stitzel if it is true that Judge Rastatter is letting the man go free that had stolen all the guns. Chief Stitzel replied yes.

Fire Report:

ICD 10 which is a new coding system for billing patients both in hospitals and through our EMS billing required us to update our EMS reporting, which has been done at no cost. However, this new system requires a faster internet connection. Chief Holman is requesting to upgrade the Time Warner Cable in order to support this program. The cost will go from the current 79.95 per month to approximately \$139.99 per month. Since all departments use the internet, he would like to see the costs split between departments.

J. Motion to upgrade the TWC internet, and to split the cost as follows: Maintenance Dept. - \$20; Police Dept. - \$20.00; Township - \$20.00; Fire Dept. - \$79.99:

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

Medicaid is requiring signatures on the electronic EMS reports. We will need to purchase three I-Pads at a cost of \$500 a piece; total \$1500. The EMS Grant should be able to cover this cost.

K. Motion to purchase three I-Pads for a total of \$1500 for EMS:

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

When Life Flight or Med Flight is called in to transport a patient, we are not able to bill for any services we provided due to only the entity who transports can bill. We need to work with the air transports to see if when they receive payment, that a portion can be sent back to the Township to help cover our expenses.

The Fire Department has completed a course on Grain Bin Rescue. The course was free due to a training grant. Other departments in the area were invited to participate.

The copier has been replaced and is working fine.

Road Maintenance Report:

The Baker Road ditch has been cleaned up.

The trees are down in Forest Hills and the stumps have been ground. The residents paid half the costs of the grinding.

Mr. Metzger thanked both Mr. Bevan and Mr. Brown for doing such a good job on the Baker Road ditch project, and for getting the pipe installed under Ballentine Pike in a timely manner.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Halloween Trick or Treat night is scheduled for Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. With Halloween safety being a priority, Mr. Kaffenbarger asked the Police and Fire Departments if they were prepared, and if the entry points into the Lawrenceville area would be manned? Their responses were yes they would have vehicles and personnel at main intersections, and they would also be covering other areas such as Village of Tremont, West Ridge, Mall, and areas in Mad River, Champaign County.

L. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark 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