

**German Township Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2013**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 8:00 a.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. Metzger – present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present; Mr. Erlewine– absent
Also present: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief: Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning; and Fiscal Officer, Angela Griest.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Motion to approve the minutes of: September 10, & September 23, 2013 :

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

Motion to approve the checks issued August 13, through September 10, 2013:

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

Motion to receive the August and September 2013 financial reports from the fiscal officer:

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

Motion to reallocate \$12,000 to principal payments, and \$3000 to Interest Payments from the following general fund line items: \$9,000 from Other Expenses; \$3000 from Repairs and Maintenance; and \$3000 from Machinery, Equipment, Furniture:

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

Hearing of the Public

None

Zoning Report:

None

Fire Report:

Motion to approve the cost of repairs on Rescue 1 from Brian's Diesel for \$820.00:

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

Police Report:

Chief Stitzel has a question/concern about the insurance letter sent to all employees regarding the health insurance exchange. The form is marked that the Township provides full time insurance, however, due to budget restraints he signed an insurance waiver not to receive insurance. Because the township offers coverage, he is unable to receive a tax credit against the premiums he pays. Can the letter be changed? Secretary, Rosemary Naulty answered that the letter was pre-marked by the insurance company. We do not know if we can change it. Mr. Kaffenbarger suggested to ask our legal counsel .

The Explorer was repaired at a much lower cost than the estimate. It is runs well.

Trick or Treat night is set for October 26, 2013 from 6-8 p.m. There is a concern for the safety of the children due to the high traffic through Lawrenceville Drive. Chief Stitzel would like to close Lawrenceville Drive for those two hours. It would be closed from Willowdale to Ballentine Pike, and at perhaps Colonial Drive.

Trustees have a concern regarding the access to the businesses that are open during that time and for residents in that area. It was also suggested to close it down to accommodate only one-way traffic. This could slow people down. Chief Holman offered to work Chief Stitzel to formulate the best plan.

Lawrenceville Drive belongs to the County, so we need to clear it with the Engineers Office. We would also need to inform the residences on Lawrenceville Drive and perhaps post a notice in the newspaper.

Maintenance Report:

Motion to approve Riley's Asphalt \$1400.00 for pavement repairs on Ebersole, Jacksonville, Cardinal, White Oak Drive, Thorndale:

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

Motion to approve the Hominy Ridge Drainage repairs: Riley's Paving -\$3950 - Terry Hiles-\$600.00
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Roll Call: Ayes – all

Motion to approve the cost to replace the septic pump and have the tank pumped back at the maintenance garage at a cost of \$1425.00:

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

Old Business:

During the last Mr. Kaffenbarger had brought up the issue concerning daily logs for the maintenance department. He wanted to clarify that having daily logs can be a positive thing. It offers the trustees ways to gather data that could be used for grants, to inform residents of what it takes to offer the brush service, and snow plowing service. He agrees that Mr. Bevan and Mr. Brown both work very hard and do an awesome job. But having the daily logs is about having accountability.

Mr. Degenhart suggested that Mr. Bevan, (maintenance supervisor) attend the Township Trustee meetings.

Mr. Degenhart gave an update concerning the Annexation of Creekwood Court. The Vet Clinic is going to try to fight the annexation. It also appears the Urgent Care will also try to fight the annexation. The only way we can stop the annexation, is by the owners themselves. They cannot annex the Mall or Springfield Plaza due to the fact that a federal grant was used to install the sewer and water.

New Business

Chief Holman will be having surgery this week, and will return to light duty.

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Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Roll Call: Ayes- all

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees:

Charles Metzger, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Robert Erlewine, Member

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer