

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
November 10, 2015**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 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 Department Supervisors present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Mark Bevan Maintenance Supervisor; Karina Emory, Secretary.

Visitors: Paula Johnson, Tremont City Mayor; Larry Blevins, Steve Davidson, Tony Flood, of the Tremont City Council. Steve Bevan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015, & November 5, 2015:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- B. Motion to approve payments issued October 13, 2015 through November 10, 2015:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- C. Motion to receive the October 2015 Financial Reports from the Fiscal Officer:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- D. Motion to approve payment of the early pay off fee for the building loan through PNC \$ 2576.08, and to do no other new business with PNC Bank:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Hearing of the Public

The Village of Tremont City’s Mayor and Council members were here today concerning the Fire & EMS contract. Mayor Johnson stated that currently the Village of Tremont City has a Fire & EMS contract with German Township at a cost of \$6500 and the Township soft bills residents insurance. She asked what those costs provide to the village and how many Fire & Ems runs does the village have in a years’ time.

Chief Holman stated the contract pricing includes a share of the costs of new vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and fuel; costs of equipment, supplies, maintenance, and repairs; and labor costs.

Year	Fire Calls	EMS Calls
2012	3	43
2013	5	34
2014	4	30
2015 to date	3	30

Mr. Kaffenbarger gave the call history for Tremont City and stated that this would make an average for EMS calls at approximately \$216.00 per call.

There was a discussion of options for Tremont to receive Fire & EMS service without having the cost of a contract. Those included:

1. Hard Bill the residents for the complete costs of a medic run. Once the insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid pays, then the residents are billed for the remainder of the costs. Charges are as follows: Basic life Support (BLS) - \$400; Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS1)– depends on what is done ranges \$400-Up; Advance Life Support 2 (ALS2) - \$800.00 & up. Hard Bill residents for Fire Calls. – Most home owner’s insurance policies will pay up to \$500.00 per call, balance to be paid by resident.
2. Instead of a contract, or billing residents have the Village participate in the Fire & EMS levies. Currently they are excluded from all Township Levies.

Chief Holman has a concern that the hard billing will be hard for residents to afford to pay their portion of the billing statement. Who would pay the balance of the hard billing if residents could not pay- the Village? Also, if we do not transport the patient, we cannot bill them for services rendered.

Mr. Metzger stated it would be much easier for everyone if the village was included in the Fire & EMS Levies.

Mrs. Johnson stated that all options will be discussed with the Village Council and they will keep us informed.

Several other issues concerning the Village of Tremont City were also brought up by Mrs. Johnson:

1. Does the Village need to continue to maintain the water pump in the village for the Fire Departments use?
2. The tornado siren in the Village has not been going off each day at noon. Is it not working?
3. The Road in Mount Calvary Cemetery is in bad shape and needs repaired.

Per Chief Holman the water pump in the village is not used by the Fire Department due to the fact that it pulls sand into the pumps. Repairs were done on the tornado siren this past week by Robinson's Communications. He will contact them to reset the timer for the noon whistle.

The cemetery road repair will be looked into to see what can be done. However, Mr. Metzger stated that the last time we tried to repair the road in the Cemetery the prosecutor said the road was not a township road.

Zoning Department

None

Fire/Ems Department

Chief Holman presented the following items:

- Water Softener Salt has become expensive. We are looking into other sources to save money.
- The Rain Gutters have been checked on all the buildings and are clear.
- The power supplies for the lights on Engine 1 keep going bad; has happened three times. We are looking into transitioning to LED lights so we will not need the power supplies. These lights are around \$450.00 to \$500. We need 4 lights.
- There was a meeting with Medicount – the EMS billing company. They have had a good return this year from insurance companies. Our Medicare Audit had 2 deficiencies. We submitted plans to correct those deficiencies and they have been approved.
- Have applied for Marc's Radio Grant to obtain new radios so the Fire Department can communicate with Township Police, and County Emergency personnel. The grant is through the Fire Marshall's Office and is for \$23,000.

Police Department

Chief Stitzel presented the following items:

- The Police Department Pass the Hat for Breast Cancer fundraiser brought in #2994.35
- Sargent Thomas, who has been with the Department for 11 years, has given us notice that he will be resigning in February.
- Building lights are on during the day but not at night. Those need to be reset.

E. Motion to hire Scott Harris as an auxiliary Police Officer:

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

Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Harris by Chief Stitzel.

Mr. Metzger stated he has had several questions brought to him concerning the school lights on St. Rt. 41 and Penney Pike. Since the school is so far back, do we still need to have the school lights? Also, if the speed during special hours is 20 mph, why are the school drives and parking lots 40mph? Those should be lower also.

Chief Stitzel was not sure but will check with ODOT. He is also planning to meet with the school concerning the traffic, and speeds in the parking lots. Currently they are not citing people for over the 20 mph school zone, but due to high traffic and high speeds, they will be starting to cite people, including the school bus drivers, for school zone violations on RT 41 and Penney Pike.

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan stated that the tree removal on Popular Drive is done.

Quotes were obtained for carbide chains for the Stihl chain saws.

- Colman's 32" - \$248
- New Carlisle 32" - \$216 20" - \$148.00
- JD Equipment 32" - \$162 20" - \$108.
- Patton's – requested but did not receive a quote

Mr. Bevan stated they will order the chains from JD Equipment.

JD Equipment can also sharpen the carbide chains. Mr. Brown stated that if the Township bought a diamond wheel, he could also sharpen the chains.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Clark County Solid Waste Pride Program cleaned up 17 bags of trash for our Township.

St. Rt. 41 will be closed for an estimated 3 months for culvert work at Folk Ream Road, Shrine Road, and one in North Hampton.

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

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