

German Township Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
November 22, 2013

The German Township Trustees met in special session on Tuesday, November 22, 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– present  
Also present: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Mark Bevan and Dave Brown, Maintenance Dept.; Bob Clark, Trustee elect; and Fiscal Officer, Angela Griest.

Mr. Metzger explained this is a special meeting for the Trustees to work on the 2014 Budget. No questions or comments will be taken from the public.

Due to low numbers in the General Fund, the trustees made a motion to begin paying the trustees salaries and benefits from each department beginning in January 2014; General, Road, Police, Fire & EMS. The distribution to be based on the percentage of time the trustees spend working for each department. The trustees will submit a signed form to the Fiscal Officer.

Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Erlewine Ayes: All

Trustees met with Chief Holman to discuss the Fire & EMS Budget for 2014. In addition to the basic reoccurring budget items, the following items were discussed:

- Possibility of purchasing a new medic unit to replace Medic 2 which is having transmission problems.
- Applying for a grant for turnout gear to replace the older gear @\$35,000.
- Fire dispatch will be turned over to the Sheriff's joint dispatch system in April. For a yearly cost of about \$40,000. We will no longer have the costs for the fire phone and equipment.

Trustees met with Chief Stitzel to discuss the Police Budget for 2014. In addition to the basic reoccurring budget items, the following items were discussed:

- Increase ammunition for training
- Need to include the increase for the Marcs radio system contract for services.
- Pay back the general fund for the advance that was made for the purchase of the Marcs radio system.
- Look at getting rid of a couple older vehicles and replacing them with one new cruiser.
- Check with prosecutor concerning the use of comp time.

Trustees met with Mark Bevan and Dave Brown to discuss the Maintenance Department Budget for 2014. In addition to the basic reoccurring budget items, the following items were discussed:

- Replace the big dump truck with a new truck.
- Continue with the upkeep on the little truck
- Paving the worst roads – Willowdale (St. Paris to Snyder Domer) Jacksonville Road, Creekwood Court, Miller Road (portion), and River Road. We will need to get a comparative cost from the county for paving vs chip and seal with a topper finish.
- Purchase a 48 inch Zero turn lawnmower.
- Purchase road closed signs
- Continue to replace signs for the hi-retro-reflectivity requirement. This year all yellow signs in the township are to be replaced

Trustees met with Fiscal Officer, Angela Griest to discuss all other Township Funds for 2014. In addition to the basic reoccurring budget items, the following items were discussed:

- IT contract
- Landscaping and mowing. Submitting bids for cemetery mowing and checking in with the Sheriff's Office to discuss the possibility of using the pride program to help clean up the cemeteries.

- Cleaning of the building – need to distribute costs to police and township. Trustee to go out for bids for 2014.

The information from today will be incorporated into the 2014 Budget and will be presented to the Trustees at the December 30, 2013 meeting for review.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Erlewine 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

Approved by:

Board of German Township Trustees

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Charles Metzger, President

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Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

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Robert Erlewine, Member

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Angela D. Griest