

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
December 08, 2015

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, December 08, 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; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; and Karina Emory, Secretary.

Visitors: Steve Bevan, Bill Wolfarth.

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer

Approval of the minutes postponed until next meeting.

- A. Motion to approve payments issued November 10, 2015 through December 8, 2015:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- B. Motion to receive the November 2015 Financial Reports from the Fiscal Officer:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- C. Motion to approve the invoice for Aladtec - \$1825.00 for online employee scheduling and workforce management system renewal contract for the fire Department:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Hearing of the Public

None

Zoning Department

Mr. Degenhart presented the following:

- The Northwestern Schools are looking into caring for the Flick Cemetery. Currently it is not titled to anyone. They can file a Quick claim Deed through their attorney.
- Rural Kin has purchased the K-mart area. They have been working on painting the exterior and working inside. The sign company has been in contact with the Township.
- There was a bid for the Upper Valley Mall, but have not heard whether the bid was accepted or declined. Do not know who put in the bid.

Fire/Ems Department

Chief Holman presented the following:

- Two new employees: Zac Spina – Fire fighter; and Alisson Denton – EMT Basic.
 - Currently the Fire Department is putting \$29,100 towards what used to be General Fund Expenses (percentage of the Trustee, F.O. and Secretary salaries and benefits)
 - Tremont City has renewed their 3 year contract with the Township for Fire and EMS Services.
 - The Fire Department will be doing Christmas Dinners again this year. May be doing as many as 500 meals. Need donations for food. Let him know if we need to add someone to our list to provide them a meal.
 - The Awards Banquet will be held February 6, from 6:00-10:00pm; same location as last year.
 - Need approval to repair the repeater for the radio system. Cost \$4000 by Advanced
 - Need approval to replace the lights on Engine 1. Cost \$1100. Will change to LED lights.
- D. Motion to approve the costs for repairing the repeater at \$4000; and to approve the costs of the Engine 1 lights for \$1100.00:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Police Department

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- An incident happened yesterday (12-7-2015) around Frisker's and the Heartland Federal Credit Union. Officer Belcher was in a foot chase with suspects, when he twisted his leg in a storm grate. Sargent Thomas and Chief Stitzel were able to subdue the suspect. Two suspects were

put into custody. There was also a minor crash between the police vehicle and an unoccupied vehicle. There were no injuries due to the crash. Officer Belcher was sent for medical attention, and has returned back to work. BWC and our insurance will be notified. The township will replace the police officers uniform pants that were torn during the incident.

- Chief Stitzel complimented Chief Holman concerning the article that was in the news about joint trainings for active shooter.

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan presented the following:

- A tire on the loader is leaking. Cost to replace all 4 tires is around \$4000.00. To repair the tire with the leak is around \$300.00. Before anyone takes the loader out of the building, be sure that you check the tire first.
- Baker road Ditching area has been seeded.
- The tree stumps have been dug out on Woodthrush.
- Thank you to Chief Stitzel and Mr. Metzger for helping to direct traffic.
- A letter needs to be sent to the place where they keep piling brush up incorrectly. It is a jumbled mess, some of the wood has fencing imbedded in it, and it appears she has hired someone else to clear part of her property, and they just dump it along the road for us to try to chip. This brought on a discussion of the rules of brush pick- up and that we need to start being sure the rules are enforced, and that the service is not being abused.

Old Business

- Church Hill Road in Mt. Calvary is a Village Road and is not part of the Cemetery. The Township cannot do repairs on the Village roads.
- A question did come up about the Cemetery from the Prosecutor. Part of the Cemetery is within the Village. He was concerned that this should not have been turned over to us if it had been abandoned it should have gone to the village. However, Mrs. Emory found in the old minutes where the Trustees purchased the Cemetery for \$1.00 from the Church. Mrs. Emory will inform the prosecutor on her findings.
- Health Insurance. The Health Insurance renewal rates have gone up. We are currently in a 3 year contract with our current provider, and there would be penalties if we were to withdrawal from the contract. We have 2 years left on the contract. Several options were discussed concerning how the insurance could be funded: employees pay more as a payroll deduct; only cover the employee; the township provides a stipend to use toward your cost of insurance. No decisions have been made at this time.
 - Mr. Metzger stated that the funding plan only benefits 3 people. He doesn't think that is right.
 - Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that the county employees pay 10% of their costs if they do the wellness plan. If they do not do the wellness portion of the plan, they pay 15%. There is also another Township that its employees pay 15%.
 - Chief Holman stated that if the trustees make the employees pay a higher percentage from their wages, it is like the employee is getting a lower wage for doing the same work.

New Business

- The old salt shed looks bad. Is it beyond repair? Consensus was yes. Need to look into costs to build something. Mainly to be used for storage.
- Mr. Metzger thanked Mark and Dave for all their work.
- Mr. Degenhart stated that Time Warner is replacing and installing fiber optic lines in the Township.

E. 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