

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
January 12, 2016

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Drive, Springfield, Ohio. The meeting is called into order by Mr. Robert Clark.

Roll Call: Mr. Clark– present; Mr. Metzger – present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present

Other Township Department Supervisors present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; and Karina Emory, Secretary.

Visitors: Bill Wolfarth, Andrew Wilson and Andrew Pickering- County Prosecutors Office, and Chris Frost, Veteran Building Systems

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of December 8, and December 30, 2015:

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

Hearing of the Public

Mr. Andrew Wilson, Clark County Prosecutor gave a presentation on the Clark County Security Camera registration program. There are security systems everywhere, businesses and private residences. Probably many crimes or information pertaining to a crime are caught on the security cameras. By registering, you are putting another tool in the hands of the police department. Police do not have access to the video. They would seek permission from the owner to view the footage of that date, or time. Registration forms will be made available at the Township Office and a link to information on the website.

Mr. Chris Frost of Veteran's Buildings System was here to offer his help on making bid specifications for a new township maintenance storage building. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that the old salt shed is falling down and is a hazard. This building would be for storage of equipment, approximately 40x60, and insulated. Mr. Pickering stated that if Mr. Frost helped develop the bid specs, he may not be able to bid on the project depending on the final costs. It was also discussed that engineering information or specifications can be found on the internet for many different products.

Mr. Andrew Pickering, Township legal counsel, was present today concerning Mt. Calvary Cemetery. While looking into who has the legal responsibility to maintain the cemetery road and if the township can assist the Village of Tremont City in repairing this road, information came to light that the old part of Mt. Calvary Cemetery is not the townships. It lies within the Village of Tremont City and therefore is responsible for that portion of the cemetery. Mr. Metzger asked Mr. Pickering to contact the Village of Tremont City's legal counsel concerning this matter. Mr. Pickering also asked we look into what bequests may have been made by people who are buried in that portion of the cemetery, because those funds would have to go to Tremont.

Fiscal Officer Report

Mrs. Griest reported the following:

- Trustees have been given the December Financial Statements, along with the 2015 Year End Revenues and Appropriations reports and the 2016 Year beginning Revenue and Temporary Appropriations report.
- During this year she would like to look into moving accounts from Key Bank due to the fact that they are charging a large fee for the deposit collateralization. Several other banks have offered ways to offset those fees.
- The Treasurer of State has a program called OhioCheckbook which puts government financial information online for review. Mrs. Griest has attend several information meetings concerning this process, and has spoken to many who have go online with their information. She would like the input of the trustees concerning this program. There will be a discussion concerning this program at the Ohio Township Association (OTA) Conference.

- Need approval for the 3 Trustees and Fiscal Officer to attend the Ohio Township Association Conference January 27, through January 29, 2016. Mr. Degenhart would also like to attend for one day.
 - The IRS mileage reimbursement rate has been lowered this year to 0.54 cents. Mrs. Griest suggests the Township lowers the mileage reimbursement rate to match the IRS rate.
- A. Motion to receive the December financial report, to approve the OTA conference, and to approve lowering the mileage reimbursement rate to 0.54 cents:
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

Zoning Department

Mr. Degenhart presented the following:

- Brenda, at the Upper Valley mall is attempting to have a meeting with the new owners by the end of the month.
- There are 3 more stores leaving the mall.
- Rural King will be moving into the K-Mart Store

Fire/Ems Department

Chief Holman presented the following:

- Discussion on Blanket Certificates.
- Fire Department is on February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Police Department

Chief Stitzel needs approval for the following:

- B. Motion to have the use of the meeting room and the township property for a demonstration on the uses of drones in law enforcement, fire & ems, and the service community:
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- C. Motion to increase the approval for the Body shop quote for another \$75.00 for a total of \$555.00 for repairs:
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- D. Motion to approve the repairs of the catalytic convertor the Expedition - up to \$1,500:
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan requested the following:

- E. Motion to approve the purchase of 10 blades for the snow plows at a cost of \$2047.94:
 Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- The Maintenance Department is filing for the MORE grant for a road closed sign, and a portable barricade.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Chief Holman brought up the fact that the monthly December EFT payroll did not post to the accounts on the 5th of January. They posted on the 7th.
- F. Motion that the monthly payroll is not to be distributed later than the 5th of the following month:
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Metzger Seconded: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

Approved by:
 Board of German Township Trustees

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 Robert Clark, President

 Charles Metzger, Vice President

 Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member

 Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer