

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

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Clark called the meeting to order.

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

Other Township Department Supervisors present: Angela Griest, Fiscal Officer; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Karina Emory, Secretary; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; & Mark Bevan, Maintenance Supervisor

Other Employees Present: Dave Brown & Linda Mader

Visitors: Elizabeth DeWitt, Clark County Health District; John Rehm; & Bill Wolfarth

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

A. Motion to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2016:

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

**Hearing of the Public**

Elizabeth DeWitt of the Clark County Health District, requested a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township and the Clark County Health District concerning the control of mosquitoes. Mosquitoes carry several types of disease and can pass them along to humans with their bites, such as Zika Virus, West Nile, and others. The Health District would like to monitor areas that are prone to mosquitoes. If any are found to be carriers of the diseases, they would provide treatment to the neighborhood area (300 ft) and would go door to door to provide residents appropriate information. Trustees may notify them of any area they feel could be a problem, or a place with a lot of standing water, which is the natural habitat of mosquitoes.

B. Motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding :

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

**Fiscal Officer Report**

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- The June 2016 Financial Reports have been given to the trustees
- Need approval of payments from June 14, 2016 to July 12, 2016

C. Motion to accept the financial reports and to approve the payments:

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

- The County Auditor amounts for the proposed 1.5 mill Fire & Ems levy is \$228,767.00. If the Trustees want to go forward and place it on the ballot, you will need to accept the amount and vote to proceed with the levy.

D. Motion to accept the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the Clark County Auditor for the following:

- a) 1.5mills for the purposes of Operating and Maintaining the Fire and EMS Department pursuant to Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) - \$228,767

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

Mr. Metzger and Mr. Clark both shared their views on the levy. The levy is necessary to due to the rising costs of operating a Fire & EMS Department. Staffing costs continue to rise in order to meet number of calls. We have one of the best departments, and we want to maintain that quality of service.

E. Mr. Clark moved the adoption of the following resolution:

***WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), Clark County, Ohio; therefore be it***

***RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees , Clark County, Ohio, with two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), for the purpose of Operating and***

*Maintaining the Fire and EMS Department , at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$ 0.15 for each one hundred dollars of valuation for 5 years, commencing and appearing on the tax list for the years specified: 2016-2020. Said levy is an additional levy of 1.5 mills.*

**RESOLVED**, that the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said, German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), at the General election to be held at the usual voting places within said German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016: and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that said levy be placed upon the tax list of the current year after the February settlement next succeeding the election, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Fiscal Officer of this German Township is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Clark County, Ohio and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Mr. Metzger seconded the Motion and the roll being called up its adoption the vote resulted as follows:  
Mr. Clark – Yes Mr. Metzger – Yes Mr. Kaffenbarger – absent

- I met with Ed Barber from Otarma concerning the property and liability insurance for the Year July 15, 2016 to July 15, 2017. The renewal is \$39,878.00

F. Motion to renew the yearly contract with Otarma for our property and liability insurance:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

G. Mr. Metzger moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

*Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio hereby submits its Annual Tax Budget for the year commencing January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 to the Clark County Auditor's Office for consideration by the County Budget Commission pursuant of Section 5705.30 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

Mr. Clark seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Clark –Yes Mr. Metzger –Yes Mr. Kaffenbarger – Absent

### **Zoning Department**

Mr. Degenhart reported the following:

- He has sent letters out on several places for cleaning up their property for mowing and/or vehicles. Also letting them know that there is a Nuisance Abatement Process between zoning and the trustees that is available.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Holman was absent, but sent the following information via letter:

- The door lock on the maintenance building is going to need to be replaced. It will not hold the codes. Replaced the batteries but still acting up.
- H. Motion to replace door lock at the maintenance building an approximate cost of \$1000.00:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- We are in a critical state with the fire Department finances. We are at the point that if the levy does not pass it will be difficult for the department to stay open. We have cut in many areas but still don not have an adequate carry over for 2017. We have on engine that is nearly 230 years old and one engine that is nearly 20 years old. Our call volume has been very high so far this year. Last year 217 times two or more medic units were out at the same time for back to back calls. So far this year we have had 201 back to back calls. So far this year we have had over 900 calls. That is 250 calls more than last year for the same time period. Many of our calls this year have been very critical patients.
  - We are holding off on some of the trucks until late fall to have them serviced. This will allow us to see where we are with funds.
  - We have had numerous problems with the overhead doors. Some of the sensors are going bad but Oak's Door has been good at patching things for us.
  - We have an updated State Fire Code. I had to take a course to learn the new codes. Mr. Price will be taking the same course. No charge for the course.
  - Dan's Towing gave us a large discount on towing the engine to the station. He reduced the bill over \$1000.00. – Trustees stated a thank you should be sent out.

**Police Department**

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Collin Despain has been released within the probationary period.
- I. Motion to move Amy Mosier from auxiliary to part time at \$12.00 per hour:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger    2nd: Mr. Clark    Ayes: All
- The Clark County Sheriff is looking to hire new officers, we may lose a couple officers to them.
- Requesting permission to paint the Humvee pink. October is Breast Cancer Awareness and we would like to use the Humvee for community and fund raising events. We are looking to get donations to cover the cost. Both trustees agreed that they could paint the Humvee pink but had to have the funding in place before painting.
- Asked if the trustees have made a decision on either the Cell Phone Reimbursement or the Medical Insurance? At this time the trustees have not finalized a decision. Angela to look into insurance provider PEBA.
- Avaya Phone System. The police department has had several issues with the phones losing their coding and ability to do certain things that the police department utilizes. They have been fixed at this time but it could be a continuing problem. The current system we have is an old outdated system, and no longer is covered under warranty. Both hardware and software will be a problem to repair. An estimate from VerCom for a voice over IP system for 6 phones is approximately \$4545.25. There is a 10 year warranty, hardware updates and a year to year contract available.

**Road Maintenance Department**

- Would like to have weed/grass spot sprayed on the roads in the north part of the township due to Johnson grass. Ask FDC how soon after they spray, can it be mowed.
- J. Motion to approve the spraying of the Township roads by FDC :  
Motion: Mr. Metzger    2nd: Mr. Clark    Ayes: All
- Need to purchase a blower for the road department at approximately \$150-\$200. Both trustees agreed they may purchase a blower. No motion needed due to its low cost.

**Old Business**

- Reminder July 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day to turn in any 2015 medical bills for reimbursements for those on the medical insurance.
- Grasshoppers have sent an increase for their cost of mowing the Cemeteries - \$20.00 per cemetery. It was discussed that they have been mowing the cemetery every week, whether it needs to be mowed or not. During the dry, hot spell they should not have been mowing.
- K. Motion to approve the \$20.00 cost increase per cemetery for the cemetery mowing by Grasshoppers, but they are to mow the cemetery only as needed:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger    2nd: Mr. Clark    Ayes: All

**New Business**

- None
- L. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Metzger    Seconded: Mr. Clark    Ayes: All

Approved by:      Board of German Township Trustees:

Recorded in the  
Record of Proceedings  
June 14, 2016

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Robert Clark, President

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Charles Metzger, Vice President

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

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Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member