

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
October 11, 2016

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday October 11, 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 – present

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

Other Employees Present: Dave Brown, Linda Mader

Visitors: Bill Wolfarth

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the Minutes of September 6, 2016:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

Hearing of the Public

None

Fiscal Officer Report

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- B. Motion to receive the September 2016 financial reports, and to approve the payments from September 6, to October 11, 2016:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- C. Motion to authorize the Township to participate in the State Treasurers OhioCheckBook.com:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- The audit has been reviewed and accepted by the Auditor of State.
 - We were approved for the Bullet Proof Vest Grant from the USDOJ - \$2310.73 it requires a 50% match.

Zoning Report:

Mr. Degenhart reported the following:

- There will be a meeting tomorrow between Clark County and the new mall owners in order to establish a relationship.
- For mosquito abatement, the township held a tire collection day in conjunction with the Clark County Solid Waste District. He would like to compliment both the County Waste District and the Clark County Sheriff Pride Program for the excellent coordination and work that was done to make this a success.
- Still working on several problem areas including the ones on Detrick Jordan
- Mr. Metzger stated he received a call concerning a property with unlicensed vehicles and leaking oil. He provided information to Mr. Degenhart.

Fire Department

Chief Holman reported the following:

- Medic 1 had brakes and tires replaced.
- Last year they had 217 back to back or simultaneous runs where 2 or 3 units were out at the same time. To date this year they are already at 237.
- Last year runs totals 1400 and so far this year they are at 1500
- Five boots with ribbons will set around the township to collect donations to send to the Ohio State Cancer Research.

Police Department

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Has received a complaint from a gentleman on Delrey Road concerning his mailbox, which is located across the street from his home, that the person on that side of the street has planted

flowers and other plants around his mailbox, and it makes it hard for him to get the mail due the growth and bees.

- A temporary (1 day) liquor license permit was approved for the Hospital Christmas Gala that is held at the mall.
 - The Police Department will be teaching the ALICE (active shooter) training at the Northwestern Schools to all the teachers and staff.
 - He would like to send Officer Finney to training to be able to teach the ALICE program at a cost of \$600.00.
- D. Motion to approve the \$600.00 cost for training for Officer Finney:

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

- The Humvee has been painted Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness, and has been at the school and will be at the Mall.
- There has been a decline in the number of burglaries across the county. Could possibly be due to a group of individuals being stopped and arrested.
- The 2015 Dodge Charger has a blown engine due to high standing water at the entrance of one of the trailer parks. Water was sucked up into the engine. He believes it is due to a flaw in the design of the vehicles when outfitted for heavy duty police use. Chrysler had declined the flaws and will not cover any of the cost of repairs nor through the warranty. We have filed a claim with the insurance company. We have a \$250 deductible. Chief Holman stated there has been a water problem there before and the trailer park has trenched the ditch to the catch basin to help with water flow. Officers need to be careful when the roads are wet and covered with water.

- E. Motion to hire three new auxiliary officers for the Police Department: Jason Spoon, Kevin Cheek, and Garret Grigsby:

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

Chief Stitzel administered the Oath of Office.

- F. Chief Stitzel requested a wage increase for both full time Officers, Perry and Finney, to \$15.75 per hour:

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

- There was a discussion concerning comp time, the rate, whom can accumulate comp time, and the use of comp time.

- G. Motion to allow the full time employees of the Township to have the option of overtime pay at a rate of 1.5 or to earn comp time at a rate of 1.5, and may use the comp time with the approval of the supervisor and notification of the trustees:

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

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- Nelson's to look at Hominy Ridge - to help with tree removal
- Trees down on Crescent Hill, several complaints from people about us temporarily closing the road. Road was closed due to the danger of falling trees.
- The Gehl skid steer purchased from the county has a Gehl hook up and none of the Bob Cat attachments will fit. Need to purchase plates to be able to use all the attachments. Can purchase a set of plates from Channel for \$250.00. There are also other sets of plates that will be needed in order to make all equipment have the universal hookup. Total for all plates is approximately \$1550.00. Since County lowered the purchase price of the skid steer by \$1000.00, it will not cost too much over the original approved cost.

- H. Motion to approve the cost of purchasing the plates for the skid steer:

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

- Terry Hiles should have his equipment ready to go in another week. We can then begin on the several jobs we have waiting.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Beechwood Hills neighborhood held a meet and greet on Saturday. The Police Department had quite a few people comment on how they were happy with the police department and how they responded during this sudden rash of burglaries in their area. The crime-watch signs have been put up.

The Fire Association had purchased 20 signs for Levy Issue #9, and are going to be sending out a newsletter.

A reminder, that the next meeting has been changed to November 1, 2016 due to the General Election. The Trustees asked Mrs. Emory to be sure to post the meeting notice in the newspaper for each month's meeting.

I. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Approved by: Board of German Township Trustees:

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Robert Clark, President

Charles Metzger, Vice President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member