

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
November 01, 2016

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday November 01, 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, Jim Peck

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2016:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Hearing of the Public

Mr. Jim Peck updated the trustees on the situation he has with his neighbor and the bees.

- Still an ongoing problem, although won't be such a problem during the winter months.
- Other bee keeper professionals have stated it is common sense to move the bees; now would be the time of the year to move the bees, but the neighbor will not move them.
- He doesn't know what to do next, but doesn't really want to go to court

Mr. Clark stated that the Township's stand is that this is a legal matter between parties concerned.

Fiscal Officer Report

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- B. Motion to receive the October 2016 financial reports, and to approve the payments from October 11, to November 01,2016:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- C. Motion to renew the Ohio Insurance Services Agency, Inc. – OPEC HC – for Option 2 Monthly premiums with the Monthly Assessment of Debt Recovery included in each months premium as presented by Ohio Insurance Services.
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- Due to the Bureau of Workers Compensation prospective billing for the next year, payment is due by January 3, 2017. In the past payment was paid in full once a year, and due in May. With the changes, payment must be made before the Township receives its drop of tax money in March. At the beginning of the year we operate on carry over funds for the first three months. We do not know the outcome of the Fire& EMS levy that is on the ballot. Therefore, Mrs. Griest would like to take advantage of the BWC's new defer payment program for 2017 which will defer payments till May, but with a small .94 percent fee.
Motion to approve the BWC payment deferment for 2017:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Zoning Report:

None

Fire Department

Chief Holman reported the following:

- Medic 1 is at Wyler's for repairs. It was unable to go above 30 mph and the engine light was on. Most of the repairs are covered under warranty. Our cost is approximately \$150.00.
- Fire extinguisher classes were given to the employees of Ever Roll
- The person who died in the fatal fire was found to have died before the fire
- Christmas Dinners are coming up soon. We will need donations and volunteers. We served 611 dinners last year.
- At the EMS Expo there were a lot of changes coming up for Protocols. We will implement some of those. We are having the protocol committee working on these changes. There

was also new ideas using Drones to deliver lifesaving AED's in areas where response times are slower.

- There was also information on firefighters with lung cancer. May long term fire fighters who develop lung cancer are contributed to the smoke inhalation at fires, and fire clean ups due to the smoke from wood, plastics, synthetics and chemicals. Is becoming an epidemic. Our department currently has in place ways to help protect our firefighters, such as: wearing their masks, washing the turnout gear after each fire, keeping helmets clean, cleaning the interior of the vehicles after fires, and wearing protective gear during cleanup.
- He has information from the Department of Labor concerning fire departments and overtime. He is suggested having a 28 day payroll; due to there is no overtime required until after 212 hours. He believes the Police department does not have to provide overtime until after 86 hours in a 14 day pay cycle.
- He would like to request an executive session before the end of the meeting.

Police Department

None

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- Finished a couple of the culverts, they have 2 culverts to finish then will move on to the Forest Hills area.
- The quick hitch for the bucket for the skid steer has been completed.
- There is a problem in Beechwood with drainage. The concrete trough has been cleaned out but there are several yards where the ditches have filled in with dirt and are causing problems. They will need to be cleaned out.

New Business

- Time Warner – Mrs. Griest and Mrs. Emory met with Time Warner. Are checking to see the cost of getting access to regular television channels for the meeting room. Also are checking on the costs for the phone lines with unlimited local and long distance.
- Reminder that the Engineer's Dinner scheduled has been changed to Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Griest requested the table at the back of the meeting room be repaired.
- Reams Cemetery - the Township right of way back to the cemetery has been grown up with trees for some time. The new property owner, Mr. Thompson, is aware of the Township right of way and is clearing a lot of the trees off of his property including the right of way area. Trustees would like to see about graveling the driveway back to the cemetery. We may need to contact the county concerning a culvert for the driveway entrance.
- The next trustee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Township Office.

Old Business

None

D. Motion to go into executive session at 8:59 a.m. to discuss the discipline of an employee:

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

Let the record show we returned to regular session at 9:07 a.m.

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

Approved by: Board of German Township Trustees:

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Record of Proceedings
November 1, 2016

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Robert Clark, President

Charles Metzger, Vice President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member