

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
November 14, 2017

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Clark called the meeting to order.

Board of Trustees- Roll Call: Mr. Clark– present; Mr. Kaffenbarger – present; Mr. Metzger- present

Fiscal Officer: Angela Griest

Township Department Supervisors present: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Mark Bevan, Road Supervisor; and Karina Emory, Secretary.

Other Township Personnel: Dave Brown & Linda Mader

Visitors: Renee Turner, Jason Webster, Ronald McCoun

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

A. Motion to approve the minutes for October 10, and November 10, 2017

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

Hearing of the Public:

- **Ronald McCoun:** Mrs. Griest read a letter that Mr. McCoun had prepared concerning a complaint about his mailbox which is located across the street from his home and next to the mailbox of the owner of that property, Mr. Vince McCoy. Mr. McCoy has tall ornamental grass growing close to the mailbox and makes it difficult for Mr. McCoun to retrieve his mail.

Mr. Clark asked if he has checked with the Post Office, or the County Commissioners concerning regulations. The Post Office stated it does not interfere with the delivery of mail. Mr. Degenhart suggested to check Federal Regulations. He should have the right to have it cleaned up around his mailbox. Mr. Holman has tried to talk with Mr. McCoy but hasn't been able.

Mr. Clark suggested the Township send a letter to Mr. McCoy, a copy to Mr. McCoun, asking both to work out an agreement between the two neighbors.

Mr. Metzger stated it is a shame someone has to go through all of this when neighbors can't cooperate.

- **Renee Turner:** Mrs. Turner is here today to discuss cannabis. She is looking to open a dispensary and would like to file an application for one in German Township. She has been looking at several properties. However, the township currently has a moratorium against it. She would like to know if the Trustees are planning to lift the moratorium.

Mr. Clark stated at this time the trustees are not planning to lift the moratorium. It currently expires in February 2018.

Mrs. Turner stated that if the Trustees do not lift the moratorium, she would not be able to file the application. If she has to wait till February, the filing deadline would not be met, and the State would not issue a permit in an area with the moratorium in place.

Fiscal Officer Report:

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

B. Motion to receive the September 2017 financial reports and to approve payments from October 10, through November 14, 2017:

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

- The Treasurer of States Ohio Pooled Collateral System – Wesbanco will be participating in this program, this will enable the State to ensure there is proper collateral assigned to support our deposits
- UAN monthly costs will be \$50.00 a month cheaper for the next year. UAN is eliminating the hardware surcharge for one year, which will save \$600.00.

Zoning Department Report:

- Tom Hale looking into more ideas for developing the Upper Valley Mall area.
 - Recently had a meeting with the mall owner
 - Developing a plan to include the area across the street
 - Looking at other types of development (not just shopping center district)
 - A lot of people are working and talking concerning this area.
- CVS is still looking to put an out building on the Upper Valley Mall lot.
 - The owner is extending water lines at his own expense.
 - Will be a deeded lot
- Mr. Degenhart stated that he would like to thank the German Township EMS people, it is because of them he is still here.
- Mr. Clark also thanked the Fire, Ems, and Police for participating at the Train Show that was held at the Mall.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Holman presented the following:

- C. Need Approval for Jeff Emory and Richard Craig to attend the Hilton Clearwater Beach training in November at a cost of \$475.00each – total \$950.00 for the conference fee only.

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

- There is a new CPR device that is automatic. It will administer CPR through automation, without the medics physically performing the CPR. A person can only do CPR for approximately two minutes without tiring and needing to trade off to someone else. This will help to free up those medics to perform other tasks. Cost \$13,000.00. Storm Marshall Arts would donate \$5000, 2018 EMS Grant \$3500, Fire Association \$2000. This will leave \$2500 to be covered by Fire & Ems.
- D. Motion to approve the purchase of the CPR device after January 2018, or the Fire Association can buy the device and the Township to reimburse the Association for the Township portion in January, 2018.

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

- E. Approval to pay the two invoices from Phoenix Safety Outfitters fire gear for a total of \$16,415.00 to replace the turnout gear destroyed in a fire (does not include hoses). The insurance company has made a payment of \$16,141.00 for damaged turnout gear and hoses minus the deductible. Chief Holman to look into having the RC Enterprises hazmat insurance look at covering these costs also.

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

- Need to have the pump packed for Engine 1 by Finley Fire - Cost \$2000.00. The work will be done here. It can wait until the new year.
- Christmas Meals – Served Christmas Day. Approximately 650 meals. Donations and volunteers needed.

Police Department Report:

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Already discussed with Mrs. Griest the moving of funds in the appropriation lines to cover current expenses.

Road Department Report:

Mark Bevan presented the Maintenance Report:

- F. Motion to approve repairs for the Ford F550 at Rogers Garage \$3838.00 – fuel injectors, gaskets

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

- G. Motion to approve the Riley's Paving costs to repair asphalt on Brookston - \$1150.00:

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

- The hydraulic cooler still has issues. Estimates for repairs:
 - Southeastern Columbus: \$1500.00
 - Brakes & Tractor: \$1200.00
 - Southeastern in Monroe: \$1300.00
- H. Motion to approve the repair costs at Southeastern in Monroe for \$1300.00 Mr. Kaffenbarger is able to pick-up the parts:

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

- Would like to purchase a jack in order to be able to service some equipment. Have priced out a 22-ton jack - \$698.00; and a 35 ton jack \$998.00. Currently have a 10-ton jack, but it is not holding.

I. Motion to approve the purchase of the 35-ton jack for \$998.00.

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

- In need of a new good vise. Have looked at several but they are junk metal, need to find a good quality one. Mr. Kaffenbarger to get information on vises with 5-6" jaws.
- The F550 in need of six tires. Need to check prices and get quotes from several places.
- Westridge drainage. Need address location, and have Call *before You Dig* to mark the line locations.
- The mower mulcher which was approved for use in August. Need list of Roads to work on, formulate a time plan, send notices to residents.
- Maintenance AT&T cell phones do not have reception inside the buildings and in some areas of the Township. Fire Department also having trouble in certain areas. Some employees have AT&T phones and they don't seem to have any difficulty. Check into getting boosters Mrs. Emory to work with AT&T to address the problem.

New Business:

- Update on Tremont Barrel Fill - Meeting on November 29, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the office of Charles Patterson, Clark County Health District.
- Flu shots will be reimbursable by the Township if an employee wants to get a flu shot.
- Delaware County is providing Elected Officials training again this year. Mr. Kaffenbarger, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Griest to attend.
- Next meeting December 12, 8:00 a.m. Check calendars, need to set date for the year end meeting.

Old Business

- Township Insurance: As of January 1, 2018 the Township will no longer provide Medical, Dental, Vision insurance. Looking to providing a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Account (QSEHRA) to all elected officials and eligible employees (full time only). This QSEHRA is able to reimburse eligible expenses such as insurance premiums, and eligible medical expenses and healthcare.
 - Currently looking at several third party administrators to handle the program, both Burnham and Flowers and Wesbanco.
- J. Motion made by Mr. Metzger: As of December 31, 2017 the insurance through the Ohio Insurance Services will be expiring/terminating. The township is going to go to a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Account (QSEHRA) for all elected officials and eligible full time employees, however, the QSEHRA must be able to reimburse for medical premiums and other eligible medical healthcare expenses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaffenbarger.
Roll Call: Mr. Clark – yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes; Mr. Metzger – yes
Motion carried.
- K. Motion made by Mr. Metzger: Per a recommendation from our County Prosecutor, The Township is not to pay any insurance deficit, related fees or other money to Ohio Insurance Services, J.H.P insurances, and/or Benovation, until it goes through our legal counsel Mr. Kaffenbarger seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Mr. Clark – yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger- yes; Mr. Metzger--yes
- The Tremont City Cemetery fence, which abuts the Mark Sanders property, was viewed and the property survey pins found. It appears the cemetery fence is on the Sanders property. We should see about having the County survey the property lines for us. Also need to check with the property owners to see if they would be willing to sell off a strip along the cemetery to the Township.

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

Board of German Township Trustees

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Robert Clark, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Charles Metzger, Member