

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
January 09, 2018

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, January 09, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Kaffenbarger called the meeting to order.

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

Fiscal Officer: Angela Griest- present

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

Other Township Personnel: Linda Mader & Dave Brown (arrived late)

Visitors: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Fiscal Officer Report:

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- The year-end minutes are not ready at this time.
 - The Year End is almost complete. December reports, and year-end reports will be printed for the Trustees after I have closed out the year.
 - 2018 Appropriation Status has been given to the Trustees and Department supervisors.
- A. Motion to approve the payments from December 29, 2017 to January 09, 2018 \$59,735.80:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Hearing of the Public:

None

Zoning Department:

Mr. Degenhart reported the following:

- He will not be available for the month of February.
- Mr. Thompson, our prosecutor, will be coming to talk about nuisance. He has been doing a good job for the Township.
- WEEC has sold to the Veterinarian Clinic, which is currently on Upper Valley Pike. They will be moving once the remodel is complete.

Fire Department:

Chief Holman reported the following:

- The 2017 Fire & EMS Report:
 - Total EMS Calls:1448 Total fire Calls: 568 Total Calls 2006
 - Mutual Aid Given to area departments: 110
 - Inspections 108
 - Calls to Tremont City are up; Calls to Mad River, Champaign County are slightly down
 - Currently on roster: Paramedics - 12; Advanced EMT's - 2; EMT's- 18; Firefighters - 5 (not counting those that are cross trained).
- Mr. Clark would like to see this report posted to the website for the public to view.
- The yearly banquet will be February 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location as last year. All Township departments and employees are invited. The Police Department will be having a special presentation for Mr. Dickerson.

Police Department

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Year –end Dispatch call report from the Sheriff's office is not available at this time.
 - Officer James Johnson last day of employment, January 5, 2017. He has accepted a position with the County Sherriff's Department.
 - Chief Stitzel would like to recommend the re-hire of Ms. Amy Mosier to a part-time position at \$14.00 per hour, and hire Mr. Jeremy Towe as an Auxiliary Officer.
- B. Motion to approve Officer Mosier's re-hire, and Jeremy Towe as an auxiliary officer:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Chief Stitzel administered the Oath of Office.

- Heroin is in the community. Police recently busted a house on Saint Paris Pike for drugs. There was drugs everywhere in the house. It has taken 2 days to catalog everything. They are meeting with the prosecutor concerning the matter. Chief Stitzel would like to thank the Fire Department for their assistance at the scene.
- Mr. Clark shared a comment from someone in the City of Springfield Police Department stating that Chief Stitzel and his staff are good to work with and that they look forward to working with them in the future. Mr. Clark thought this was a very positive remark concerning our Police Department.
- There will be a fundraiser for Chad Eubanks, former Township police officer, currently with the Sherriff's Department, and is on our Fire Department, to raise funds to help with medical expenses, therapy, and family support. He had surgery, and some things went wrong and he was in very serious condition. He is starting to make a comeback, but it will be a long road to recovery. There is to be a Dinner and Auction on January 27, 2018 at Reid School for his benefit.

Maintenance Report:

Mr. Bevan reported the following:

- Tree on Fox Hollow- Mr. Clark to meet the maintenance department to look at the situation. Mr. Kaffenbarger to check with Mr. Suter to see if Ohio Edison could be of any help in the removal of the tree due to electric lines. The owner has stated he would be willing to help with the cost.
- Mr. Kaffenbarger complimented maintenance department on keeping the tractor, trucks, and equipment washed.

Old Business:

- Mt. Calvary Old Section – Have not heard anything from Tremont City, or attorney.
 - Have heard that their attorney may be doing a title search for the cemetery.
 - Our prosecutor, Mr. Thompson recommends that we do not take care of that section any longer, because it is not ours.
 - The Road does belong to the Village of Tremont; however, it is need of repairs. Only way we can help expend funds for its repairs is to have some sort of contract with Tremont concerning the road repair.
 - Chief Holman suggested informing the Township residents of the situation through the paper, a newsletter, & our website, and that we can no longer take care of that section of the cemetery due to legal advice and the ORC.
- Concerning the fence line in Mr. Calvary, the county is going to come out to see if they can locate pins. If not, we will have them due a survey. There are actually 3 different property owners adjoining the cemetery. Need to know exactly where the borders are and if the fencing is in proper location in order to decide the best action in clearing up the property line issue.
- No update on the Auto Shop issue on Lawrenceville Drive. There is still a site issue on Noble Drive when pulling onto Lawrenceville Drive. Other areas on Lawrenceville Drive pose an issue because of the cars parking along the road, or up on the sidewalks. Mr. Clark recommends talking with Clark County because Lawrenceville Drive is a county road.
- Chief Stitzel has several roads that need journalized in order to get the speed limit signs posted correctly for each type of street. Without the journalization, speed limits can only be a recommended speed, which makes enforcement difficult. Mr. Kaffenbarger is to call Clark County Engineers Office to speak with Mr. Tom Smith (sign department) to discuss the signage, and journalization of the following roads: Ballentine Pike (between Johnson Road and State Route 41); Hanson Road & Delrey in Westridge; and Cedarhills.

New Business:

- Motion to approve the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and Zoning Inspector to attend the Ohio Township Association Conference in Columbus beginning January 31 through February 3, 2018:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- Trustees to check out trucks at the conference. Appreciate Mr. Brown bringing in other information concerning a new dump truck.
- Karina to get quotes for a Township newsletter. Previously have done them in house, and at the Springfield News and Sun. Also suggested to check out Box King for pricing.

C. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

Robert Clark, Vice President

Charles Metzger, Member