

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Session**  
**April 11, 2018**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Kaffenbarger called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – present; Mr. Clark - present; Mr. Metzger- present  
Fiscal Officer: Angela Griest

Township Personnel present: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Mark Bevan, Road Supervisor; Karina Emory; Dave Brown; Richard Craig; Jeremy Blum; Russel Garman; and Brad Baugh

Visitors: Beau Thompson, Clark County Prosecutor; Denise Williams, President, Springfield Chapter of NAACP; Mark Sanders; Tarra Walker; Jessica Brigham; Eddie Jaudon; Napoleon Biles; Cheyenne Stuart; Kim Stuart; George Stuart; Allyson Brown; Jason Matthews; Mary Smith; Bob Lanter; Jill Acuff; Bryant Burton.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

- A. Motion to approve the minutes for March 13, 2018; March 28, 2018(Special); March 28, 2018 (Emergency):

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

**Special Hearing :**

Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that this hearing is to determine the validity of the charges presented by the Fire Chief at the March 28, 2018 special meeting.

Mr. Kaffenbarger asked if Mr. Baugh would prefer an executive session, or a public session?

Mr. Baugh preferred an executive session.

- B. Motion to go into executive session at 08:02 a.m. for an employee disciplinary hearing:

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

- C. Motion to go back into regular session at 9:10 a.m.:

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

- D. After hearing the testimony, seeing the charges and other documentation, and a review of the Township policy move to terminate Mr. Brad Baugh from his position at German Township:

Motion by Mr. Clark. Seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes; Mr. Clark – Yes Mr. Metzger – yes

Motion Carried.

Ms. Denise Williams expressed a thank you to the Township for having them here today; and offered that if we ever need anything, to let them know. She will be working with Chief Holman to help prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Mr. Kaffenbarger thanked the Sheriff's Department and the German Township Police Department for being a presence at the meeting today.

**Fiscal Officer Report:**

Mrs. Griest presented the following:

- E. Motion to approve the payments from March 13, 2018 to April 10, 2018 \$103,187.41:

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

- F. Motion to receive the March Bank Reconciliation and Management reports:

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

- G. Motion to approve invoice for Clark County Engineers Office – 409'-30" plastic pipe \$816.00:

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

- I. Motion to approve invoice for Image Trend: EMS annual contract \$2214.50:

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

- J. Motion to approve invoice for McMann and Smoot: renewal Accident Policy \$3550.00

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

- K. Motion to approve invoice for Bonham Electric for service and repairs for generator \$1430.00:

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

- L. Motion to renew annual contract with CareWorksComp to manage our Workers Compensation Program. July 2018 to July 2019. Annual Fee \$1312.00:  
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- Update on the 2017 Benovation run-out claims.

**Hearing of the Public:**

None

**Zoning Department**

The City of Springfield is planning to annex parcels along portions of Baker Road and St. Paris Pike located in German Township. These parcels contain businesses in German Township, which the Fire & EMS Departments currently serve, and will mean the splitting of Road Maintenance. Mr. Clark read information provided by Chief Holman about the emergency calls to the properties:

- 3100 Upper Valley Pike – Tech II
  - 2017& 2018: 3 Fire Alarms – 5 EMS Calls
- 1515 Baker Road – Pratt Industries
  - 5 Fire Alarms – 29 EMS Calls
  - 2015 CPR Class & First Aid Training
  - 2015 Fire Extinguisher Training
  - 2016 Fire Extinguisher Training
  - 2017 CPR Class & First Aid Class

- H. Motion to approve the following Resolution was made by Mr. Metzger;

*BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Ohio, that*

*WHEREAS, a petition for annexation pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023 was filed with the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio on March 19, 2018 proposing to annex approximately 23.330 acres, including parcels 00007-000-087 and 050-02-00007-000-083, along with portions of Baker Road and St. Paris Pike currently located within German Township, Clark County, Ohio into the City of Springfield, Ohio.*

*WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023(D) authorizes a board of township trustees to object to a proposed annexation when it involves any portion of that township's territory by adopting and filing with the board of county commissioners an ordinance or resolution based upon the petition's failure to meet the conditions specified in division (E) of Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023 within twenty-five days after the date that the petition is filed.*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio do hereby adopt this resolution in opposition to the Petition for Annexation of 23.330 Acres, more or less, in German Township located on Baker Road and St. Paris Pike, and consisting, in part, of Parcels #050-02-00007-000-087 and 050-02-00007-000-083. The basis for objection is that this annexation would violate some of the conditions required by Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023(E), namely:*

- *that the municipal corporation to which annexation is proposed has not agreed to provide to the territory proposed for annexation the services specified in the relevant ordinance or resolution adopted under this section, and*
- *that a street or highway will be divided and segmented by the boundary line between the township and the municipal corporation as to create a road maintenance problem and the municipal corporation to which annexation is proposed has not agreed as a condition of the annexation to assume the maintenance of that street or highway or to otherwise correct the problem.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that German Township, Clark County, Ohio Fire and EMS personnel regularly respond to the businesses located upon these parcels in emergency situations, and in reality, will likely continue to be asked to do so. This is due to the fact that the City of Springfield's nearest Fire Stations are significantly further from these businesses than the German Township Fire Department, and are regularly busy, which could require City Fire and EMS personnel to come from a Station even further from the parcels in question, increasing response times, damage, and risk.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that German Township, Clark County, Ohio Fire and EMS personnel regularly provide inspections and trainings at no cost to the businesses located on the parcels in question that result in savings on these business' insurance coverage.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Township leadership has engaged in discussions with the County Engineer and members of his Department, who have informed the Township of their concerns relating to the segmenting and division of Baker Road that will result if the proposed annexation is approved, and has informed the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio of those concerns. A copy of the letter provided to the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio is attached to this Resolution, and hereby incorporated by reference.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the foregoing reasons, the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio oppose this annexation, and request that the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Ohio review this proposed annexation to determine whether all of the requirements listed under Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023(E) are met.*

Motion seconded by Mr. Clark

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes; Mr. Clark – Yes; Mr. Metzger - Yes

Motion carried.

### **Police Department**

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Requesting an executive session at the end of the meeting.
  - Newly purchased cars are up and running. Tahoe still needs a cage and taillights.
  - Request to hire two auxiliary officers: Taylor Stuart, and George Smith
- M. Motion to hire two auxiliary officers Taylor Stuart, and George Smith:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- Chief Stitzel administered the Oaths of Office.
- Sergeant Jeremy Blum is resigning. Last day is to be April 12, 2017. He is moving out of the area. Mr. Metzger thanked Sgt. Blum for his service to the Township and wished him the best of luck.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Holman presented the following:

- Recall repairs are complete for the Expedition.
- Requests an executive session at the end of the meeting.

### **Road Maintenance Department**

Mr. Bevan presented the following:

- N. Motion to repair the transmission on the Ford 1-ton truck.. Estimate from Tom Schutte for repairs \$2,000 (barring any unforeseen problem).  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- O. Motion to have Bucks Tree Care to remove 10 trees (9 on Hominy Ridge- 1 on Miller for estimate of \$3200.00. They to clean up brush. Township to pick up the wood.  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- Culvert replacement in Young's Subdivision.
  - Zerkle Road ditching – 800ft or more to do.
- P. Motion to have - Riley's Paving asphalt the approach areas that are in the Township right-of-way at the driveways of 2950 Walnut Grove \$275.00; 2718 Cardinal Road - \$425.00. Check with the home owners : Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- A&B Asphalt quote to repave parking lot. Q&A: Are they grinding it down first? Cost \$25,000.
  - Trustees thanked the Maintenance Department for picking up trash in the cemeteries.
  - Berm Work – Miller Road at curve there is a couple of holes to repair, Fox Hollow and Greenridge need patching.
  - Trees to cut in Fox Hollow areas.
  - Mr. Kaffenbarger to call on the status of the new truck.

### **Old Business:**

Mt. Calvary in Tremont City:

- Q. Motion to have Richard Hankinson to survey and locate pins in the Cemetery on the boundaries in question for \$600.00 Mr. Sanders stated he is willing to split the costs.  
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All

### **New Business:**

- R. Motion to go into Executive Session at 09:56 a.m. to discuss employee discipline:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- S. Motion to go back into regular session 10:13 a.m.:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- T. Motion to appoint Tim Holman to investigate Kyle Artis per the Ohio Revised Code 505.38:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- U. Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. to discuss employee discipline:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- V. Motion to go back into regular session at 10:38 a.m.:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- W. Motion to put Amy Mosier on unpaid leave pending investigation:  
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- Reminder that the next meeting is May 1, 2018

X. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All

Approved by:  
Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the  
Record of Proceedings  
April 11, 2018

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

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Rodney Kaffenbarger, President

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Robert Clark, Vice President

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Charles Metzger, Member