

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Session**  
**August 13, 2018**

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 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: Mark Bevan, Road Supervisor; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; and Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Karina Emory; and Dave Brown

Visitors: Becky Gleason, Melissa DiGeronimo

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes**

- A. Motion to approve the July 10, 2019 minutes:  
Motion: Mr. Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- B. Motion to approve the August 01, 2018 minutes:  
Motion: Mr. Clark 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Kaffenbarger  
Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – Abstain Mr. Clark – yes Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes  
Motion carried.

**Hearing of the Public**

None

**Fiscal Officer:**

- C. Motion to receive the management reports and Bank Reconciliation for June, 2018:  
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- D. Motion to approve the payments from July 10, 2018 to August 13, 2018. Total \$197,472.68  
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- E. Motion to approve the Fiscal Officer to make the following fund balance adjustments for 2016 - (#98-2016) per the 2018 AUP Audit:
- i. Increase the Road and Bridge fund by \$20,527
  - ii. Decrease the Road District Fund by \$20,527
- Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- F. Motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to close the bank account at PNC and transfer balance to Wesbanco – As of 07-31-2018 balance \$1650.24. This account was originally set up to automatically pay the aerial loan payments. The loan has now been paid off. Transfer the balance to Wesbanco.  
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Both levies have been filed with the Board of Elections. State has approved.
  - SERB reporting - insurance report given to Trustees
  - Received information concerning FirstEnergy Solutions bankruptcy, sale, and hearings.
  - Next month the letters for the QSEHRA need to go out

**Zoning Department:**

Mr. Degenhart, Zoning Inspector presented the following:

- Request hearing before the Trustee’s concerning property at 1646 Ballentine Pike
  - Raymond & Lottie Mae Timberman – owners of property
  - Tenant : Mr. Robert Green
  - Have contacted County Community Development
  - Fire Chief has given warning they are in violation of EPA
- Positive things happening with the Upper Valley Mall.
  - Police Chief has talked with Mr. Hale concerning the property.
  - Police will now have access to the Mall and may use their facilities if needed.
  - Some tenants have re-signed their leases.
  - Other properties on Upper Valley have improved their properties with hopes to attract business.
- West Ridge property update:

- Property transfer is completed.
- Patches over roof
- Grass mowed.
- Improvement has progressed.
- Received complaints concerning the Route 41 property (beside Mader's Market). The construction stopped due to a STOP order by Clark County. He did not have the required permits. It is in the County's hands.

**Police Department:**

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Will be having gaps in personnel.
  - FMLA for Officer Axle
  - Officer Stuart off for a medical – possibly 8 weeks – may be able to do light duty in office
  - Officer Mosier will be starting back. She was found not to be at fault in the accident.
- G. Motion to approve the hiring of Andrew Gleason (previous verbal approval) as part time, Austin Renner and Chris Geronimo as Auxiliary:
 

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

Chief Stitzel gave the Oath of Office.
- Mr. Metzger asked if we could do anything about the grass clippings that people blow out on the roadway. Especially when it is heavy. Causes a hazard on the road. Chief Stitzel replied that it is illegal; it creates a hazard on the roadway. It is slippery, especially to motorcycles. There was a discussion on what could stop this from happening. Suggested to begin by notifying the residents not to let the clippings go onto the roadway, and that in 2019 could start to write tickets. Especially on the second offense.
- Received several complaints concerning tickets given on Upper Valley Pike at the location by Fox Hollow where motorists did not obey the road-closed signs. Mr. John Burr, County Engineer, had called Mr. Clark concerning the safety of his bridge crew working on Upper Valley Pike due to a lot of traffic going past the road-closed signs causing a very unsafe working environment. Many were going past the road closed signs then turning around at the Hafle Winery. The road was open to the Winery if you were going there for business, but closed for all other traffic. Twelve tickets issued. The word spread, and the traffic dropped off quickly. The courts dismissed the tickets.
- There may be some problems when they close down St. Rt. 41 between Shrine Road and Folk Ream.

**Fire Department:**

Chief Holman presented the following:

- H. Motion to replace Lights on Rescue 1 with LED lights - \$1890.00 and to repair for Tornado Siren - \$1135.00:
 

Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- Illegal Burns at 1646 Ballentine Pike
- RC Enterprises – Truck repairs. Went there with Medic 3. Will be saving money by taking our business there. They are a local business. It will be closer and quicker service.
- Went in with Pike Township on a service call for having our ladder tested.
- The Chicken Barbeque is August 25, 2018.

**Maintenance Department:**

Mr. Bevan and the Trustees presented the following:

- Ebersole ditch is cleaned out – deep – on grade
- Brookston – need to finish up on the other side
- Pinewood – property owners want to enclose the drainage pipe to give it cover. Approximately 40 feet. They will also need to install several yard drains.
- Wildflower – 250 feet. Property owner to pay for the pipe.
- Road mowing done on Terre Haute.
- Road mower. Mr. Kaffenbarger asked why were the mower blades replaced with the new blades instead of flipping the old blades to the other side. They would have lasted throughout this season and the new blades saved for the next mowing season. Costs too much not to get more life out of them. Need to flip them.
- Mr. Metzger asked why the roads have not all been mowed. They are looking bad.
  - Response: Expedited Brookston had two full burials. Mowing used to be done only 3 times a year.
    - Trustees asked that the mowing be done at the first of each month.

**Old Business:**

- Discussion concerning the Valic Retirement Plan. Mr. Miller to attend the September meeting.
- I. Motion to change the plan to let the current full time employees to manage their own Valic retirement accounts:  
    Motion: Mr. Metzger 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- Kyle Artis update. Mr. Kaffenbarger has talked with our legal counsel and Mr. Artis is allowed to return to work.
- The new section (Griest Section) of the Lawrenceville Cemetery is open. Lots have been marked off thanks to Mr. Bevan and Mr. Brown. This section will be flat stones only. Already had one burial in that section.
- We have not had any response back to the letter concerning the sale of the property from Lawrenceville Community Church.

**Other New Business:**

None

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

Approved by:  
Board of German Township Trustees

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Record of Proceedings  
August 13, 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