

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
July 09, 2019

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 09, 2019 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. Kaffenbarger – present; Mr. Metzger- present
Fiscal Officer: Angela Griest - present

Township Personnel present Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Karina Emory, Secretary, and Linda Mader.

Visitors: none

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

A. Motion to approve the minutes for June 11, 2019:

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

Fiscal Officer:

B. Motion to receive the June 2019 management reports:

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

C. Motion to approve payments issued June 11, 2019 through July 8, 2019 \$99,015.18

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

D. Motion to approve the following Resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio hereby submits its Annual Tax Budget for the year commencing January 1st 2020 to the Clark County Auditor's Office for consideration by the County Budget Commission pursuant of Section 5705.30 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

E. Motion to approve payment of Invoice from Mercy Health Springfield Occupational Health for two new employee physicals, total \$1215.75:

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

- Spoke with Wesbanco concerning the loan for the purchase of the property from Lawrenceville Church. Loan has been approved, rate 1.95%, \$250 dollar document fees, annual payments in March for 3 years, paperwork should be ready within the next 2 weeks. All Board members will need to sign the paperwork on the same day. Trustees would like to do it on the next Township meeting day, of August 12, 2019. Mrs. Emory to send notification to Lawrenceville Church to see if they will agree to wait until August to finalize the agreement.

Hearing of the Public

- None

Zoning Department

- Dunham's sporting goods store will be returning to its original location. We have acknowledged their applications for sell of gun licenses and for signage.
- Tom Hale is no longer working at Clark County Development. This should not affect the progress with the Upper Valley Mall. Mall development is still progressing positively.

Fire Department

- Marcs radios are up and operating. Each person has a radio and each truck is equipped with a radio. Because we are now not using the repeater here at the Township any longer, would like to put on GovDeals.com. Some of the old radios will be returned to the E.M.A., the rest will also be sold on GovDeals.com.
- Over the holiday, we had two river rescues. A tree had fallen in the river causing a bad current, and it would tip over canoes and rafts as they hit the current. No one was seriously injured in the incidents.
- Discussion was had on who is responsible to remove the tree, and also concerning the levies on the river which are need of being repaired due to their washing out and flooding surrounding areas

Police Department:

- Chief Stitzel was absent but would like to be sure there are funds sets aside in the budget for the purchase of police cruisers. There has been one set aside for a down payment for cruisers in the budget presented today.
- Quarterly bonuses
- for Chief Stitzel was brought up, however, there was no decision made at this time.

Old Business

- 1646 Ballentine Pike. Ongoing problems. Continues to violate burn orders, have not cleaned up property. Chief Holman has pulled all Fire Department reports and fire codes that are concerning the property. The E.P.A. still will not do anything concerning the matter. Other Townships have tried to take the property owner to court over properties in their jurisdictions. Prosecutors trying to do something, but looks like we may have to wait till the County can file against them for back taxes before anything substantial can be done to remedy the situation.
- Mt. Calvary Cemetery. The Township has continued to mow the cemetery, and we have not heard anything from the Village of Tremont concerning an agreement on the care of the cemetery. Mr. Kaffenbarger brought up the idea of using parts of the older cemeteries for new burials. Maybe people would like the idea of purchasing lots in the smaller cemeteries. This could help to generate more revenues for the cemetery funds. Mr. Degenhart stated that cremations have now become very popular, having a spreading field for the ashes, and having good records would also be a plus.
- Personnel Manual. We currently have a sample personnel manual. It needs reviewed by the trustees to discuss any changes. At the August meeting, they will set a work session meeting date to work on the personnel manual.

Road Maintenance Department

In Mr. Bevan’s absence, the Trustees presented the following:

- The signage will be up before the deadline.
- The clean up on Colonial Drive is finished. There is still a problem; however, it is the responsibility of the owner.
- Several issues in West Ridge have been addressed. Several of the issues are the responsibilities of the owners.
- Ditch along Johnson Road needs cleaned out. Staying wet, not draining. Hiles & Son estimate was for 8 hours of labor. Trustees verbally agreed.
- Berm along Johnson road, east of Ballentine, needs repaired. Several other places on Johnson Road needs looked at due to water not running through the road ditches.
- Railroad tracks at Hominy Ridge is keeping water from running down to the creek. The railroad crossings at both St. Paris Pike and Knollwood are in need of repair. The Township needs to contact the railroad. The Township has no jurisdiction of the repairs of the railway property.

New Business:

- Reminder that the Clark County Fair is July 19 through 26.
- F. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kaffenbarger, seconded by Mr. Metzger Ayes – All

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

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Robert Clark, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Charles Metzger, Member

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer