

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
September 10, 2019

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 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: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Mark Bevan, Maintenance; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; Karina Emory, Secretary; and Linda Mader.

Visitors: Dan Driscoll, Clark County Prosecutor; Andrew Pickering, Clark County Prosecutor’s Office; Lindsey Hardacre, Clark County Health Department; Kim Northup; Bill Wolfarth; James McHenry; Rob McHenry; Shelby McHenry; Terrie McHenry; Marty McHenry; Helen Webb; Jill Acuff; Eloy Sagers, David Sagers; Jennifer Sagers; and Jarin Krimm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the minutes for August 13, 2019 and September 4, 2019:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All

Hearing of the Public

- Dan Driscoll, Clark County Prosecutor. Brief introduction of himself. Looks forward to continuing to work with the Townships.

- Andrew Pickering, Prosecutor’s Office: Update on current township business.
 - Presented a draft agreement for the transfer of Mt. Calvary Cemetery to the Township. Please review; let him know if there are any questions.
 - Property at 1646 Ballentine.
 - Filed an injunction.
 - Certified mail has been returned.
 - Sheriff department will have to serve papers. If unable to deliver, must be advertised in the paper.
 - Then the Order to Vacate.
 - Time consuming. May take one or two months.
 - The Township has to put up the funds to clean it up. Cannot have the Fire Department to burn it. Can clean it up. Cost put on taxes.
 - Mr. Metzger asked if the taxes were paid up to date. Answer – No.
 - Once on the delinquent list it can be sold at the tax auction. Before begin to clean it up, be sure it has not sold on the tax auction, because then cannot recoup costs.
 - Officials can donate time to tear it down. Any work by employees of Township to haul away, can be billed.
 - Public Records Request by Chief Stitzel on 04-29-2019 was fulfilled on August 27, 2019. Mr. Pickering to discuss the matter further with Chief Stitzel at another time.

- Lindsey Hardacre - Clark County Combined Health District
 - Here today to talk about the 2019 Clark County Community Health Needs Assessment.
 - Brief overview – Handout given to Board
 - Assess the following priority topics: Behavioral/Mental Health, Chronic Disease Prevention, and Maternal/Infant Health & Sexual Health.
 - Interested in receiving feedback on these topics by completing a health related concerns survey online.

- Mr. George Degenhart
 - Wanted to apologize for his behavior at the last Township work session meeting to Mr. Metzger and everyone at the meeting.

Fiscal Officer:

- B. Motion to receive the August 2019 management reports:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- C. Motion to approve payments issued August 06, through September 09, 2019 - \$162,680.82
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- D. Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor for December 31, 2020 year end.
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All
- E. Motion to approve a new fund – Fund 2261 Law Enforcement Trust Fund – be set up for the Police Department per the Ohio Revised Code in order to receive special types of mandatory fines; seizures, and forfeitures. Prosecutor’s Office is reviewing an internal control policy for this account.
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes: All
- 2017 BVP grant funds have been extended to the end of September 2019.
 - Lawrenceville Church Property - received the new deed.
 - Clark County’s Auditors office is moving to the Bushnell Building, 14 E. Main Street, 3rd floor, Springfield, Ohio

Zoning Department:

Mr. Degenhart presented the following:

- The Upper Valley Mall is still in the process. A prospective buyer has put down a large deposit. Continuing to monitor the incoming information.
- Dunham’s Sporting Goods is returning to its previous location.
- The Halloween store will be moving into the Sears Store. Still have not received a good contact number for the owner of the Sears Store. The Sears store does have an impact on the Mall project because it is still owned by Sears.
- There have been a number of new homes and additions going on in the township – which is good.

Fire Department

Chief Holman presented the following:

- Sears fire suppression system up and running. One main line had broken.
- A temporary Halloween store will be going into the Sears location.
- Fire Department will be selling breast cancer shirts. Proceeds to help the Ohio State University Cancer Center.
- Received the State EMS grant for \$3500.00
- Greenlawn Village will be touring the Fire Station.
- The EMS Conference is in New Orleans. The department will be sending nine people, those who are the most active. Participants receive continuing education hours for inspectors, instructors, and paramedics. Costs \$9,068.
- Our water supplier, Aqua Falls, sold out to Culligan. We are getting a plumbed in reverse osmosis system that provides cold and hot water on demand. Flat rate \$70.00 month or less
- Motion to approve the Mad River Fire & EMS contract:
 - Renew as a three year contract with a rate increases as follows:
 - Rates: Year 2020 - \$30,500; Year 2021 – \$32,000; Year 2022- \$33,500Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All
- Mr. Kaffenbarger asked why Urgent Care on Upper Valley Pike was closed. Need to check.

Police Department:

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Still checking out designs for police car logos.
- A gentleman called last week asking why we were sitting out on St. Rt. 68. It appears that the police cars sitting out on St. Rt. 68 are not German Township, but Tremont City Police vehicles. They are running radar, but not doing traffic stops.
- For Safety purposes, will be purchasing several boxes of flares. While directing traffic after a Friday football game, an officer was almost hit.
- Breast Cancer awareness. Officers will be out collecting donations. Would like permission to put a pink patch on our uniforms during October. The patch can be removed and reused each year.
- Motion to approve the Police Department changing their patch to pink for October 2019:
 - Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes: All

F. Motion to approve the hire of Mr. James Douglas McHenry, and Eloy Sagers as auxiliary officers:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Chief Stitzel administered the oaths.

