

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
November 12, 2019

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 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; Mark Bevan, Maintenance; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; and Karina Emory, Secretary

Visitors: Andrew Pickering, Clark County Prosecutor; and Jill Acuff

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Clark took a moment to thank the service men who have served our country.

Minutes

A. Motion to approve the minutes for October 8, 2019:

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

Hearing of the Public

None

Police Department:

Chief Stitzel presented the following:

- Breast Cancer collections: The Officers donated their time to collect for the Breast Cancer Endowment Fund. A total of \$9741.00 was collected for the Endowment Fund.
- City of Dayton has License Plate Readers (LPR) and mobile terminals from a grant that would be available to us through a Memorandum of Understanding. They would maintain ownership; we would return them to Dayton when we are through with them. The cost to the Township after the 2-year warranty would be a \$1000 service agreement. We would also need to add them to our insurance, and purchase a laptop. The LPR's read plates as cars go past. It will report details concerning any vehicles that may be stolen, involved in an amber alert, or if the owner has a suspended licenses. Clark County and the State Highway Patrol also utilize the LPR's.
- B. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Dayton and the Board of Trustees, Clark County, Ohio for Transfer of Equipment and Supplies Ownership:
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- Nineteen pounds of prescription pills has been collected at the Police Department drug drop off to be properly disposed.
- The Radio system was went down. WS Electronics replaced the power supply. Cost \$200.00.
- Chief Stitzel had a question concerning the QSEHRA: Can he turn in an invoice for 2020 premiums in 2019 and receive reimbursement? Mrs. Griest to check for him.
- The window tint for the building: Chief Stitzel had called for quotes but no one showed up to give him the quotes. Will continue to look.
- C. Motion to accept the Internal Control Policy for Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 2261) (as approved by the prosecutor's office):
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All

Fiscal Officer:

D. Motion to receive the October 2019 management reports:

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

E. Motion to approve payments issued October 6, through November 11, 2019 \$144,616.59:

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

Zoning Department:

Mr. Degenhart presented the following:

- He is requesting that the Trustees pass a resolution to send a letter to the Clark County Treasurer's Office requesting that the following properties put on the delinquent tax list. This will give us options to try to get the issues at the properties resolved.
- F. Motion to send a letter to the Treasurer's Office concerning properties: 1646 Ballentine Pike and 3883 Lawrenceville Drive requesting to put them on the delinquent tax list.
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Received a complaint letter from a resident concerning the Pinewood Estates. The covenants state that residents cannot build barns but several residence have built yard barns, and others have built larger barns that can be used for maintenance and storage of large vehicles. He is also concerned with the speed limit on Ballentine Pike at the split where it turns into Knollwood. The speed limit is 55, most cars go between 60-65mph, and motorcycles go even faster. Need to enforce the speed limits. He would like to see the speed limit lowered. The Trustees asked Mr. Degenhart to respond on their behalf that the Township does not enforce deed/housing development covenants. The County sets the speed limits. Only way to change them is to have the road journalized.

Fire Department

Ms. Emory presented the following:

- Will need to replace three Zolls in 2020 to have in place by 2021 – Cost \$90,000. Will need to be sure is put into the 2020 budget for the purchase.
- Linda Mader has resigned as of November 1, 2019
- Fire Banquet is scheduled for January 25, 2019
- Mr. Kaffenbarger stated that the Village of Tremont City would be willing to pay a portion of the Tremont City Tornado siren repairs, approximately \$1165.00.

Road Maintenance Department

Mr. Bevan presented the following:

- G. Motion to purchase four Firestone Super Ground Grip LD Loader L2 tires from Grismer Tires for the Loader – cost \$1111.79 per tire, total \$4447.16. Clark County Engineers will reimburse the Township for two of the tires because they also use the loader throughout the year.
Motion: Mr. Metzger 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- H. Motion to have Riley's Paving berm Dredge Road a foot wide where the berm is low. Cost \$2,000. We will supply gravel.
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Metzger Ayes- All
- 3850 Johnson Road: the owner has a semi- truck, which is tearing up the road right-of-way. See if the resident is willing to purchase the pipe, and the Township will install and supply the gravel.
- AT&T had bored into a county concrete culvert on Johnson Road. County Engineers has repaired the culvert.
- Donny Gainer removed an old dead tree that was in our right of way, and will be removing the wood. Get a quote from Bucks Tree for a cost basis and the Township may be able to reimburse him for a portion.
- Mr. Bevan stated that he had spoken with Walter Sigler and he would be willing to help during the winter plowing snow if the need arose. However, a conversation ensued concerning the ethics of hiring a person as part-time or seasonal employee to plow snow, who we already have contracting to do business with the Township. He could not be a contracted worker for snow plowing because he would be using our equipment. If he was an employee, we could no longer contract with him for paving.

Old Business:

- Agreement concerning the old section of the Cemetery in the Village of Tremont City:
 - Andrew Pickering: At the last Township meeting, the Trustees had approved an agreement with the Village of Tremont City concerning the old section of Mount Calvary Cemetery, which lies in the limits of the Village. However, the Village Council did not agree, and made changes to the agreement. See items #5 & #6. This would give the portion of the legal road that belongs to Tremont City to the Township.
 - The Township Trustees do not agree to the changes.
 - There was discussion as to what our next options should be. To continue to try to reach an agreement or go to court to ask for a de clarity judgement to settle the issue.

- Trustees agreed to wait until January, when the newly elected City Council take over. Our legal counsel will take the original agreement to the Village Council lawyer as our final offer. If they do not agree, Mr. Pickering will come back to the trustees to see how they wish to proceed.
- Set work session December 11, 2019 7:00 p.m. to work on the Personnel Manual.
- Trustees need to set a special session to review applications and discuss personnel compensation.

New Business:

- Year End meeting – December 31, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.
 - Update: Region 5 - Super Fund meeting at the Clark County Health Department, November 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
 - Dale Briggs, Beechwood Hills, would like to start a community watch.
 - Generator keeps leaking antifreeze. Every 2-3 weeks alarm goes off and needs filled. Cannot find the leak. Suggest take a sample of the oil to see if antifreeze is going there.
 - Phone system keeps going down.
 - Emergency light in the meeting room is out. Mr. Kaffenbarger to replace bulbs.
- I. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kaffenbarger, seconded by Mr. Metzger. Ayes: All

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

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Record of Proceedings
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Robert Clark, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Charles Metzger, Member