

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**German Township Board of Trustees**  
**Emergency Session**  
**March 12, 2020**

The German Township Trustees met in emergency session on Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:00 p. m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Metzger called the meeting to order.

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

Township Personnel present: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; Mark Bevan, Maintenance Supervisor; and George Degenhart, Zoning.

Visitors: Jesse Steiner, Superintendent, Northwestern Schools

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The reason for this Emergency Session is to discuss the Township response and Northwestern Local School closure due to the COVID-19 – coronavirus.

**Public Hearing: Jesse Steiner**

Local School Superintendents met with Charles Patterson, Clark County Combined Health District to discuss how the coronavirus would affect the schools and to give the school guidelines.

- Should not hold meeting, but if must have meeting, a three foot separation between people recommended.
- Schools closed for approximately three weeks. This will include the spring break.
- At this time, school sports will continue but only the player and a parent (guardian) permitted to attend. No practices.
- School already has a Personnel Development (PD) Day scheduled. No students. Staff only.
- Teachers will be providing online learning for grades 2-12. Chrome books distributed for student use. Looking at how to reach those younger p-K-1<sup>st</sup> grades.
- Teachers will be using online, google classroom, google meet or other platforms to serve students.
- Do not know if campus will be open next week. Parts of school may be open as a resource center the first week. Limited access.
- This is beginning for the next three weeks. After that, it will depend on the curve of the pandemic. It could possibly continue through to summer break.
- Not sure how special services will be handled.
- As far a state mandated testing and reporting, details are still fuzzy. However, since governor called the emergency, testing and attendance reporting will probably be set aside. Not sure at this time.
- We will keep in contact with parents through the one-call system already in place.
- In a typical flu season, we have about a 10% absenteeism. We usually would close school if the seasonal flu absenteeism reaches 30%, or if too many teachers are affected and are out sick.
- He will keep the Trustees informed concerning the situation.

**Mike Stitzel, Police Chief**

- Will be adjusting how handle calls such as: wear gloves on stops; speaking outside; and maintaining distance when possible. Due to the nature of police work, need to evaluate each situation.

**Tim Holman, Fire Chief:**

- Talking with their medical director to stay abreast of information, and receiving information from several areas.
- 911 Dispatch will be screening calls as to whether there is fever, cough, wheezing etc...
- At this time, the people who have died have been health compromised before the virus.
- Currently have gloves, masks, disinfectant, Tyvek suits. Whether we will have enough will depend on of the virus.
- The virus spread comes from the moisture that people exhale when coughing or sneezing. That's why important to cover mouth, and wash hands.
- Disinfecting the medic units ceiling and walls currently once a week. This may increase as need arises.

- All equipment is disinfected after each run.
- The virus seems to live at least forty-eight (48) hours on surfaces. There is a fourteen (14) day period before symptoms can appear.
- Practice good hygiene. Wash hands for 20 seconds, often.
- Keep a record of what you are doing, where you go.
- Anyone getting the virus will need quarantined.
- There is no vaccine, and no cure.

Mr. Metzger asked Mr. Steiner if there is still open enrollment at Northwestern.  
Mr. Steiner replied yes.

Mr. Metzger asked if the school would be able to accommodate another 100 kids.  
Mr. Steiner replied yes if spread out through all the grades. More than that could put a hardship on the school.

Mr. Metzger is concerned due to the possibility of Springfield Meadows adding a lot more mobile homes to its park. The water system the Township had put in place would not be able to hold the additional water load. Mr. Holman as received paperwork concerning the additional costs to get water to the park could be as much as to \$13 million. The Township would not receive additional tax dollars. The State of Ohio is in charge of issuing permits.

The increase in population from the proposed addition could put more of a burden on the all of the Township resources. And in the situation of the coronavirus, would add even more concern, with that many residents in such a small area.

A. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Kaffenbarger, seconded by Mr. Clark Ayes: All

Approved by:  
Board of German Township Trustees

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Charles Metzger, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

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Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

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