

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
June 09, 2020

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, June 09, 2020 at 8:00 a.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; George Degenhart, Zoning; and Karina Emory, Secretary.

Visitors: Elizabeth Richards; Ronald Richards; Jamie Crable; John Frank Detling; Andrew Helmuth, Helmuth Real Estate; John Romer, Iplex Hosted Phone; Kim Northup; and Jill Acuff. (Due to Covid- 19 restrictions, as some people left the meeting, others entered in order to maintain correct numbers in the meeting hall.)

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

- A. Motion to approve the minutes for May 12, 2020:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All

Hearing of the Public

- Unless there is something urgent, the Hearing of the Public will be skipped. Those here for the Zoning Case will be heard at that time.

Fiscal Officer:

- B. Motion to receive the May 2020 management reports:
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- C. Motion to approve payments issued March 12, 2020 through June 8, 2020 \$113,117.72:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All
- D. Motion to approve expenses for individual items over \$1000:
1. Old items:
a) Fire Dept. – McMann, Smoot, Riddle – Accident Policy Renewal \$3723.00
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
b) Police Dept. – Riot Gear \$1335.15
Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Revenue Budget - At the next Trustee meeting in July 14, will need to approve the 2021 Revenue Budget - Departments have received my recommendations; please get information back to me by the end of June on any new income/revenue sources that you may have for next year. State Auditor has recommended that the rest of this year and next to try to cut budget by 20 percent due to low tax revenues generated due to the COVID-19. Areas that may be especially hit include Local Government Distribution, real estate tax, liquor sales, cigarette sales, permissive taxes, gas taxes, sales tax, and income taxes.

- E. Motion to approve the Resolution of Necessity for 0.9 mills renewal for Providing and Maintaining Roads (excluding the Village of Tremont City) by Mr. Kaffenbarger, Seconded by Mr. Clark
Whereas, the Board of Trustees, of German Township, Clark County, Ohio, determines that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation, and whereas, before seeking to have a levy approved by the electors of German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City), the Board of Trustees must seek the certification of the Clark County Auditor in compliance with Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, submitted for the General election held on November 3th 2020. Therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio that the Clark County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to the Board of Trustees: 1. The total current tax valuation of German Township,(excluding the Village of Tremont City), and 2. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 0.90 mills. Be it further resolved that the purpose of the tax is Providing and Maintaining Roads. And is for 5 years, being first levied in tax year 2021, first collected in calendar year 2022 and appearing on the tax list for years specified: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025. Such tax is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of the German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) pursuant to Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code, and shall be levied on the residents of the German Township (excluding the Village of Tremont City) pursuant to Section 5705.19(GI) of the Ohio Revised Code and which shall be a renewal of an existing tax. List any other county into which this subdivision overlaps: none. Be it further resolved that the Clark County Auditor is requested to issue the certification within ten days after receiving this Resolution.

Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes; Mr. Clark – Yes
Having received the required two-thirds majority, the Resolution is adopted.

- F. Motion to approve the Resolution of Necessity for 1.5 mills renewal for Providing for the Purposes of Operating and Maintaining the Fire and EMS Department (excluding the Village of Tremont City) by Mr. Kaffenbarger. Seconded by Mr. Clark.

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Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes; Mr. Clark – Yes

Having received the required two-thirds majority, the Resolution is adopted

- G. Motion to approve the Resolution of Necessity for 3.0 mills renewal for Providing and Maintaining the Fire and Emergency Medical Services (excluding the Village of Tremont City) by Mr. Kaffenbarger. Seconded by Mr. Clark.

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Roll Call: Mr. Metzger – Yes; Mr. Kaffenbarger – Yes; Mr. Clark – Yes

Having received the required two-thirds majority, the Resolution is adopted.

Zoning Department

Mr. Degenhart presented the following:

- Rezoning Case: G-2020-02: Daniel Long - potential buyer for property located at 3751 Troy Road, Springfield, Ohio consisting of approximately six (6) acres is requesting a zoning change from B-1 Shopping Center District and R- 1 Residential District to a B-3 General Business District (South side of Troy Road); and for property located at 3810 Troy Road, Springfield, Ohio consisting of approximately seven (7) acres is requesting a zoning change from B-1 Shopping Center District to B-3 General Business District (south side of the road).
- The proposed usage for the property is for his business Castle Barns, which sells storage barns of various sizes and types. Currently he owns a facility at 35 North Dayton-Lakeview Road in New Carlisle. He would like to move to this new location.
- Comments from the public:
 - Jamie Crable: I tried to call the Real Estate agent selling the property to see about purchasing the property myself. Left several messages, but no one returned my calls. Do not want more business in this area.
 - Ronald Richardson: Do not want anything built in that field. It butts up to our property. Lived there for years.
 - Mr. Degenhart stated that the properties in question have been zoned B-1 Shopping Center District since around 1972 when zoning was first put into effect.
 - Andrew Helmuth was sorry that he did not get any calls concerning the property. The property has been under contract since March 30, 2020.
 - Mr. Metzger: it was previously B-1. Both the B-1 and B-3 zones are for retail. The B-3 allows for outdoor storage.
 - Mr. Clark: Did notices go out concerning the zoning meeting, and this hearing? Mrs. Emory stated that yes notices went out for the meetings.

- Mr. Kaffenbarger asked Mr. Richardson if he attended the Zoning Commission meeting to voice his concerns. Mr. Richardson stated he did not.
- H. Motion to accept the German Township Zoning Commission recommendation to approve the re-zoning for Rezoning Case: G-2020-02: for property located at 3751 Troy Road, Springfield, Ohio consisting of approximately six (6) acres from B-1 Shopping Center District and R- 1 Residential District to a B-3 Business District (South side of Troy Road); and for property located at 3810 Troy Road, Springfield, Ohio consisting of approximately seven (7) acres from B-1 Shopping Center District to B-3 Business District (south side of the road):
- Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All

Fire/Ems Department

- I. Motion to sale Engine 2 pumper through auction on GovDeals for 10 days (started June 5), minimum bid \$ 15,000:
- Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Informational meeting with Medicount. EMS transports are down by 24%, Revenue is down y approximately \$30,000. Non-transports are down about 30%.
 - FEMA Grant for a new Engine – Applied – should hear something within the next two weeks.
 - There is to be an ISO i9nspection on 06/18/2020. Everything is in place for this inspection.
 - Since Engine 2 is out of service, we do not have access to foam distribution for petroleum fire. Purchased a foam educator for Engine 1 at a cost of \$690.00
 - Medic 2 will be going to Braun to have a seal fixed and roof repainted. They will inform us of date. No cost.
 - Purchased Ultra-Violet disinfectant light. These can disinfect a room or the medic units, or police units. We will disinfect meeting room on a schedule to be determined.

Police Department

- Due to the current environment and for the safety of our officers, Police department purchased riot gear. Although this does provide some protection to officers, at this time we do not have a less lethal means to try to disperse groups or crowds. For the safety of our officers, I would like to request to purchase paintball guns designed to shoot pepper spray. When fired close to a person, it emits a puff of smoke with food grade pepper irritant. One gun hopper, fill station, training balls, live balls, and training for two officers in Cincinnati. Other area departments and the State Highway Patrol also use this type of defense. At this time, we do not see any grants for this type of equipment.
- J. Motion to approve the purchase of the pepper spray paintball gun, supplies, and training at a cost of approximately \$1500:
- Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Clark Ayes- All

Road Maintenance Department

- Mr. Detling was here to inform the Trustees of a hole in the road by 2950 Walnut Grove.
 - Need Street Signs and brackets.
 - Need 8 street signs :
 - 6" Blade -Kleem \$38.85 ea. \$310.80 / 8" \$55.40 ea. \$443.20
 - 6" Blade - Hall \$46.72 ea. \$373.76 / 8" \$62.14 ea. 497.12
 - Brackets:
 - Kleem: 5 ½"brackets or cross \$5.85 each / 12" Brackets or cross \$18.77
 - Hall: 5 ½ " brackets \$7.59 ea./cross \$8.13 ea. / 12" Brackets \$19.12 /cross \$14.13
- K. Motion to purchase street signs and brackets, as needed, through Kleem:
- Motion: Mr. Clark 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Ayes- All
- Resident at 2714 Ash Drive who had not mowed lawn finally mowed lawn. However, they put the grass clippings in the drainage ditch. Need to inform them that they cannot put grass clippings in the ditches; it plugs up the drainage systems.
 - Willow Dale – Ridge along roadway that needs to be tiled. If Terry Hiles does may cost up to \$3250.00. Trustees to look at.
 - On Anita Dr, one resident’s driveway culvert is plugged or damaged and is not allowing water to flow. If resident refuses to repair, or pay for the cost of repairs; need to send them a letter to state that it is their responsibility. If the township has to repair it, can the costs be added to their property taxes?

New Business

- John Romer – VerCom Systems -
 - IPlex Hosted PBX Phone Proposal
 - Contacted by Township concerning phone system. There has been several issues with the current system.
 - Presented a proposal packet to each trustee.
 - Costs \$3300.00 to include all equipment (phones etc.), hardware, installation, training, and the first month service. Then monthly cost of \$280.00 month for all lines, services & support.
 - Multiple questions answered. Can record calls, transfer calls from line to line or building to building, transfer calls to your cell phone if working from home, voice mail to email, conference meeting capable, and many other features.
 - Hosted by Amazon. Secure. Daily backups.
 - Should be no down between our current system and the new system.
 - Phones have a one (1) year warranty.
 - Mrs. Emory: Costs shared by each department for their equipment, setup. Breakdown is in the proposal, although the Police department has dropped one line. The Fire Association has donated \$1500.00 towards the Fire & Ems costs. Any remaining funds to be distributed to the Police Department.
- L. Motion to accept and have the VerCom Phone System installed in all buildings for all departments as presented:

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

Old Business

None

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

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the
Record of Proceedings
June 09, 2020

Charles Metzger, President

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Vice President

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Robert Clark, Member