

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Special Session
October 26, 2020

The German Township Trustees met in special session on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:00 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: Chief Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning Inspector; and Karina Emory, Secretary.

Visitors: Mic and Deb Digioia, Crown Mini Mart; and Stan Studebaker.

Mr. Metzger, the purpose of this meeting:

- The reason for this Special Session is to discuss how the Township may spend the funds received from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Discussion will include reimbursing the wages back to the Fire & Ems Department, the Police Department, and Maintenance Department for wages connected to the Coronavirus. Also, to look into sub-grants for small businesses in the community. And other suggestions.

General Discussion Summary:

- Deb Digioia:
 - Small Business Owner
 - Would like to know how much the Township has received, and what is the Township going to do with those funds?
 - How does the public find out about what the Township does, like having this meeting?
 - Would like to see funds spent in the community helping those businesses who have stayed opened, done the best they can do for their employees and customers. Sub grants could help many small businesses.
- Responses to Mrs. Digioia:
 - Mrs. Griest replied: 1st funds - \$30,568.71 2nd funds \$15,284.36 3rd fund \$248,718.71 total \$294571.78. Funds used per report through September 30, 2020 \$6,317.42.
 - Meetings are publish in the paper, posted on our website, and posted on our bulletin board outside,
 - Mr. Kaffenbarger: Reimburse payroll for maintenance/secretary during the weeks they were off due to shut down \$7827; fire department payroll - \$110,000.00; and police department payroll - \$20,000. Can reimburse wages for public safety from March 1st through December 31st. Maintenance & Secretary approximately 7827.00. Funds we do not use can be sub-granted out.
- Mr. Studebaker: How has the COVID affected the payroll? How much more has it cost us in payroll expenses than the regular payroll?
- Chief Holman responded that the payroll has stayed within the budgeted amounts for this year. He is still asking for payroll to be reimbursed due to the fact that everyone on the department has put themselves at risk every day.
- Mr. Studebaker asked if there hasn't been an increase, and you're still within budget why do you need to be reimbursed.
- Chief Holman responded. They have transported 20 people that have tested for COVID. I put myself at risk, my family and my grandkids. So does everyone responding. Eight employees are not working due to their concerns with the virus and their children and families safety. I can understand their concerns. So far, we have only asked for PPE. We have scrimped over the years to have the department we do. Constantly have expenses that are not planned. We found out we have to replace all our defibrillators, they are \$20,000 each, and we needed three (3). Medic units are more costly to replace. Engine needs upgraded/replaced. This is an opportunity to get some of our expenses back by reimbursing our payroll so we will be able to do other things. Gives an opportunity to get ahead. Public benefits from us getting that money.
- Chief Stitzel: We are still in budget, but tight. Yes, this reimbursement would be a great help us. We have not had new money in 20 years, could not run one vehicle with two (2) people in the car, so had to run two (2) vehicles instead. Changed scheduling. Call volumes were up due to domestics and violence calls. Sheriff has had to respond to calls.

- Other items, besides payroll, that may be reimbursed from the CARES Fund: \$57,000 for new stretchers, \$5,759.00 for permanent UV lights installed in the medic units, air purifiers, bathroom upgrades to touchless and replace door locks on all buildings to reduced-touch door locks.
- When door locks was mention, there was several comments as to why the Township felt door locks needed changed. The front door to Fire Station needed replaced. Due to the Medic units, locks need to be able to track who enters and leaves and times. Due to the COVID we looked into doors that were touchless or touch-reduced. To do all outside door locks on all buildings would cost \$37,000.
- Mrs. Digioia: It would be beneficial to the small businesses in the township if you could set aside a portion of your funds to sub-grant. Even if you put stipulations on what type of things you would be willing to provide reimbursement.
- Mr. Degenhart: Trustees need to decide what they want to do. If you set aside a pool of money, how to distribute it per business? Then how to get the information out? Is there a difference based on size or traffic? What type of stipulations?

In closing, no decision has been made tonight. There will be another meeting on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

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

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Robert Clark, Member