

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session
January 11, 2022

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 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. Robert Clark- present; Mr. William Wolfarth – present; Mr. Rodney Kaffenbarger – present
Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Angela Griest – present

Township Personnel present: Mike Stitzel, Police Chief; Tim Holman, Fire Chief; George Degenhart, Zoning; Mark Bevan, Maintenance Supervisor, Jon Wilson, Road Maintenance, and Kim Northrup, Secretary.

Visitors: Larry & Diane Duncan; Dale Henry; and family and friends of Officer Davis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Zoning

None

Hearing of the Public

- Mr. & Mrs. Mrs. Duncan to follow-on the discussion concerning property at 2329 Leon Lane and the ditch that was covered (*the following is a summary of the discussion, not a transcription.*):
 - Mrs. Duncan: Asked if the trustees had an engineer coming out to look at the problem? Have you checked with the Records Office? The covenants are attached to all the deeds in the subdivision. What was done violates those covenants. Others have also covered their ditches. This doesn't benefit me at all. Our ditch stays wet and you can't mow it. Would like to talk to the engineer concerning this problem.
 - Mr. Duncan: What needs to be done is to have the whole three block area from West to East done to get the water out of the area.
- Trustees responses:
 - Mr. Wolfarth has been to the area to view the problem. Has talked with Soil and Water. The area of that subdivision was built in an area with a very high-water table. Should not have been put there. Has not been in touch with the engineer. Mrs. Duncan stated she would like to be able to meet and discuss the situation with an engineer.
 - The Township has received covenants from not only your subdivision but others as well, from the County Engineers Office.
 - Mr. Kaffenbarger stated trustees have consulted with our legal counsel, we cannot change the subdivision covenants. The only way to change the covenants is to have the residents of the subdivision make the changes. Mr. Kaffenbarger suggested to have the residents begin with a petition to make changes.
 - The water problem is a forty-year-old problem. At this time, there is nothing we can do, due to the covenants. And we don't work on drainage issues in the winter. So even if we could do something, it would be at least until spring. We will be looking into uses for our American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds which may cover certain types of drainage issues, but are unsure at this time how the funds will be used.

Fiscal Officer

- A. Motion to approve the minutes for December 29, 2021:
Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
- B. Motion to receive the December 2021 management reports.
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All
- C. Motion to approve payments issued December 14, 2021 thru January 10, 2022 \$ 259,658.95
Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
- D. Motion to approve old invoices, just received, for RC Enterprises \$2,618.88 a total of five (5) invoices from July and August for repairs:
Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
- E. Motion to pay invoice for repairs from RC Enterprises over the limit - \$1,765:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All

- F. Motion to amend the minutes of September 14, 2021 Motion K - for the Police Departments because it does not accurately describe the rate increases intended; change to: Motion to approve the payroll requests as of the 1st full payroll period in 2022:
 - Patrolmen: go up to between \$18.00 to \$20.00 (depending on experience and years worked.)
 - Supervisors: go up to between \$20.00 to \$22.00 (depending on experience and years worked)
 Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
- The American Rescue Plane (ARP) Final Rule will take effect on 04-01-2022. Received information concerning the ARP rules from both the Prosecutor and Ohio Township Association.

Police Department

- Marcs Radio Channel – P&R is setting up temporary channel.
- Looking for decals and estimates for the police cruiser with the new NON-EMERGENCY phone number.
- Update on the Overholser Zoning Case: Has made an arrest in the case following a pursuit with a truck and gooseneck trailer. It has been impounded.
- G. Motion to put Officer Bryce Davis on paid status at \$18.00 per hour:
 - Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All
 Chief Stitzel administered the Oath of Office.

Fire Department

- 2021 Year End Report:

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| 2021 | 2020 |
| EMS Calls: 1340 | EMS Calls: 1196 |
| Fire Calls: 496 | Fire Calls: 100 |
| Mutual Aid: 127 | Mutual Aid: 95 |
| Inspections 115 | Inspections: 117 |

During 2021 two or three medic units were out on back to back calls 222 times. This is up from 2020's 170 total 170.

Tremont City calls:

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| 2021 | 2020 |
| EMS Calls: 27 | Ems Call :27 |
| Fire Calls :3 | Fire Calls: 5 |

Mad River Township, Champaign County

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| 2021 | 2020 |
| EMS Calls: 149 | Ems Calls: 91 |
| Fire Calls: 36 | Fire Calls: 19 |

Community Events: Fire Extinguisher classes, ACLS, CPR, Blood Pressure, Safety Day, Christmas Dinners, 911 Memorial, Boy Scouts, Vaccination Clinic, Smoke Detector Installation, Santa Claus Delivery, and Autumn Stables.

Mutual Aid Priovided in 2021 to:

- Moorefield Township - 45
- Pike Township – 60
- Bethel Township – 6
- Springfield Township – 10
- Springfield city – 1
- St. Paris – 1
- Enon – Mad River Township – 1

- Engine 2 refurbish update. May be until after March. Having difficulty getting parts.
- Our Covid PPE supplies are depleting. Running out of supplies. Having to buy from multiple places. Running out of gloves. Chief Stitzel stated he had quite a few, and would give them to the Fire Department. Mrs. Griest stated funds have been allocated for PPE supplies in the ARP fund budget.
- Has about 90 Covid test kits. Can test employees if not feeling well. Currently have three people out with Covid. It is in the community, about 6 out of 9 runs have been Covid runs lately. Vaccinations and Boosters do help.
- Would like to put on the list for use of the ARP funds a CPR Lucas Device. It is a newer, updated CPR device. Much better then the older versions.
- May have to increase our Holiday and Weekend Wages due to other departments have increased their rates. Will evaluate it.
- Rescue is still at RC Enterprises. Replaced several items but still not working properly.
- Trustees thanked Chief Holman for the Fire Banquet. It was a nice time to talk and visit.

Road Maintenance Department

- Hominy Ridge Solar flashing light installed. Mr. Kaffenbarger stated he has had some feed back from the community.
- Tree on Willowdale were to come down today.
- H. Motion to purchase 100' of 8" dual wall perforated plastic pipe; 1500' of 12" double wall perforated plastic pipe; 500' of 12" solid pipe for under the road at a cost of approximately \$10,000 for stock and for Baker Road, Willowdale, and Groop Road projects:
 - Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All
 - Johnson Road project: need concrete pipe to go under the road, may need to get Soil & Water involved. Need to see if the 12' pipe is being choked down by field tile. Doesn't seem to be an outlet.
- I. Motion to purchase a 40' concrete pipe and sealer not to exceed \$12,000.00
 - Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All
 - Trailer has been ordered. Delivery estimate is two or three months
 - Mr. Kaffenbarger to order the Zap Stick.
 - A thank you letter will be sent to the mall owners for the donation of equipment.

New Business

- Funeral in Tremont City – there is to be no graveside service.
- Headstone that was put in previously, is in the way of burying this person in the proper lot space. Owners can pay to remove the headstone, then replace it, if want the burial in the proper place. If not, then the burial will cause them to lose the lot below this space. Need to make a form to have the family sign off that this is okay, so we have a record for future burials. Need to mark the information card accordingly.

Old Business

- Cemetery Mowing- Discussion concerning the previous mowing season and what can we do to improve it.
 - Better job this year than last
 - Still hitting and knocking stones off bases.
 - If we bid it all out again, afraid the costs will go higher.
 - Maybe if we put roundup around the bases to keep the grass and weeds from being so close to the stones. They would not have to mow so close. Or maybe use a broadleaf to eliminate weeds but not harm the grass.
 - Another alternative is to hire a part-time or seasonal person to mow the two active cemeteries with a good propelled walking mower, especially for Tremont. Mr. Bevan felt it would take 20-25 hours per cemetery.
 - Maybe we need to bring in the company we have, and talk with them about the situation and the possibility of a review of their performance periodically.
- Baker Road Drainage project:
 - #1 Complete enclosure: two (2) catch basin \$4,428.00 not including gravel and asphalt; one (1) yard drain, and about \$2400 for contracted gradall work.
 - #2 Open ditch: One (1) catch basin, 60 'of 12" pipe and about \$2400 for contracted gradall After,
 - Everything will go into the Township right-of-way.
 - There is a low spot.
- Rubber Roof: Getting estimates for a rubber roof or a standing seam metal roof (if there is enough pitch). Estimates from SB Construction, and Maxim Roofing in Fairborn. One concern about a metal roof would be the salt dust coming from the salt shed can potentially harm a metal roof.
- Floating Holiday: Was brought to a trustee's attention that the floating holiday was not included in the Personnel Policy Manual (PPM). After discussion between trustees, it was decided that since there had been eleven holidays allowed previously, and there are still eleven holidays offered that the PPM would stand. (PPM added Juneteenth since it is a federal holiday, and did not include the floating holiday).
- HIPPA statement: Mrs. Griest to get a recommendation as to whether or not to include a HIPPA statement in the PPM.
- Mrs. Northup is working on a letterhead for the Township.
- Mr. Clark wanted to recognize Mr. Dale Henry is looking to run fore Clark County Commissioners. Mr Henry stated he is hoping to bring new ideas and fresh energy to the Commission. Is interested in having a 4-H Museum.

J. Motion to adjourn: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes – All

Approved by:
Board of German Township Trustees

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Robert Clark, President

William Wolfarth, Vice President

Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member