

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
German Township Board of Trustees
Regular Session July 12, 2022

The German Township Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the German Township Office, 3940 Lawrenceville Dr., Springfield, Ohio. Mr. Clark called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Trustees: 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; Jon Wilson, Road Maintenance Supervisor; George Degenhart, Zoning; Kim Northup, Secretary; and Karina Emory.

Visitors: Jim Heath, Jill Acuff, Terri Wellman, Paul Blazis, and Diana Duncan

Pledge of Allegiance

Hearing of the Public

- Mr. Blazis Read a letter that he had sent to the trustees in reference to a ditch at 2329 Leon Lane. Requesting the Township to remove the drainage tile that was installed at the above address. He requested a letter from the Trustees stating their intentions and a time frame for removal.
- Mrs. Duncan also was here concerning the ditch at 2329 Leon Lane.
- Trustees responded that this has been an abnormally wet year. They have been to the site, and there is a water issue in the subdivision as a whole since its development years ago. No letter will be written. Will continue to monitor the water issue.
- Mr. Heath: 4211 Saint Paris Pike. He was almost hit by a car while getting the mail. Problem with cars going left while going over the hills and curves. Called the Police Chief. Chief Stitzel went to monitor road, and within two minutes a car going 17 miles over the speed limit went past. Suggestion to put rumble strips on the center line, as a warning to drivers that they are crossing the center line. Mr. Kaffenbarger to talk with the County Engineers Office.
- Terri Wellman: 3505 Noble Drive. Issue with vehicle at the corner of Lawrenceville Drive and property at 3694 Lawrenceville Drive. There are more and more vehicles being parked on the property. Tall grass. Zoning to take a look at the issues.

Fiscal Officer:

- A. Motion to approve the minutes for June 14, 2022 - Tabled to next month.
- B. Motion to receive the June 2022 management reports.
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All
- C. Motion to approve payment of the following invoices that were over the limit:
 - o C&S Tree Service (pd on verbal) \$3500.00
 - o RC Enterprise – 6 tires Medic 2 - \$1825.06
 - o Clark County Prosecutor – Court ordered - \$5533.12
 - o Titan Graphics – 2 invoices over \$1000, 3 invoices under, total of \$3896.02
 - o Hiles & Son - \$9,250.00 (includes storm cleanup)Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
Motion to pay the bills from June 14th through July 11th 2022 \$ 103,723.54
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All
- D. Motion to approve renewal of the property and liability insurance with Burnham & Flower \$43, 839.00:
Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All

Zoning Department

- Cinema at Upper Valley complex to be torn down.
- Candy company is working at the facility. And Fastenal is working there but maybe outgrowing their space. They are continuing remodel of the space.

Police Department

- During a crash, the laser unit was left sitting on a unit, as it was pulling away, it hit the ground and broke. Needs to be replaced – cost \$1395.00.
- E. Motion to approve replacement purchase at a cost of \$1395.00. Turn in damage to insurance:
Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All

Fire Department

- Medic 1 hit a deer. No injuries. Turned into insurance.
- 1006 Calls so far this year. Of those calls 250, non-emergency calls came in on the Fire House phone. These are like lockouts, CO2 checks etcetera. So, the calls would have no cost through the 911 dispatch.
- Took a crash call that had an extrication. Used the hydraulic pneumatic rescue tools. These tools worked fine but are about 20 years old. There is an electric version, which uses multiple (6) batteries. There has been an offer from an anonymous donor to donate \$15,000 to the Fire Department to purchase the newer version of the rescue tool. Would like to request ARP funds for the remainder of the costs. Quotes: Hearst: \$56,300.00 Genesis \$45,230. The Fire Association will donate \$800.00 for stabilizers. Batteries are included in the price along with the charger. Some of the current adapters are compatible, some are not. Per the Trustees, to be discussed at August 3, 2022 special meeting.
- Copy of a drone policy was given to Trustees. Contains pretty much the same as what the FFA requires. Going to have three people certified to be drone flyers; Karina Emory, Jeff Scanlan, one undecided. Will also have spotter to help keep the drone in sight. Would like to eventually get a better drone that would have infrared for night use, and the ability to carry items, such as a life vest to a person stranded on the river. Nelson-Clemens cancel request for the drone policy.

Road Maintenance Department

- New Trailer is here. Trustees in agreement to sell the old trailer on Gov.Deals. Chief Stitzel to put on with a \$100 minimum, no reserve.
 - The sweeper and the snowblower that the county gave use, can not used unless we have a skid steer on tracs. (see ARP proposed projects)
- F. Motion to hire William S. Connor as full-time maintenance worker as of July 25, 2022. Starting wage \$22.00 per hour:
- Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Clark Roll Call: Ayes- All
- Terry Hiles will not be available for two weeks. Be able to start on the Johnson Road drainage project the first week of August. Needs to be finished before school starts. Notices out to residents.
 - Baker & Wildflower – Sizable sink hole. Need to be careful of gas lines and phone cables. Contact engineer’s department.
 - Leon Lane – will be shooting grades.
 - Drainage issues on Noble Drive
 - Resident on Baker Road on the east end by Upper Valley Pike. Need a pipe under driveway. Driveway culverts are at the expense of the property owner.
 - Need to do spot repairs on roads. Put up signs prior to work. Post on website and Facebook.

New Business

- G. Motion for a Resolution:

The Board of Township Trustees of German Township, Clark County met in Regular Session on the 12th day of July, 2022 at the offices of the German Township Trustees with the following members present: Rodney Kaffenbarger, Robert Clark, and William Wolfarth.

Trustee Rodney Kaffenbarger moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3796, which permits the licensed cultivation, processing, sale and use of medical marijuana within the State of Ohio, became effective on September 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code section 3796.29 authorizes the Board of Trustees to pass a resolution prohibiting the location of medical marijuana cultivators, processors and retail dispensaries licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3796 within the unincorporated territory of German Township, Clark County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to prohibit the location of licensed medical marijuana cultivators, processors and retail dispensaries within the unincorporated territory of German Township for a period of one year to give the Board time to determine whether the Board should allow such businesses to be established within the unincorporated territory of German Township, Clark County, Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective on the date of the adoption of this Resolution, the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio, hereby prohibits medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and dispensaries licensed under Ohio Revised Code 3796 from being located within the unincorporated territory of German Township, Clark County, Ohio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall terminate on July 12, 2023, unless it is withdrawn, amended, or extended by further action of the Board of Trustees of German Township, Clark County, Ohio.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfarth.

Roll Call: Mr. Kaffenbarger – yes; Mr. Clark – yes; Mr. Wolfarth – yes

- Solicitation Policy – Chief Stitzel discussed the possible of having a Solicitation Policy. This would require people or businesses who go door to door to solicit business (ie. Tree trimmers, lawn care, roof painters etc.) to get a permit. The permit can be no cost or minimal cost, but would require information such as name, business, service providing, vehicles, and dates in the area. Need a proposed policy. Post signs “No Solicitation without a Permit”. ORC Code 505.94.
- Employment Education Contracts – Clemens -Nelson has been asked for one

- Set a special meeting for August 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm to discuss 911 Dispatch and ARP funds. Invite parties involved, County Commissioners, Ms. Hutchinson, Sheriff Burchett, and Chris Clark to have a discussion where all parties are present to discuss the issues.
 - Information: HB377 – Concerns healthcare and firefighters & EMTs
- H. Mr. Kaffenbarger would like to send a letter of appreciation to Rick Aliff, to thank him for the hard work he has done keeping the Township cemetery next to his property mowed and cleaned up.
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All

Old Business

- Policy & Procedure Manual Changes: Page 6 – definition of Full time – delete information after hours per week.
 - Mr. Holman stated he feels he should not continue on a salary basis, but would like to go onto a bi-weekly payroll because he thinks he should only have to work 40 hours per week and would like to be able to have comp time and overtime. He does not want to be put on the Fire Department 28-day salary schedule, which allows FLSA exception for fire personnel to work 212 hours before overtime is paid. Remainder of Fire personnel will stay on the 28-day schedule.
- I. Motion to move Mr. Holman to hourly on a bi weekly schedule. Hourly wage based on the remaining amount owed to him from the salary basis.
 Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
- Mr. Holman began a tirade about multiple issues, yelling, screaming, pointing fingers, slamming books etc. Mrs. Griest left the meeting due to his inappropriate behavior and the Trustees complacency concerning the outburst.
 - Mrs. Griest asked Mrs. Northup to take over the minutes.
 - Discussion on Mr. Holman being owed \$5,000 bonus per year. Mrs. Evans to look for past minutes.
 - Mr. Holman wanted an executive session to discuss Benefits Package for next Fire Chief.
- J. Policy & Procedure Manual Changes: Motion: Page 46 (cell phone policy – take out the last paragraph: *In order to protect the privacy of German Township residents, employees working EMS are prohibited from a carrying a personal cell phone that has the capability of taking pictures.*
 Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
- K. Policy & Procedure Manual Changes: Sick Leave form: Form F – pages 74-75: Replace form with the one Mrs. Griest created.
 Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
- Building Usage: - Trustees all agreed that the buildings will be used for Government Use only.
 - Had a request to use the building from a resident. The Board decided it would not approve the use based on the previous statement.
- L. Policy & Procedure Manual Changes: Motion to Delete pages 76-83 as they are not needed because of the redundancy with the official Workers Compensation First Report of Injury Forms related to employee injuries.
- M. Motion to go into Executive Session at 9:44 p.m. to discuss benefits package for next Fire Chief:
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All
- N. Motion to come back into regular session at 10:04 p.m.
 Motion: Mr. Wolfarth 2nd: Mr. Kaffenbarger Roll Call: Ayes- All
- Tree work was discussed at 5705 Willow Dale Road (Beck & Charles Dixon) to remove 3 trees, remove stumps, and debris for \$2,800. Theses trees are a hazard for the Township as there was already an incident of trees across the road. The company that responded with a bid was Hunter Stump and Tree Removal on Hominy Ridge.
- O. Motion to approve Hunter Stump and Tree removal to proceed with removal of trees at 5705 Willowdale.
 Motion: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Roll Call: Ayes- All
- P. Motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m.: Mr. Kaffenbarger 2nd: Mr. Wolfarth Ayes – All.

Approved by:
 Board of German Township Trustees

Recorded in the
 Record of Proceedings
 July 14, 2022

 Robert Clark, President

 William Wolfarth, Vice President

 Angela D. Griest, Fiscal Officer

 Rodney Kaffenbarger, Member