



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2021**

The meeting was held at the German Township Hall located at 12102 St. Rt. 725 West, Germantown, OH 45327 and virtually using WebEx.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Tyler Rehmert at 7:01 pm. In attendance were:

President Tyler Rehmert	Vice-President Abra Reed	Trustee Jacob Stubbs
Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand	Police Chief Joe Andzik	Road Sup't Jeremy Holbrook
	Zoning Inspector Halie Sewell	

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:

Name	Address	Name	Address
David Gehron	14239 Kiefer	Mark and Deb Cross	7444 S. Stivers Road
Lloyd Johnson	7404 Browns Run Road	Mark Keener	7865 Jamaica Road
Lou Potter	15317 Oxford Road	Lynn Cleveland	11858 Oxford Road
Lyndsey Ritze	6810 Little Twin Road		

ONLINE ATTENDEES:

Name	Name	Name	Name
Karen Carmickle	CSB	S	Guest

The Germantown Press was notified of the Regular Meeting on 9/30/21 at 5:19 pm.

Mr. Rehmert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISTOR COMMENTS:

- **Mark Cross, 7444 S. Stivers Road:** Dr. Cross discussed the following:
 1. He congratulated Chief Andzik, Shauna Close and the Police Department for the excellent National Night Out on 10/5/21. He noted that the food was delicious.
 2. He asked if any votes would be taken at the Special Trustee Meeting on 11/6/21 which will follow the Public Hearing on the proposed Joint Economic Development District (JEDD). Mr. Rehmert responded that the second meeting is solely to meet with representatives of Germantown, Farmersville and Jackson Township to discuss feedback received at the earlier Public Hearing. He stated that no votes will be taken. Dr. Cross suggested that a better effort needs to be made to inform the public that the JEDD contracts are available online for review. Mrs. Sewell and Chief Andzik agreed to post this information on their Facebook pages and send emails to their distribution lists.

- **Mark Keener, 7865 Jamaica Road:** Mr. Keener discussed the following:
 1. He stated that his questions were for Mrs. Reed.
 2. He noted that the Trustees discussed donating to Sonshine in a Bag from the Fouts Trust Fund at the May 2020 meeting. He reminded Mrs. Reed that she said at the time that the Trustees needed to determine if there were other charities that could qualify for these funds. He and Mrs. Reed then debated whether a potential Fouts donation met the requirements for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Heistand reported that Julia Smith of Sonshine in a Bag planned to attend the November meeting to request a donation.
 3. Referencing Ohio Revised Code Section 109.43(b) which requires that all elected officials take Public Records training, he asked her if she had attended this training during her term in office. Mrs. Reed stated that she completed this training in September.
 4. He stated that she sent out a campaign mailer stating that she is an endorsed Republican. He asked her who endorsed her. Mrs. Reed responded that as long as one Republican endorses her, she is allowed to state that in her campaign materials.
 5. He stated that she certifies that she spends 50% of her Trustee time working on matters pertaining to the Road Department. He asked her for examples of where that time was spent. Mrs. Reed responded that she worked to promote passage of two road levies. He stated that she refused to place a road levy sign in her yard two years ago, claiming that they were illegal since the levy committee was no longer in existence.
 6. He stated that one of the campaign signs in her yard for another candidate is illegal since it doesn't include the statement noting that the sign was paid by the candidate's campaign committee. Mrs. Reed stated that listing the committee name on campaign signs is no longer required. Mr. Keener responded that the Montgomery County Board of Elections told him differently when he called them earlier that day.
 7. He stated that Mrs. Reed was the only Trustee who has missed meetings, noting that she had missed three meetings during her term in office. Mrs. Reed responded that other Trustees have also missed meetings. She felt that she had only missed two meetings.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

- Mr. Heistand submitted minutes for the 9/13/21 Regular Meeting and the 9/18/21 Special Meeting. Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the minutes of both meetings as presented. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a voice vote.
- Mr. Heistand presented the September Financial Reports: (1) 9/30/21 Fund Status; (2) Year-to-Date 9/30/21 Cash Summary by Fund; (3) Month of September Cash Summary by Fund; (4) September 2021 Receipt Listing; and (4) September 2021 Payment Listing. He noted the following item: Receipts #121-2021 and #122-2021 totaling \$357,240.39 were the final settlements of August real estate tax collections from the Montgomery County Auditor, net of tax collection fees.
- Mr. Rehmert made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to approve the September financial reports and authorize the payment of September bills (warrants 50517-50520 and vouchers 677-768 for payroll direct deposit, payroll tax withholdings and other electronic payments). The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Heistand submitted to County Auditor Karl Keith the Resolution that the Trustees approved at the September meeting to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and to authorize the necessary Tax Levies for 2022.
- He received a Public Records Request during September from Valley View Schools for information related to the water tower that is jointly owned by German Township and Jackson Township.

- He attended the Pool Oversight Committee meeting on 9/20/21, the Fire-EMS Oversight Committee meeting on 10/4/21, and the Parks Oversight Committee meeting on 10/6/21 to assist with the 2022 budget review for each Committee. He was scheduled to attend the 10/7/21 Senior Oversight Committee meeting for the same purpose, but the meeting was canceled due to illness.
- He reminded everyone about Election Day on 11/2/21. German Township's five-year, ½ mill replacement Parks Levy is Issue #12. In addition, all three Trustee seats are up for election. He encouraged all German Township residents to vote.
- He reminded everyone about the Public Hearing concerning the JEDD on Saturday 11/6/21 at 1:00 pm at the Valley View Junior High School gym in Farmersville. Immediately following the Public Hearing, there will be a Special German Township Trustee Meeting in a different room at the Junior High School to meet with Germantown, Farmersville and Jackson Township representatives and JEDD Attorney Brenda Wehmer to discuss comments received at the Public Hearing.
- On behalf of the Germantown Lions Club, he invited Township children to attend the annual Ghost and Goblins Parade costume contest on 10/31/21 at Veteran's Memorial Park immediately following Beggar's Night.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Andzik noted that National Night Out on 10/5/21 was successful. He thanked the following:
 1. A Taste of Jerusalem and Officer Gabir for providing food
 2. Farmer in the Deli for providing cookies
 3. Jamaica Run Golf Course for providing Golf Carts
 4. The German Township Road Department for picking up and dropping off the Golf Carts
 5. Officer Figley and K-9 Drogo from the City of Hamilton Police Department
 6. German Township CERT, the Red Cross, and Skywarn
 7. And especially those who attended
- He noted that the second cruiser that was ordered this year has been received and will be going to be outfitted. He anticipated that the cruiser will be up and running by mid-November.
- He reported that the 2022 health insurance renewal has been received from Burnham and Flower Insurance Group. The renewal is for the same medical plan approved for 2021, with an increase of 4.89%. He noted that the 2021 increase was 7.81% and the 2020 increase was over 9%. He stated that he and Mr. Holbrook recommend that the Trustees approve the renewal. Mr. Heistand suggested that the Trustees approve the renewal at the November meeting.
- He requested that the Trustees declare a 2016 Ford Explorer cruiser as excess and approve disposal by auction on GovDeals.com. Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2021-37**, seconded by Mr. Rehmert: **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A 2016 FORD EXPLORER POLICE CRUISER AS EXCESS, TO BE SOLD ON GOVDEALS.COM**. The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Rehmert-Yes; Mrs. Reed-Yes; Mr. Stubbs-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2021-37 WAS ADOPTED.**

ROAD/SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mr. Holbrook reported that Ray Hensley, Inc. has completed the chip seal work that was approved by the Trustees on 4/19/21. Roads sealed were Pritchard, Puddenbag, Barlow, sections of Moyer, East Kiefer and sections of West Kiefer. The estimated contract amount was \$81,957.
- He stated that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Township Stimulus Program grant application approved at the August meeting is almost complete. The \$222K application is for Sigal Road repair and resurfacing. He had received all the required supplemental documents from the Montgomery County Engineer's office. He planned to submit the grant application within a week.

- He noted that the Road Department will start tree and brush trimming along Township roads using the Bombford mower within a week.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mrs. Sewell reported that permits were issued this month for an addition on State Route 725, a solar array on Dayton-Germantown Road and a pole barn on Germantown-Middletown Road.
- She stated that the Zoning Commission has asked if more signage could be erected on Township roads warning motorists about farm and machinery equipment. Mr. Holbrook responded that there are no prescribed ODOT farm signs for roadways except in areas where equipment crosses a road from one side to the other. Chief Andzik stated that if a motorist passes illegally the farmer should get a license number and contact the Police Department which will send a letter to the registered owner. Mrs. Sewell noted that she has not received any complaints from farmers.
- She reported that has not had a recent update from Valley View Schools concerning permit applications for the new school project.

TRUSTEE REHMERT'S REPORT:

- Mr. Rehmert reported that he talked with Valley View School Superintendent Ben Richards who told him that construction activity for the new school buildings should start in Spring 2022.
 - **Visitor Comment: Mark Keener:** Mr. Keener asked if the schools would be charged zoning fees for the new construction. Mrs. Sewell confirmed that fees will be charged.
- Mr. Rehmert stated that the City of Germantown prepared a flyer promoting the Parks Levy on the November ballot. It has been distributed by the City and others in the community.
- He reported that the Parks Oversight Committee recommended at its October meeting that City Council approve the 2022 Parks budget. Christmas in the Park will be held at the gazebo in Veterans' Park.
- He reminded the public about the 11/6/21 Public Hearing on the JEDD, with a Special Township Trustee Meeting immediately following. He reported that he and Mr. Heiland participated in a call prior to this meeting with JEDD attorney Brenda Wehmer, Nick Lamb from Farmersville and several people from Germantown to discuss the format for the Public Hearing. He stated that a vote by the Trustees on the JEDD Agreement may occur at the 11/8/21 meeting. He explained that the JEDD issue will be automatically placed on the ballot should the Trustees not approve the JEDD by a unanimous vote.

TRUSTEE REED'S REPORT:

- Mrs. Reed reported that the Fire-EMS Oversight Committee recommended that City Council approve the 2022 budget at its recent meeting. She noted that the canceled Senior Citizens Oversight Committee meeting to review the budget has not yet been rescheduled.
- She stated that her family attended the 10/5/21 National Night Out which her children enjoyed. She thanked the Police Department for organizing the event.
- She reported that the renovated Germantown Public Safety Building on Walnut Street would be open for tours during the 10/17/21 Saturday Night Out event.

TRUSTEE STUBBS' REPORT:

- Mr. Stubbs reported that he attended the Pool Oversight Committee meeting when the 2022 budget was reviewed. At the meeting the City explained their \$5,000 administration fee. He noted that Council Member Brian Wafzig attended in place of Committee Member Rick Reed. He

questioned whether Mr. Wafzig voting for the budget was appropriate since Mr. Reed is Council's appointed representative to the Oversight Committee.

- He reported that the crops on the Cemetery's property were harvested earlier that day. The Cemetery Board is considering building a lean-to to replace the shed and allow for more parking.
- He asked Mrs. Reed to email him the date of the rescheduled Senior Citizens Oversight Committee meeting once it is determined.
- He has not been able to schedule a Western Regional Council of Governments (WRCG) meeting.
- He discussed new trail crossing signs that have been erected by Five Rivers Metroparks on Boomershine Road. Mr. Holbrook noted that the Metroparks asked permission to temporarily install the signs. Mr. Holbrook stated that they aren't the correct height and are not placed with the proper setback. He will work with the Metroparks to make corrections.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

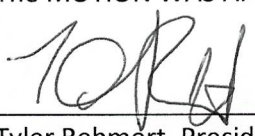
OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

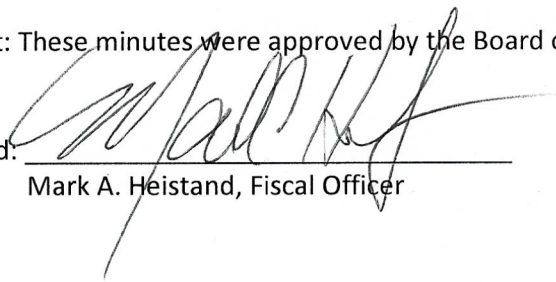
- With no further business, Mr. Rehmert made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to adjourn. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Signed: _____


Tyler Rehmert, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at the November 8, 2021 meeting.

Signed: _____


Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer