

GERMAN TOWNSHIP

Montgomery County



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GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11 2019

The REGULAR MEETING was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Board President Jacob Stubbs at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was held at the German Township Hall located at 12102 St. Rt. 725 West, Germantown, OH 45327. Attendees included:

Trustee Jacob Stubbs
Fiscal Officer Mark Keener
Zoning Inspector Valorie Hill

Trustee Mark Cross
Police Chief Joseph Andzik

Trustee Abra Reed
Road Sup't Jeremy Holbrook

VISITORS:

Name	Address	Name	Address
John Skapiak	15599 St. Rt. 725	Bev & Mary Abner	8850 S. Main St.
Mark Haffner	6907 Little Twin Rd.	Steve Mersch	7347 Weaver Rd.
David Williams	Middletown, OH	Bob Rohrbach	50 Mary Pl
Mike Carter	723 N. 12 th St. Msbrg	Phyllis Moyer	8612 Puddenbag
Al Dennis	471 Holderman St., New Lebanon		

VISTOR COMMENTS:

Bob Rohrbach – Mr. Rohrbach introduced the amateur radio operators that were in attendance at the meeting and thanked the Board for all of their help and support over the years.

Al Dennis – Mr. Dennis read a letter from the Germantown Amateur Radio Society (GARS) thanking the Township for letting GARS use the Township facilities to place the equipment necessary to facilitate communications in case of an emergency.

Mike Carter – Mr. Carter made a presentation outlining the services provided by Montgomery County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (MoCoARES). He explained how this organization often coordinates with local police and emergency organizations to supplement their communications for community events and emergencies.

Steve Mersch – Mr. Mersch thanked the Board for allowing him to participate in the Montgomery County ED/GE grant program. It was very beneficial to PointSource in allowing them to move the business to the Township. Mr. Mersch also thanked the amateur radio organizations for all of their assistance in providing communication services during the Twisted Pretzel Bike Races over the past several years.

John Skapiak – Mr. Skapiak asked questions about the proposed gasoline tax and whether or not any of the additional monies raised by the tax increase would come back to the Township. He was told that the current revenue sharing model would remain in place and that the Township would receive additional money from the tax increase. He went on to ask if the additional gas tax money would affect how much money the Township would ask for on any upcoming levy requests. He was informed that the additional gas tax money would not be nearly enough to meet the needs of the Township and that a new Road Levy was desperately needed. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of reducing the levy millage by the amount of the additional gas tax money. He was informed that no final decisions had been made on when to place another levy on the ballot and for the levy millage.

Mark Haffner: Mr. Haffner asked for an update on the fence situation at the property adjoining his property. He was told that due to family illness issues that the Zoning Inspector had not been able to make any progress since the last Board meeting.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

1. Correspondence In:
 - OTA – February “Grassroot Clippings”
2. Correspondence Out:
 - Germantown Press – Meeting Reminders
 - Monthly – IRS, State, School, OPERS reports and payments
3. Distribute Financial Reports –Monthly Payment Reports.
 - MOTION to approve the financial reports and authorize the payments of the bills, checks 49424 to 49476, including payroll direct deposit and payroll tax/withholding EFT’s and other electronic payments was introduced by Mark Cross and seconded by Jake Stubbs. After discussion – MOTION PASSED
4. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 REGULAR meeting as submitted was introduced by Mark Cross and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.
5. Mr. Keener mentioned that 2018 financial statements have been uploaded to the State Auditor’s “Hinkle System”.
6. Mr. Keener informed the Board that we are in the process of closing out the ED/GE Grant for PointSource. He is working with the County on this. PointSource will be receiving the final \$13,731.87 of their \$50,000 grant. Mr. Keener asked Mr. Stubbs to sign the necessary paperwork.
7. Mr. Keener provided a copy of the “Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for 2019” that was received from the County Auditor.
7. Mr. Keener reminded the Board of the following “dates to remember”:
 - Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday March 8, 2019
8. Mr. Keener reminded the Board to sign the Minutes, Bank Recs and the Purchase Orders.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Andzik reported the following:

- The new Ford Explorer police cruiser is now in service.

ROAD / SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mr. Holbrook is continuing his investigation for the cost of replacing Truck #106 (2003 International dump truck). He is working with Mr. Keener to determine whether financing is a viable option.
- Mr. Holbrook spoke with Mr. Tom Kuhn regarding the use of the principal and closing the Sunbury Cemetery bequest monies. Mr. Kuhn informed him that the family would prefer to leave the money there and only spend the interest as originally set up by his father.
- Mr. Holbrook is continuing to investigate replacing the mower that is used to mow the grass at the Township Hall as well as the cemeteries that the Township maintains. He provided a quote from Boone's Power Equipment for a new Farris mower. The mower would be purchased under government pricing and no bidding will be required. After discussion, the Board asked Mr. Holbrook to investigate the cost of a Farris mower with a Kawasaki engine instead of the Briggs & Stratton engine shown in the quote.
- The Road Department is cold-patching potholes as needed and as conditions permit. They are also continuing to plow and salt the roads as needed and trimming trees along the Township's roadways.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mrs. Hill reported the following:

- There is a BZA meeting scheduled for 3-12-19 regarding a lot split.
- She is getting caught up from taking time to tend to her mother

TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:

Mr. Stubbs reported the following:

- No report from the cemetery. Things are running well there.
- There are issues with some of the lights at the pool not working.
- The pool liner is still performing well and looking good.
- There are going to be new sun shades installed at the pool.
- With all of the rain, the "Swamp" on Boomershine Rd is causing some bad flooding on the road.
- The Rumpke contract is up for renewal at the WRCOG.
- Jackson Twp. hired a new zoning person on their own in spite of expressing an interest in working with us. They are not returning phone calls to Mr. Stubbs.

TRUSTEE CROSS REPORT:

Mr. Cross reported the following:

- Mr. Cross has purchased handbooks outlining Township Trustee and Township Fiscal Officer duties. He is donating them to the Township.

TRUSTEE REED REPORT:

Mrs. Reed reported the following:

- The Park Board oversight committee meeting was cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PURCHASE ORDERS WERE SIGNED.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

With no further business, A MOTION to adjourn was made by Jake Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed.
MOTION Passed, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Signed:  _____

Attest:  _____