

GERMAN TOWNSHIP

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GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 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 Halie Sewell

Trustee Mark Cross
Police Chief Joseph Andzik

Trustee Abra Reed
Road Sup't Jeremy Holbrook

VISITORS:

Name	Address	Name	Address
Lynn Cleveland	11858 Oxford	Lloyd Johnson	7404 Browns Run Rd
David Gehron	14239 Kiefer Rd.		

VISTOR COMMENTS:

NONE

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- Correspondence In:
 - OTA – October "Grassroots Clippings"
- Correspondence Out:
 - Germantown Press – Meeting Reminders
 - Monthly – IRS, State, School, OPERS reports and payments
- Distribute Financial Reports –Monthly Payment Reports.
 - MOTION to approve the financial reports and authorize the payments of the bills, checks 49773 to 49814 including payroll direct deposit and payroll tax/withholding EFT's and other electronic payments was introduced by Mark Cross and seconded by Jacob Stubbs. After discussion – MOTION PASSED
- A MOTION to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 REGULAR meeting as submitted was introduced by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Mark Cross. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.
- Mr. Keener reminded the Board of the following "dates to remember":
 - Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – TUESDAY November 12, 2019

6. Mr. Keener reminded the Board to sign the Minutes, Bank Recs and the Purchase Orders.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Andzik reported the following:

- The Chief informed the Board that the “National Night Out” on October 1, 2019 went well.
- The Chief thanked the Road Department for all the extra things that they do to keep the Township building looking good and clean.

ROAD / SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Truck #106 continues to need repairs. Longs Truck Repair installed new brakes and replaced the water pump at a cost of \$1,770.93. The Road Department had to replace the ABS modulator for the front brakes at a cost of approximately \$300.00.
- Mr. Holbrook took the liberty of soliciting prices for LP gas for the upcoming winter season. He received the following prices: Earhart Petroleum @ \$1.099/gal, Miami Valley Propane @ \$1.39/gal, Century Propane @ \$1.359 / gal. Mr. Stubbs introduced a motion to purchase the propane from Earhart Petroleum and to allow Mr. Holbrook to sign on the Township’s behalf. Mr. Cross seconded the motion. After discussion, motion passed.
- The Road Department attended the 2019 Storm Water Field Day, put on by the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. The main topic discussed was how to control erosion and water run off from disturbed construction sites.
- Germantown Union Cemetery has agreed to purchase the 1-ton truck for \$10,000. It was expected that title would transfer in the next few days.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mrs. Sewell reported the following:

- Permits issued in the last month included the following:
 - Pole barn on Conservancy Rd.,
 - Rear Roof Solar Panels on Lower Miamisburg Rd.
- Zoning cases approved include:
 - Case 2019-10-ZC – 8468 Upper Miamisburg Rd
 - Change from O-1 to Residential (10/7/19)
- Pending Conditional Use cases include:
 - Case 2019-12CU – 11968 St. Rt. 725
 - Sell/Buy .523 acres
- Mrs. Sewell has signed up for the fall OTA sessions on 11/1/19
- Mrs. Sewell provided a list of “Closing Dates for Township Zoning Cases and Planning Commission Dates for 2019”. The list was created by Montgomery County Planning Commission.
- The terms for Fred Glander (Zoning Commission) and Adam Blakely (BZA) expire on 12/31/19.
- The Fee Schedule has not been updated since 2003. Mrs. Sewell is going to contact other local zoning offices to compare fee structures.
- Mrs. Sewell is looking into updating the zoning maps of the Township. It is suggested that this be done every five years.

TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:

Mr. Stubbs reported the following:

- Cemetery – The Cemetery has decided to purchase the 1-ton truck (as reported by the Road Dept).
- Swimming Pool – The City submitted the pool budget for 2020. They had originally asked for a \$10,000 “administrative fee” for managing the pool. After discussion by the oversight committee, the fee was reduced to \$5,000.
- WRCG – The Rumpke contract expires in September 2020. The WRCG is meeting again in December to discuss the contract. They anticipate a 3% increase. Complaints about Rumpke are down. Other WRCG members in attendance also discussed the issue with MetroParks acquiring land from their tax base.
- Mr. Stubbs introduced a motion, seconded by Mr. Cross, to appoint Marty Cox as an alternate member to the BZA. After discussion, motion passed.

TRUSTEE CROSS REPORT:

Mr. Cross reported the following:

- Mr. Cross attended a City Council meeting. They are discussing adding 4 new fields for VVBASE.
- The Fire/EMS meeting was rescheduled for 10/22/19 to approve the budget.
- VV Schools wants to build a new K-8 facility
- Mr. Cross attended the MCTA meeting on 9/19/19
- The annual OTA conference is scheduled for 2/5-2/8/20 in Columbus
- Mr. Cross, Mrs. Rohrbach and other Township employees attended a meeting with Burnham & Flowers regarding health insurance.
- Mr. Cross did significant research regarding the history of the Fouts Trust. He discovered that it was created in the 1930’s to provide for needy children in German Township. It appears that the original balance was \$10,204.02. Mr. Cross also consulted the Township’s legal counsel regarding permissible ways to meet the original intent of the Trust. He is in the process of contacting several different organizations that serve needy children in the area to potentially work with one of them in distributing some of the funds from the Trust.

TRUSTEE REED REPORT:

Mrs. Reed reported the following:

- The Senior Oversight Committee met and discussed the following:
 - A new member is needed on the committee
 - The budget was discussed and approved. Mrs. Reed discussed the salary of the Senior Center manager and contacted other local municipalities to determine if it was in line with others.
 - Mrs. Reed is exploring the possibility of renaming the “Senior Center” to the “Community Center”
- Mrs. Reed and her family attended the National Night Out and all of them had a good time.
- Mrs. Reed asked questions regarding the budget and available funds for the “Police K-9 Fund”. Due to changes in Ohio law regarding the legality of hemp, Mrs. Reed is concerned that the dog might need to be retrained in order to not detect hemp or marijuana. The new law specifies that hemp cannot contain more than a specified small percentage of THC and currently there is no way to test for that percentage. Consequently, the County Prosecutor’s office is not prosecuting any marijuana possession cases which effectively, in her opinion, makes pot legal in the State of Ohio. A long discussion of the use of the dog for officer assistance, including detecting drugs, followed. Upon learning the amount of the funds available to spend on the K-9,

if necessary, Mrs. Reed was satisfied that the Township had sufficient resources if the K-9 needed additional training or replacement.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

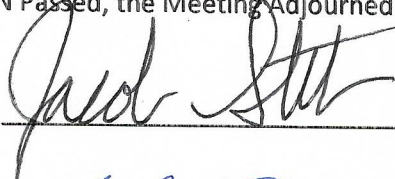
EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

PURCHASE ORDERS WERE SIGNED

MEETING ADJOURNED:

With no further business, A MOTION to adjourn was made by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. MOTION Passed, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Signed: _____



Attest: _____

