



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 17, 2020**

The SPECIAL MEETING was called to order by Board President Abra Reed at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the sanctuary of St. John's United Church of Christ at 201 West Market Street,, Germantown, OH 45327. The meeting was live streamed using WebEx. Attendees included:

President Abra Reed

Vice-President Jacob Stubbs

Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand

VISITORS PRESENT IN THE ROOM:

Name	Address	Name	Address
David Gehron	14239 Kiefer Road	Kendall Peters	285 W. Market St.
Lora Dima	6505 Diamond Mill	Lynn Cleveland	11858 Oxford Road
Greg & Marissa Apple	7750 Conservance	Holly Birch	7508 Ned Ct, Carlisle
Mark & Deb Cross	7444 S. Stivers Road	Karen Carmickle	364 East Market St.
Mark Keener	7865 Jamaica Road	Tyler Rehmert	8198 Wind Dancer
Fred Glander	9200 Butter Street	Sandi Branham	9909 Sugar Street
Kim Dupps	9790 G'town-Middt'n	Lyndsey Ritze	6810 Little Twin Road
Erica & Gary Hamm	11623 Sigal Road	Ashley Asher	6200 Little Twin Road
Dani & Kurt Jacoby	12955 Harris Road	Halie Sewell	8122 Lower Miamiburg
State Rep Niraj Antani		Sheri McMonigle	11050 Friend Road

ONLINE VISITORS:

Name	Name	Name	Name
Andy	Pete Lurker	Jeremy Holbrook	Robert Stone
EM	John Smith	Sam H	Dan Lee
Lloyd Johnson	Z Smith	Beth Genslinger	Call in User 2

The Germantown Press was notified in advance of the Special Meeting.

The announced purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss the vacant Trustee position.

Mrs. Reed led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Reed explained the need for the Trustees to discuss the procedures and expectations for the presentations at this meeting. After discussion, Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official under the authority of ORC 121.22(G)(1). The vote was as follows: Mrs. Reed – YES; Mr. Stubbs – YES. The Trustees entered into Executive Session at 7:03 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Present in the Executive Session were the following: Trustees Abra Reed and Jacob Stubbs; Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand
- The Trustees held discussion under the authority of ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment of a public official.
- Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to reconvene into Regular Session. The MOTION PASSED. The Trustees reconvened in to Regular Session at 7:18 pm.

PRESENTATIONS BY APPLICANTS FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

- Mrs. Reed thanked everyone for coming. There were seven applicants for the vacant Trustee position.
- Mr. Heistand explained the process that would be followed for the applicant presentations. After each applicant's presentation of not more than five minutes, an additional five minutes would be allowed for three questions – one from each Trustee, if desired, with the remaining question(s) coming from those present.
- Mr. Heistand noted that applicant **BRENT WALTERS, 10250 Eby Road** could not be present at the meeting due to a family emergency. The Trustees decided to consider Mr. Walters solely on his resume. Mr. Walters has lived in German Township his entire life and is the plant manager at Packaging Corporation of America in Middletown
- **LYNDESEY RITZE, 6810 Little Twin Road:** Ms. Ritze gave her presentation. She is a physician assistant at Miami Valley Hospital. She is on the Montgomery County Republican Party Central Committee and is a Precinct Captain. She has lived in German Township for three years.
 - The only question for Ms. Ritze was asked by Mrs. Reed. Mrs. Ritze indicated that she would run in 2021 if selected as the next Trustee.
- **TYLER REHMERT, 8198 Wind Dancer:** Mr. Rehmert gave his presentation. He is a director in Global Treasury at The Procter & Gamble Company. He is a certified public accountant and a certified management accountant. He has lived in German Township for four years.
 - Questions for Mr. Rehmert were asked by Mr. Stubbs, Mrs. Reed and Mark Keener. Mr. Rehmert indicated that he would run in 2021 if selected as the next Trustee.
- **ERICA HAMM, 11623 Sigal Road:** Ms. Hamm gave her presentation. She is a first grade teacher at Valley View Schools. She has been involved in several leadership teams at Valley View. She has lived in German Township for over 25 years.
 - Questions for Ms. Hamm were asked by Mrs. Reed and Mr. Stubbs. Ms. Hamm indicated that she would run in 2021 if selected as the next Trustee.
- **LORA DIMA, 6505 Diamond Mill Road:** Ms. Dima gave her presentation. She has lived in German Township most of her life. She has business experience and wants to make a difference in the community. Not working a full-time job, she has the time to devote to the Township.
 - Questions for Ms. Dima were asked by Mrs. Reed and Kurt Jacoby. Ms. Dima indicated that she would run in 2021 if selected as the next Trustee.
- **MARK CROSS, 7444 S. Stivers Road:** Before Dr. Cross gave his presentation, he asked if there would be Visitor Comments later in the meeting. Mrs. Reed said she didn't believe there would be visitor comments as the possibility hadn't been discussed. Dr. Cross submitted a petition (attached to the minutes) signed by residents supporting him for the Trustee position.

Dr. Cross gave his presentation. He has been a Township resident since 1994. He served as a Township Trustee from 2016-2019, was a member of the Township Board of Zoning Appeals from 1997-2015 and is currently an alternate member of the Township Zoning Commission. Dr. Cross indicated that he would run in 2021 if selected as the next Trustee.

- The only question for Dr. Cross was asked by Mrs. Reed. She stated her belief that some of the names on his petition were not registered voters of German Township. Dr. Cross acknowledged that was the case. Mr. Stubbs noted that of 70 names on the petition, he only found one who wasn't a Township resident. Mr. Stubbs stated his belief that Dr. Cross' presentation spoke for itself along with the submitted petition.
- **GREG APPLE, 7750 Conservancy Road:** Mr. Apple gave his presentation. He has lived in German Township his entire life. He is a plant supervisor at Weidle Corporation and operates his own farm. He would like to help guide the Township and keep it a great place to live.
 - Questions for Mr. Apple were asked by Mrs. Reed, Holly Birch and Kurt Jacoby. Mr. Apple indicated he would run in 2021 if selected as the next Trustee.

DISCUSSION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE:

- Mrs. Reed thanked all the applicants for their presentation. She noted that it took a lot of courage to step forward.
- Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official under the authority of ORC 121.22(G)(1).
- Mr. Stubbs thanked everyone for coming and stated he hoped an appointment would be made at this meeting. He encouraged the six who aren't selected to run for a Trustee position in 2021.
- The vote to adjourn into Executive Session was as follows: Mrs. Reed – YES; Mr. Stubbs – YES. The Trustees entered into Executive Session at 7:52 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Present in the Executive Session were the following: Trustees Abra Reed and Jacob Stubbs; Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand
- The Trustees held discussion under the authority of ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment of a public official.
- Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to reconvene into Regular Session. The MOTION PASSED. The Trustees reconvened in to Regular Session at 8:22 pm.

DISCUSSION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE:

- Mrs. Reed reported that the Trustees were unable to come to an agreement to make an appointment in the Executive Session.
- She explained the next steps in the appointment process as set forth in ORC Section 503.24. If the Trustees cannot make a decision within 30 days following Trustee Burns' resignation, the people designated as the Committee of Five on Mr. Burns' petition to run for office will have ten days to appoint a Trustee. If they fail to make an appointment, the decision will be made by the presiding Montgomery County probate judge.
- Mr. Stubbs stated that all seven candidates would make a good Trustee. He believes, however, that Dr. Cross has proven himself above and beyond the other candidates. He supports Dr. Cross for the position.
- Stating there was no further business to discuss, Mrs. Reed made a MOTION to adjourn. Mr. Stubbs did not second the MOTION and the MOTION died.
- Mr. Stubbs stated his desire to schedule another Special Meeting to discuss the Trustee appointment. He does not want the decision to be made by the Committee of Five. He suggested that the meeting be held on 6/24 at 7:00 pm. He stated that it is his and Mrs. Reed's job to make the decision as elected officials of the Township. Failure to do so is unacceptable and not in the best interests of German Township.
- Mrs. Reed reminded Mr. Stubbs that they were unable to come to an agreement.

- Mr. Stubbs asked Kurt Jacoby to obtain official signatures on Dr. Cross' petition, stating he felt that a signed petition would have more validity for the Trustees.
- Mrs. Reed suggested another Executive Session. Mr. Stubbs agreed to her suggestion, but restated his public support for Dr. Cross. He asked Mrs. Reed to explain publically which candidates deserved to be appointed or which ones didn't deserve it. Mrs. Reed stated that she was not going to publically comment on individual candidates.
- Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public official under the authority of ORC 121.22(G)(1). The vote was as follows: Mrs. Reed – YES; Mr. Stubbs – YES. The Trustees entered into Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

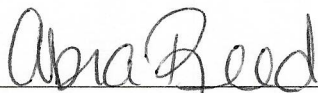
- Present in the Executive Session were the following: Trustees Abra Reed and Jacob Stubbs; Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand
- The Trustees held discussion under the authority of ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment of a public official.
- Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to reconvene into Regular Session. The MOTION PASSED. The Trustees reconvened in to Regular Session at 8:39 pm.

DISCUSSION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE:

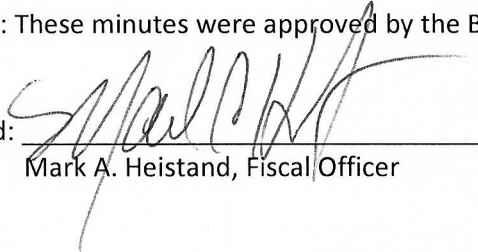
- Mr. Stubbs stated that no decision would be made at this meeting. He suggested that the Trustees meet again in a Special Meeting at 7:00 pm on 6/24.
- Mrs. Reed stated that after two Executive Sessions the Trustees were still at an impasse. She didn't believe that the impasse could be fixed in a week and felt that another meeting would not be productive.
- Mr. Stubbs said that it is the job of elected officials to make the best decision for the Township. He doesn't want five unelected people to make the decision on the Trustee appointment.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- With no further business, Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to adjourn. The MOTION PASSED. The Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Signed: 
Abra Reed, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on July 13, 2020.

Signed: 
Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer

June 17, 2020

Petition to the Trustees

We, the undersigned registered voters of German Township, endorse Mark Cross for appointment to the Board of Trustees by Trustees Abra Reed and Jake Stubbs.

Kurt Jacoby	Jessica Tipton
Dani Jacoby	Jon Tipton
Marvin Rieger	Amanda Wharton
Hazel Rieger	Elaine Tinch
Karen Lurker	Dede Flory Young
Ashley Rieger	Ed Smith
Josh Pohl	John Stubbs
David Gehron	Kathy Stubbs
Loretta Gehron	Sue Taylor
Joe Thangherlini	Andrew Rohrbach, Sr.
Cheryl Thangherlini	Mike Reger
Treva Rieger	Anne Reger
Paul Doles	Bob Hale
Dan Lee	Carla Hale
Rebecca Lee	Beverly Simpkins
Russ Wallace	Glen Bowman
Jan Wallace	Lorraine Bowman
Sandy Bussard Potter	Deb Cross
Gail Proctor Kerr	Dr. Mark Judy
Ellen Flory Duncil	April Judy
Don Flory	Larry Wiser
Belinda Flory	Mary Wiser
Terry J. Dalton	Theresa Fiessinger
← Jim Erisman →	Jeff Fiessinger
Courtney Steckel	Kent Genslinger
Lloyd Johnson and family	Gary Smith
Valorie A. Hill	Julie Smith
Charlotte Genslinger and family	Bob Rohrbach
Christopher Kitchel	Jen Fischer
Karla Huntsberger	Gary Leppla
Roni Cooper Saul	Patty Leppla
Ken Botts	Mark Keener
Jo Ann Botts	Michelle Montgomery
Dr. Alvin Lee	Angi Smith, Director of Sonshine in a Bag
Jo Anne Vincent	Jon Vincent

Letter published in The Germantown Press, June 10, 2020:

Mark Cross Brings Unequaled Experience and Leadership

One candidate for the open German Township Trustee position is, far and away, the obvious choice to fill the position. Mark Cross has the demonstrated devotion to our township and its government, along with the knowledge and leadership needed:

- 4 years German Township Trustee (2016 – 2019)
- 18 years Board of Zoning Appeals
- Current Alternate Member Zoning Commission
- Township resident since 1986
- Successful Germantown dental practice for 25 years
- Active in many community organizations

Mark Cross is widely acknowledged for his effectiveness in service. He has worked to build good relationships with the township employees and the citizens they serve. Mark has built bridges of understanding between the various German Township departments and their leadership.

Mark Cross has worked tirelessly to strengthen ties between the Township, the City and the Germantown Council.

Anyone knowing Mark Cross, including both current German Township Trustees, knows he is our best choice for the vacant position. Ms. Abra Reed and Mr. Jake Stubbs owe it to the voters to come together to choose the best candidate. Failing to do so would allow the decision to be made by a group of five nonelected citizens or by the Probate Court; such inaction of our elected Trustees would be inexcusable when the obvious candidate is willing and ready to serve.

Please join us in endorsing Mark Cross for German Township Trustee.

Sincerely,

Kurt and Dani Jacoby