



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2020**

Meeting held virtually using WebEx

The REGULAR MEETING was called to order by Board President Abra Reed at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually using WebEx. Attendees included:

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

ONLINE VISITORS:

Name	Name	Name	Name
David Gehron	Mark & Deb Cross	Kurt Jacoby	KC
Lloyd Johnson	Paula Lemke	Dylan	Sam H
John Smith	Call in User 2	Call in User 3	Call in User 4

The Germantown Press was notified in advance of the virtual meeting.

Mrs. Reed led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance using a digital flag provided by Mr. Gehron.

VISTOR COMMENTS:

- **Mark Cross, 7444 S. Stivers Road:** Dr. Cross read a statement commending the Trustees for informing Township residents about the open Trustee position. He wanted the process to be as open and transparent as possible. He thought that experience should be an important criteria for the selection of the new Trustee. He thanked those who supported him at the 6/1-Special Meeting and noted that he would share Facebook support for him with the Trustees prior to the 6/17 Special Meeting.
- **Paula Lemke, 78 Mary Place:** Mrs. Lemke indicated her desire to be appointed to the open Trustee position. She attended a recent Trustee meeting and found it to be very interesting. She felt that the meeting was very divided for issues that had nothing to do with the Township. She would like to help create a bridge instead of the Trustees fighting against each other.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- Mr. Heistand presented the minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting for approval. Mrs. Reed indicated she had concerns with the section where the potential donation from the Fouts Fund to Sonshine in a Bag was discussed. The draft minutes state that there was a "spirited discussion" about the potential donation. She felt that with the way she was spoken to, with the threats and allegations made, that there needed to be a direct, or quoted, or more accurate

representation included of the discussion. Mr. Heistand requested that Mrs. Reed come up with language that she would like to have included in the minutes which could then be approved at the July meeting. Mr. Stubbs stated that the Fiscal Officer is responsible for an accurate description of the meeting, so it's his call on content. He said the Trustees' input is to correct anything that is off or misquoted. Mrs. Reed felt that the minutes are not an accurate representation of the Fouts discussion and she felt there was work that needed to be done to them.

- Mr. Heistand presented the financial reports which were sent to the Trustees prior to the meeting: (1) the 5/31/20 Fund Status; (2) the Year-to-Date 5/31/20 Cash Summary by Fund; and (3) the May 2020 Payment Listing.
- Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to approve the financial reports and authorize the payments of bills (warrants 50070 through 50097 and vouchers 260 through 337 for payroll direct deposit, payroll tax/withholding EFT's and other electronic payments). The MOTION PASSED
- Mr. Heistand reported that the Auditor of State has requested that the Trustees approve "work from home" arrangements. Mrs. Reed hadn't yet reviewed the information sent to the Trustees by Mr. Heistand. Approval will wait until the July meeting.

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Andzik noted that plans are being made for the upcoming retirement of Laurie Rohrbach for the police clerk/administrative assistant. He will probably publicize the opening in August and hopes to hire in the fall so that the new person can work with Mrs. Rohrbach prior to her departure at the end of the year. Mrs. Reed asked about the Trustees' involvement in the hiring process since both police and trash are involved. Chief Andzik said they will consider the police and trash requirements when they post the opening.

ROAD/SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mr. Holbrook reported on the status of repairing the excessive bleeding that is working through the pavement on Mudlick Road. He is working with the contractor to see what can be done to make the situation better rather than worse. Meanwhile, every day his department spreads new material on the road to try to soak up the bleeding and reduce the tracking. He is doing all he can to remedy the situation.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mrs. Sewell has approved a pool on Jamaica Road and has a pending shed on Sigal Road. She is working with several people who erected structures prematurely. She is also working on several pools in the Township that do not meet the standards and/or do not have a permit.

TRUSTEE REED REPORT:

- Mrs. Reed reported that she spoke with Angie Smith, director of Sonshine in a Bag. They are distributing 130 bags every two weeks during the summer, less than the 86 bags per week they were distributing during the school year. The numbers were down this past school year compared with the prior year. They are not in need of money at the present time, but may have a need in August or September. They were given \$1,000 by the Trustees from the Fouts Funds in March. Mrs. Reed said that Ms. Smith was offended that there was an appearance that they weren't managing their money correctly. She will check with Ms. Smith again in August or September.

- She reported that she attended a Parks Board meeting. A decision was made about holding the Fourth of July parade. She was requested not to release the Board's decision until they make an announcement. They were considering names for a parade Grand Marshall.
- She asked the Fiscal Officer if any resumes had been received for the open Trustee position. Mr. Heistand declined to answer, noting that he would send everything from all applicants to the Trustees at the same time after the application deadline passes.

TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:

- Mr. Stubbs reported that the cemetery is looking great, thanks to Mark Steinecker and his staff.
- He noted that the pool is opening on 6/9, with restrictions including showing proof of residency.
- He thanked Chief Andzik for his Lockdown Reports, saying that it's always nice to get a laugh and information in the mornings. He also thanked the entire police force for all they do, noting that we have a fantastic police department that goes above and beyond on a daily basis.
- Concerning Sonshine in a Bag, he noted that they have pretty much depleted their inventory and as such will need funding when school begins in August. Although they are now servicing less kids, the need is still there. He felt that Mrs. Reed misstated things a little bit. He stated that nobody at the Township believes that Sonshine in a Bag has been mismanaging money. He hopes that the Trustees can give them more funding in August. The budget was set up to make disbursements of \$2,000 this year from the Fouts Fund.
- He suggested that the 6/17 Special Meeting be moved to a larger venue to allow for a greater number of visitors while still maintaining social distancing. Mr. Heistand offered to make calls and secure an alternate meeting location. The Meeting Notice will include the new location and will be sent to all applicants for the Trustee position as well as posted on Facebook and emailed.
- He asked about the status of the Senior Center bus since it's been moved from the Senior Center to the City Building. Mrs. Reed did not have any information. The Senior Center is not open.

NEW BUSINESS:

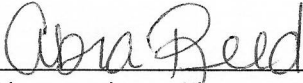
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OLD BUSINESS:

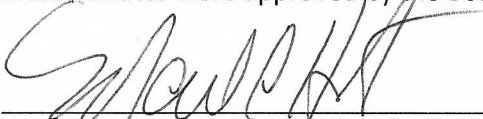
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MEETING ADJOURNED:

With no further business, Mrs. Reed made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to adjourn. The MOTION PASSED. The Meeting adjourned at 7:28 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