

# GERMAN TOWNSHIP

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## GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 2020

The REGULAR MEETING was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Board President Abra Reed 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 Abra Reed	Trustee Jacob Stubbs	Trustee Matthew Burns
Fiscal Officer Mark Keener	Police Sgt. Shane Birch	Road Sup't Jeremy Holbrook
Zoning Inspector Halie Sewell		

**NOTE:** Police Chief Joe Andzik was absent, but sent Sgt. Birch in his place.

### VISITORS:

Name	Address	Name	Address
Lynn Cleveland	11858 Oxford	Shannon Cox	10096 Mudlick Rd.
David Gehron	14239 Kiefer Rd.	Rhonda Behnken	1175 Johnsville Brkville
Mark Heistand	364 E. Market St.	Mark & Deb Cross	7444 S. Stivers Rd
Eric & Katy Foss	12080 Sigal Rd	Jason Hartsharn	11860 Wolf Creek Pk.
Brian & Paula Lemke	78 Mary Place	Mark Heistand	364 E. Market St.
Mike & Abby Kinder	10198 Gtwn-Mdtltn Pk	Mike Moyer	12022 Hemple Rd.
Ben DeGroat	13651 Friend Rd.	Tim & Nikki Johnson	8400 Puddenbag

### VISTOR COMMENTS:

**Mark Cross:** Mr. Cross read a statement condemning the smear campaign against Jake Stubbs in the race for the State Representative office. He stated that the Board of Trustees should support each other in their electoral races.

**Deb Cross:** Mrs. Cross asked a number of questions to Trustee Reed regarding not attending training at the Ohio Township Association, the proper use of executive session, the reason for formally excusing Trustee Burns absence from the February meeting and if Trustee Reed was going to apologize for accusations regarding the acquisition of the unmarked car for the police chief.

**Paula Lemke:** Ms. Lemke asked if the other area townships have passed the JEDD (for Valley View Schools).

**Tim Johnson:** Mr. Johnson asked a question regarding the revenue allocation from the proposed JEDD.

### FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- Correspondence In:
  - OTA – March "Grassroots Clippings"

2. Correspondence Out:
  - Monthly – IRS, State, School, OPERS reports and payments
3. Distribute the financial reports including the Monthly Payment Report, YTD Cash Summary by Fund and Fund Status.
  - a. MOTION to approve the financial reports and authorize the payments of the bills, checks 49948 to 49973 including payroll direct deposit and payroll tax/withholding EFT's and other electronic payments was introduced by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion – MOTION PASSED
4. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2020 REGULAR meeting as submitted was introduced by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.
5. A MOTION to approve the ED/GE Grant program renewal was introduced by Abra Reed and seconded by Jacob Stubbs. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.
6. Mr. Keener mentioned that he had received an email from John Morris at the Montgomery County Township Association requesting a list of Township vendors. Mr. Morris wants to contact the vendors to ask them to financially support the MCTA. Mr. Keener does not believe that this is proper and, unless the Board requests that he fulfills the request, he will inform Mr. Morris that the Township will not comply with his request.
7. Mr. Keener is planning on processing the donation payment from the Fouts Trust to Sonshine In A Bag. Given Mark Cross' involvement in researching the Fouts Trust and the recipient, Mr. Keener asked the Board if Mr. Cross could participate in the presentation of the check to Sonshine In A Bag. The Board agreed that this would be appropriate.
8. Mr. Keener reminded the Board of the following "dates to remember":
  - Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday April 13, 2020
  - MCTA Meeting – March 18, 2020 @ 3:30-5:00 pm

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Andzik reported the following:

- The next Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin in March.
- The Police Department just received recertification for the "Ohio Collaborative". They are one of 14 agencies in the county to achieve this. The Chief thanked Laurie Rohrbach for a job well done preparing all of the paperwork and necessary proofs needed to attain recertification.
- A litter clean up day was held on March 8, 2020. It was organized by local tattoo artist, Matty McTatty. Volunteers picked up trash along Sugar St., Mudlick Rd., S. Main St. and Butter St. in German Township. The Chief thanked the Road & Service Department for allowing the use of signs to make it safer for the volunteers.
- The Department is still investigating the incident on Oxford Rd. involving juveniles fighting in a basement.

**ROAD / SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- The roof repairs on the Township Hall have been completed. No leaks were observed during the recent rainstorms. The attic was also dry for the first time in many years.

- Mr. Holbrook has been investigating the purchase of a new dump truck. In order to receive the best price on the truck, the Township will need to join the Ohio Department of Administrative Services program in order to participate in the cooperative purchasing program. Mr. Holbrook asked for the Board to pass a Resolution giving the Road Superintendent the authority to sign the paperwork on behalf of the Board. As such, Mrs. Reed introduced **RESOLUTION 2020-09**, seconded by Mr. Burns – **A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW GERMAN TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM**. The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mrs. Reed – YES, Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Burns – YES. **RESOLUTION 2020-09 PASSED**.
- Mr. Holbrook presented pricing quotes for the cab and chassis on a new International truck. The list price of the truck is \$141,154. There is a discount of \$57,455.81 by joining the purchasing program, bringing the net cost to \$83,698.19.

#### **ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Mrs. Sewell reported the following:

- Mrs. Sewell asked if there were any questions about the fee schedule changes. She had distributed a second copy of the proposed changes. Mr. Burns asked if a work session was necessary to make the changes. Mr. Stubbs suggested that the changes be discussed at the next meeting rather than having a special work session.
- The Zoning Commission will be meeting on 3/10/20 to continue their discussion on the Zoning Resolution revisions.
- Mrs. Sewell presented a zoning budget worksheet outlining the expense breakdown of the zoning department.
- Permits have been issued for a new home on Keifer Rd. and a new pole barn on Conservancy Rd.

#### **TRUSTEE REED REPORT:**

Mrs. Reed reported the following:

- Mrs. Reed reviewed information on the proposed JEDD at the Valley View Schools site. This included the following:
  - Only the employees working in the JEDD site will be subject to the income tax for the JEDD.
  - Germantown and Farmersville would like to be “made whole” if the VVSD employees currently working in their towns move to the JEDD site. As it is currently proposed, Germantown will receive 57%, Farmersville 16%, Jackson Twp. 11%, , German Twp. 16%.
    - German Twp is receiving more due to the increased burden projected in responding to public safety related calls
  - It is planned to proceed with the formation of the JEDD at the high school site regardless of the passage up of the upcoming school levy. If the levy does pass, having the JEDD in place will allow the jurisdictions to receive tax revenue from current high school employees as well as construction workers that will be on the site.
  - The other jurisdictions involved have already passed motions supporting the creation of a JEDD. It has not been finalized yet. Once the details are finalized, there will be a public hearing within 30 days.
- Mrs. Reed thanked Matty McTatty, CrackerJack’s and the City Beautiful Committee for their support of the litter pick up.
- Mrs. Reed stated that she thought it would be a good idea to have consistent email addresses for the elected officials and that she was putting out her feelers to see how best to implement that. Visitor Mr. Cleveland stated that if the Township joined the DAS program that they would also include Office-365 and several other pieces of software.
- Mrs. Reed presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Keener for his service.

**TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:**

Mr. Stubbs reported the following:

- Cemetery – The tree trimming program has begun. They also bought a new hedge trimmer.
- Pool – The City is considering hiring a pool maintenance company to manage the swimming pool. Mr. Stubbs was not in favor of this as he feels the current pool manager is doing a fantastic job. Revenues increased greatly last year and they have a goal of reaching \$100,000 in revenue for the upcoming year. They are also going to be putting new equipment, including a climbing wall, into service in the upcoming year.
- Mr. Stubbs thanked Mr. Keener for his four years of service to the Township.

**TRUSTEE BURNS REPORT:**

Mr. Burns reported the following:

- The Park Board meeting discussed “Christmas in the Park” and their summer programs. It was a short meeting, but Mr. Burns will report more in the future after attending more meetings.
- Mr. Burns has met with Zoning Inspector Sewell to get a good handle on how the zoning department is being run. He said that she’s been putting forth a big effort in making the department more professional. He suggested that Mrs. Sewell be provided a zoning department shirt and ID to be used and worn when making inspections. Mr. Burns also asked about the possibility of providing her a Township vehicle to be used while on official business.
- Mr. Burns also expressed support for consistent Township email addresses.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:51 pm Mrs. Reed introduced a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss economic development under ORC 121.22(G)(8). Mr. Keener took the roll as follows: Mrs. Reed – YES, Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Burns – YES. The Board entered Executive Session.

At 8:15 pm the Board exited Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A JEDD was introduced by Abra Reed and seconded by Matthew Burns. All Trustees present voted aye – Motion passed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

With no further business, A MOTION to adjourn was made by Abra Reed and seconded by Matthew Burns. MOTION Passed, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Signed: Abra Reed  
Abra Reed, President, Board of Trustees

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

Signed: Mark A. Heistand  
Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer