



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 14, 2021**

The meeting was held at the German Township Hall located at 12102 St. Rt. 725 West, Germantown, OH 45327 and virtually using WebEx.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Tyler Rehmert at 7:00 pm. In attendance were:

President Tyler Rehmert
Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand

Vice-President Abra Reed

Trustee Jacob Stubbs
Zoning Inspector Halie Sewell

ONLINE ATTENDEES:

Name	Name	Name	Name
Police Chief Joseph Andzik	Road Superintendent Jeremy Holbrook	Mark Keener	David Gehron
Sam	Deb Cross	Karen Carmickle	Abigail Hale-Dennis
Shauna Close	Call in User 4		

The Germantown Press was notified of the Regular Meeting on 6/7/21 at 3:50 pm.

Mr. Rehmert led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISTOR COMMENTS:

- None

TRUSTEE VOTE ON PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2021-19:

- Mr. Rehmert made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to remove RESOLUTION 2021-19 from the table. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Heistand read by title **RESOLUTION 2021-19: A RESOLUTION TO LEVY AN ANNUAL \$5 LICENSE TAX UPON THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC ROADS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR ANY AUTHORIZED PURPOSE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 4504.181.**
- Mr. Rehmert explained that the two required Public Hearings were held on 5/10/21 and 5/18/21. At both Public Hearings presentations were made by Mr. Holbrook and comments were received from the Public. He noted that Mrs. Reed was unable to attend the 5/18/21 Public Hearing and he hoped that she had an opportunity to review the recording of that meeting.

- The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Rehmert-Yes; Mrs. Reed-No; Mr. Stubbs-Yes. Mr. Heistand noted that the Prosecutor's Office previously advised that a unanimous vote was not required to adopt the RESOLUTION. As such, **RESOLUTION 2021-22 WAS ADOPTED.**
- **Visitor Mark Keener, 7865 Jamaica Road:** Mr. Keener asked Mrs. Reed to explain why she voted against the RESOLUTION. She responded by noting the close vote the last time a Township-only road levy was placed on the ballot. She preferred that a road levy be submitted to the voters rather than increasing the motor vehicle license tax.
- **Visitor Deb Cross, 7444 S. Stiver Road:** Mrs. Cross asked Mrs. Reed, given her stated reason for voting against the RESOLUTION, if she intended to place the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) to a vote of the people. Mr. Rehmert informed Mrs. Cross that Mrs. Reed had already explained her vote and there would be no further debate on the issue.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

- Mr. Heistand submitted minutes for the 5/5/21 Special Meeting, the 5/10/21 Regular Meeting and the 5/18/21 Special Meeting. There were no corrections. Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Rehmert, to approve the minutes of the three meetings as submitted. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a voice vote, with Mrs. Reed abstaining.
- Mr. Heistand presented the May Financial Reports: (1) 5/31/21 Fund Status; (2) Year-to-Date 5/31/21 Cash Summary by Fund; (3) May 2021 Receipt Listing; and (4) May 2021 Payment Listing. He noted the following Items: (1) Receipt #62-2021 for \$399,805.04 was the February tax settlement from the Montgomery County Auditor; (2) Receipt #66-2021 for \$89,971.98 was the first half homestead and rollback payment from the State of Ohio; (3) Warrant #50485 to the City of Germantown for \$544,000.00 was the 1st half tax collection for the Parks, Pool, Fire, Senior Citizen and EMS/Fire 2010 joint levies; and (4) Warrant #50486 to the City of Germantown for \$55,092.52 was the City's calculated share of the 1st half tax collection for the Road joint levy.
- Mr. Rehmert made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to approve the May financial reports and authorize the payment of May bills (warrants 50472-50488 and vouchers 299-425 for payroll direct deposit, payroll tax withholdings and other electronic payments). The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Heistand reported that the U.S. Treasury Department has delegated to the State of Ohio the decision concerning whether Ohio's townships will be included in the distribution of funds from the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The Ohio Township Association has indicated that they have not received any information concerning a decision by the State. Mrs. Reed stated that State Representative Tom Young told her that inclusion of townships in the ARPA funds may be included in the State's biennium budget to be approved before the end of June.
- Mr. Heistand reported that, following last month's meeting, he forwarded the paperwork to the County Board of Elections to place the .5 mill Parks Levy on the 11/2/21 ballot.
- He stated that each year the Ohio Department of Commerce offers \$1,000 grants to townships that are responsible for the maintenance of cemeteries. The grant is meant to assist with special projects or one-off costs; routine cemetery maintenance is not eligible for grant support. Consideration is given for special projects above the \$1,000 threshold, especially those with local matching dollars. The application period for this grant opens in July. He noted that he would follow up with more information at the July meeting.

- He reported that the Township received notice from the State of Ohio that the cell tower lease is being renewed for two years from 6/30/21-6/30/23. The annual lease payment to the Township is \$18,000.
- He stated that he donated his old laptop (which was replaced by the Auditor of State in early 2021) to the Police Department for their use.
- He reminded the Trustees about the Special Meeting concerning the potential JEDD on 6/17/21 at 6:00 pm. He also reported that the next Montgomery County Township Association meeting will be 6/21/21 from 4-6 pm at the Montgomery County Business Solutions Center in Dayton.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Andzik reported that the virtual CALEA (Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies) site visit occurred 6/7/21-6/9/21. Based on the exit interview, he felt that the Police Department will be awarded re-accreditation. The assessors commented on how impressed they were with the Department.
- There has been a delay in the production of the second cruiser that was ordered in 2020. The first cruiser was received and is scheduled to be upfitted by the end of June.
- He thanked Fiscal Officer Heistand for the donation of the laptop, noting that it is available for use by any Township employee that might have a need.

ROAD/SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mr. Holbrook reported that the 2004 John Deere 310sg backhoe has been listed on GovDeals.com. He noted that the bid had already exceeded the dealer's trade-in value. He stated that the new backhoe should be delivered in early July.
- He reported that his Department had been mowing and trimming cemeteries, had started the second round of roadside mowing and had started pre-chip seal patching.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mrs. Sewell reported that permits were issued this month for a home addition on Little Twin Road, a fence on Browns Run Road, an accessory structure on Germantown-Middletown Road, and new homes on Preble County Line Road and Oxford Road.
- She noted that the Zoning Commission approved changes to the Zoning Resolution. The Trustees will consider the proposed changes during a Public Hearing at the 7/12/21 Trustee Meeting.
- She reported that her new Office Hours are working well. Hours are Mondays from 8am-10am and Fridays from 12pm-2pm. She is also available by appointment.
- She discussed the multi-step enforcement process she follows for Nuisance Abatement and Violations. Mr. Rehmert stated that he didn't have issues with her process, but didn't want her to pursue enforcement unless a resident makes a complaint. Mr. Stubbs agreed. Mr. Rehmert stated his hope that residents would voluntarily comply to avoid the need to enforce the Township's Nuisance Abatement and Violations rules.

TRUSTEE REHMERT'S REPORT:

- Mr. Rehmert discussed restarting meetings with in-person visitors in the Township Hall Meeting Room. Mr. Stubbs requested that in-person visitors be allowed at the 6/17/21 JEDD meeting. Mrs. Reed agreed, stating her desire that WebEx continue to be an option for those who do not wish to attend in-person. Mr. Stubbs indicated his preference that WebEx no longer be used starting in 2022.

- Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to allow visitors to attend Trustee meetings starting on 6/17/21. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Rehmert requested that the department heads review their 2021 budgets as of mid-year and be prepared to discuss the status of their budgets at the 7/12/21 meeting.
- He reported on the progress made with Germantown, Farmersville and Jackson Township on the potential JEDD, noting his hope that everything would be finalized at the 6/17/21 meeting.
- He reported that Germantown has applied for a grant to pave the driveways and parking lots at Kercher Park. The estimated cost is \$230,000. The grant limitation is \$176,000. The grant application will request \$107,000, with the remainder being paid by the City's Parks Fund.
- He noted that Germantown City Council approved the appointment of Shelby Anspach to be the at-large member on the Parks Oversight Committee at its 6/7/21 meeting. This appointment also requires Township approval. Mr. Rehmert made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the appointment of Ms. Anspach. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Rehmert noted that the Fourth of July parade will be held on 7/5/21 at 10:00 am.
- He stated that planning needs to occur to promote the passage of the Parks Levy in November.

TRUSTEE REED'S REPORT:

- Mrs. Reed reported that the Senior Center will begin opening in phases, starting on 6/21/21. Letters have been sent to all Senior Center members.

TRUSTEE STUBBS' REPORT:

- Mr. Stubbs noted that Memorial Day went well at the Cemetery. The new mower is being used.
- Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to appoint Jocelyn Johnson to the Pool Board. After it was noted that the Trustees only appoint members of Oversight Committees, but not Boards, the MOTION was withdrawn.
- Mr. Stubbs suggested that the Road Department consider hiring a part-time employee in 2022 for the purpose of mowing the cemeteries, Township Hall, etc. Mr. Holbrook noted his concern that his department's budget could handle this additional expense.
- Mr. Stubbs asked Mrs. Reed if the City had an answer on the potential appointment of an at-large member for the Senior Oversight Committee. Mrs. Reed responded that the issue wasn't yet resolved.
- Mr. Stubbs stated his desire that the JEDD drafts reviewed at the 6/17/21 meeting be the final version. He noted that Germantown's Law Director Tom Schiff had submitted his changes.
- Commenting on the recent CALEA virtual site visit, Mr. Stubbs stated that he spoke with the assessor who told him how impressed he was with the Township Police Department given the limited personnel and resources. Mr. Stubbs noted the great job Shauna Close did in organizing everything for the site visit. Mr. Rehmert echoed Mr. Stubbs' comments, expressing his appreciation to Chief Andzik and Mrs. Close for their efforts preparing for the assessment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Rehmert noted that he would work with Mr. Holbrook to rearrange the Meeting Room in advance of the in-person 6/17/21 meeting.

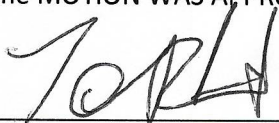
OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- With no further business, Mr. Rehmert made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to adjourn. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

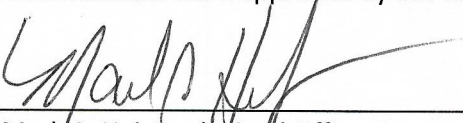
Signed: _____



Tyler Rehmert, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at the July 12, 2021 meeting.

Signed: _____



Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer