



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2023**

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 Mark Cross at 7:00 pm. In attendance were:

President Mark Cross	Trustee Louis Potter	Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand
Police Chief Joseph Andzik		WebEx Admin. Shauna Close

Trustee Jacob Stubbs was absent

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:

Name	Address	Name	Address
Pam & Glenn Jirka	4 Prairie Place	Chandra Kerridge	21 Hoover Place
Jaymi Cordell	309 W Walnut, Farmersville	Raymond Hora	15313 Dechant Road, New Lebanon

ONLINE ATTENDEES:

Name	Name	Name	Name
None			

The Germantown Press was notified of the Special Meeting on 8/25/23 at 9:40 am.

Dr. Cross led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The announced purpose of the Special Meeting was:

- To approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between German Township and the Valley View Local School District Board of Education.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

- **Pam Jirka, 4 Prairie Place:** Ms. Jirka read a statement detailing her concerns with the Township's SRO who worked during the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Chandra Kerridge, 21 Hoover Place:** Ms. Kerridge expressed concerns with the Township's 2022-2023 SRO. She stated that he is the wrong person to serve in this role. She detailed instances where she felt the SRO acted inappropriately with the students. She noted that she discussed her concerns with Valley View Superintendent Joe Scholler and Board of Education President Tim Rudd. She informed the school that the SRO should not speak with her son unless she is present. She requested that a different officer be assigned the SRO duties for the current school year.

- **Jaymi Cordell, 309 W. Walnut St., Farmersville:** Ms. Cordell expressed concerns with the Township's 2022-2023 SRO. She noted that there were major differences between the Township SRO who works at the junior high and high school and the Germantown SRO who works at the primary and intermediate schools. She felt the Township SRO was too involved with the administration of discipline. She noted that the Township SRO made comments to another officer following a Board of Education meeting earlier this year that resulted in an altercation. She felt strongly that someone else should be serving as the Township SRO.

BOARD ACTION:

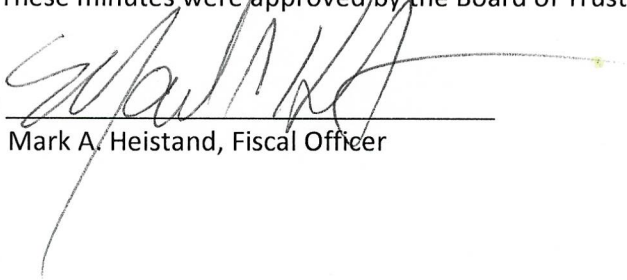
- Chief Andzik stated that he recorded the speakers' concerns for follow-up with the officer.
- Dr. Cross stated that the Trustees were not here to choose which officer would serve as the SRO, but to approve the contract between the Township and Valley View. The SRO needs to be in place when school starts the following week.
- **Visitor Comment: Pam Jirka:** Ms. Jirka stated that the SRO threatened the entire wrestling team with jail if they spoke negatively to a certain team member or wrestled him too hard.
- **Visitor Comment: Chandra Kerridge:** Ms. Kerridge asked to review the MOU. Chief Andzik provided her with a copy. She asked if someone else could be assigned as the SRO until the accusations against last year's SRO can be fully investigated.
- Dr. Cross introduced **RESOLUTION 2023-39**, seconded by Mr. Potter: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GERMAN TOWNSHIP AND VALLEY VIEW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 2023-2024.**
 - Concerning MOU Section V-Operational Procedures, A-Duties, 7-Attend school special events as needed, Dr. Cross asked who would decide whether the SRO attends events. Chief Andzik stated that Valley View would make the request. He said that in order to avoid overtime, the SRO school-day hours might be adjusted in these situations.
 - Noting that there was nothing in the MOU concerning jurisdiction, Dr. Cross asked if the SRO would go to the schools in Germantown. Chief Andzik stated that the SRO could go to any school in the district, but wouldn't be able to enforce the law in other jurisdictions.
 - **Visitor Comment: Jaymi Cordell:** Ms. Cordell about the SRO's role when students are involved in criminal activities at the junior high school. Chief Andzik responded that the SRO would contact the Jackson Township Police to handle criminal situations.
 - Dr. Cross stated that the Township should start SRO negotiations for the 2024-2025 school year much earlier, especially with the anticipated move-in date for the new school buildings sometime during that year. Chief Andzik stated that he started the 2023-2024 negotiations in June, but they were not finalized until this month. He anticipated that the school would probably want at least two SROs once the new buildings are occupied.
 - The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Dr. Cross-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2023-39 WAS ADOPTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- With no further business, Mr. Potter made a MOTION, seconded by Dr. Cross, to adjourn. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Signed: Mark Cross
Mark Cross, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 11, 2023 meeting.

Signed: 
Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer