



GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 9, 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:

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| <p>President Tyler Rehmert Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand</p> | <p>Vice-President Abra Reed Police Chief Joe Andzik Zoning Inspector Halie Sewell</p> | <p>Trustee Jacob Stubbs Road Sup't Jeremy Holbrook</p> |
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IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:

| Name | Address | Name | Address |
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| Shauna Close | 12102 S.R. 725 West | Mark and Deb Cross | 7444 S. Stivers Road |
| Jeff Jordon | 117 S. Main, Dayton | Mark Keener | 7865 Jamaica Road |
| Nathaniel Peterson | 301 W. 3 rd , Dayton | Anu Sharma | 301 W. 3 rd Dayton |
| Ryan Carroll | 524 Queen Eleanor Ct, Miamisburg | | |

ONLINE ATTENDEES:

| Name | Name | Name | Name |
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| Jason Hartshorn | Harold Holdren | Sam | John M |
| Karen Carmickle | Abigail Hale-Dennis | Andy | |

The Germantown Press was notified of the Regular Meeting on 7/30/21 at 7:38 pm.

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

VISTOR COMMENTS:

- **Harold Holdren, 1620 Sacramento Ave., Kettering:** Mr. Holdren, former Coordinator for the Township CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) discussed a cease and desist letter he received from the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office.
- **Mark Cross, 7444 S. Stivers Road:** Dr. Cross discussed the following:
 1. He attended the Germantown City Council meeting on 8/2/21 along with a large group of people. Lucy Gilbert, on behalf of the Camp Miami Preservation Committee, made a presentation asking Council to set aside the land for public uses such as a park, dog walk, running path or memorial. He stated that Council will act on this issue by January 2022.

2. He thanked Mr. Holbrook, Shauna Close and Chief Andzik for advice he received after several residents brought road safety concerns to his attention. He passed the information on to the residents.
 3. He asked if the Parks Levy on the November ballot will be promoted by the Township.
- **Jeff Jordan, 117 S. Main Street, Dayton:** Mr. Jordan, with the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management gave an overview of the CERT program in Montgomery County. It is a partnership between the County, which provides financial support, and the local public safety department, which is the sponsoring agency for the local CERT Team. The Cert Team is answerable to the sponsoring agency, which has the final say on who is on the Team and when it is deployed. The Team is not in any way an autonomous, independent or separate organization from the sponsoring agency.
 - Mr. Rehmert asked Chief Andzik to explain the current situation with the local CERT Team. He responded that he and Mr. Holdren, the former Coordinator of CERT, had philosophical differences which caused the Chief to remove Mr. Holdren from his position and from the team. He is in the process of naming a new CERT Coordinator.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

- Mr. Heistand submitted minutes for the 7/12/21 Regular Meeting and the 7/29/21 Special Meeting. Mr. Stubbs had previously given him a correction for 7/29/21. There were no other corrections. Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Rehmert, to approve the minutes of both meetings. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a voice vote. Mrs. Reed abstained.
- Mr. Heistand presented the July Financial Reports: (1) 7/31/21 Fund Status; (2) Year-to-Date 7/31/21 Cash Summary by Fund; (3) Month of July Cash Summary by Fund; (4) July 2021 Receipt Listing; and (4) July 2021 Payment Listing. He noted the following Items: (A) Receipt #87-2021 for \$30,709 was the sale of the 2004 John Deere 310 SG backhoe loader on GovDeals.com; (B) Voucher #505-2021 for \$56,255.16 to Rumpke was the quarterly trash contract payment; (C) Vouchers #526-2021 for \$2,959.25 to ProOnCall and #556-2021 for \$12,487.92 to CDO Technologies related to the new Police Department server; and (D) Warrant #50508 for \$91,149.07 to Murphy Tractor and Equipment was for the new 2021 John Deere 310 SL HL backhoe loader.
- Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the July financial reports and authorize the payment of July bills (warrants 50504-50512 and vouchers 467-590 for payroll direct deposit, payroll tax withholdings and other electronic payments). The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Heistand stated that he watched the 7/28/21 Ohio Township Association (OTA) webinar which discussed use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He recommended that the Trustees watch the recording available on the OTA website. He noted that the details on use of the funds are more complicated than those related to 2020's CARES Act funds. The Township will receive \$303,149.57, half this year and half in 2022. These funds are to be used to cover costs incurred from 3/8/21 through 12/31/24 for the following purposes:
 1. To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
 2. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency (2019);

3. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers; and
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Nonpermitted uses include:

1. Payment of interest or principal on outstanding debt; and
2. Anything involving general infrastructure (including roads, etc.)

He registered the Township with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management in order to be eligible to receive the ARPA funds. The registration was approved on 8/3/21.

- **Visitor Comment: Mark Cross:** Dr. Cross noted that he watched the OTA webinar. He felt that there will be very few areas where the Township can use the ARPA funds. Mr. Heistand responded that it will be a difficult decision to find things that meet the needs of the Township. The Trustees could consider sub-granting the funds, which is allowed by the ARPA. Dr. Cross thought that perhaps the funds could be used to expand broadband in the Township. Mr. Heistand added that things could change down the road to allow for additional uses of the funds. Mr. Rehmert suggested that the Trustees discuss using the funds at least on a quarterly basis.
- Mr. Heistand sent a response to County Auditor Karl Keith waiving a hearing before the County Budget Commission concerning 2021-2022 tax information/budget and/or inside millage at its 8/25/21 meeting. This waiver is sent annually by the Township.
- He received a copy of Auditor Keith's recent Report on the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) Program in Montgomery County. He stated that if any Township resident would like to review the report, a hard copy is available in his office. He can also email the report as a PDF.
- Mr. Heistand noted the upcoming 8/16/21 Special Trustees Meeting at 6 pm to discuss the potential Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) at the Valley View Schools property at Farmersville Pike and Manning Road.
- He reported that an Opioid Proposed Settlement was recently negotiated by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and attorneys for Ohio's subdivisions with three large opioid distributors on behalf of OneOhio (the 2019 state-local government allocation agreement concerning future opioid settlements). Notice of the Settlement and the need to opt-in by 8/13/21 was sent to townships with populations greater than 10,000. Although German Township did not receive the notice, as the Township population is below the threshold, the Prosecutor's office has recommended that that Township complete the opt-in document. Mr. Heistand asked the Trustees to give him the authority to submit the document.
- Mrs. Reed introduced **RESOLUTION 2021-29**, seconded by Mr. Rehmert: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SIGN THE ONE-OHIO SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION FORM FOR THE OPIOID PROPOSED SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATED BY OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVE YOST AND ATTORNEYS FOR OHIO'S SUBDIVISIONS.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Rehmert-Yes; Mrs. Reed-Yes; Mr. Stubbs-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2021-29 WAS ADOPTED.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Andzik invited residents to National Night Out in German Township on 10/5/21. This is the alternate date for this event, which the Township started using several years ago.
- He expressed his appreciation for the donation from the Germantown Area Senior Citizens, Inc. (GASC) organization. He understood that GASC is disbanding and has distributed its funds to various local organizations, including the Township Police Department.

ROAD/SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mr. Holbrook researched the Ohio Department of Transportation Township Stimulus Program that is a onetime program utilizing Federal funds to award grants to townships for culvert, sidewalk and roadway projects. Awards can be up to \$250,000. He asked for approval to apply for the grant for a project yet to be determined. Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2021-30**, seconded by Mrs. Reed: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JEREMY HOLBROOK TO APPLY FOR AN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TOWNSHIP STIMULUS PROGRAM GRANT AND SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAME.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Rehmert-Yes; Mrs. Reed-Yes; Mr. Stubbs-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2021-30 WAS ADOPTED.**
- Mr. Rehmert thanked Mr. Holbrook for his research. Mr. Holbrook noted that the application period started 8/1/21 with funds being distributed in December 2021. It is a very competitive process, based on the amount of traffic, average household income and other criteria. Mr. Stubbs asked if the recently approved Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax (PMVLT) improves the Township's chances. Mr. Holbrook confirmed ODOT looks to see if a Township has a PMVLT.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mrs. Sewell reported that permits were issued this month for a new home on Friend Road, a residential addition on Prichard Road, a pool on Kiefer Road and a fence on Sugar Street.
- Following up on information she previously sent to the Trustees, she discussed a lightning suppression system that could be installed at the Township Hall at a little more than \$16,000. She noted that the damage from the recent lightning strike was in excess of \$10,000, with all but the \$250 deductible covered by insurance. This system can be placed on the building or on the cell tower. Mrs. Sewell agreed to gather more information to be discussed at a future meeting.
- Continuing a discussion started at the July meeting, she presented information from two potential on-line bill pay vendors: Payroc and Xpress. Both interface with the IWorq software that is used for trash and zoning. She discussed the costs of using the two vendors. Mrs. Reed asked if on-line payment of trash bills would save any time for Shauna Close. Mrs. Close indicated that there could be a time savings, depending on how many residents use the on-line payment feature.
 - **Visitor Comment: Deb Cross, 7444 S. Stivers Road:** Mrs. Cross suggested that a survey be sent to Township residents to determine interest in on-line bill pay. Options for conducting the survey were discussed by Mrs. Sewell and Mrs. Close.
 - **Visitor Comment: Mark Cross, 7444 S. Stivers Road:** Dr. Cross noted that residents might not be willing to pay the processing fee for on-line bill payments.
 - **Visitor Comment: Mark Kenner, 7865 Jamaica Road:** Mr. Keener asked about the process for on-line fee payments. Mrs. Sewell noted that there would be an on-line portal that could be reached by a "Pay Here" hyperlink on the Township website. There would be a receipt that would be available for the Township and emailed to the resident.
 - Mr. Rehmert stated that he would like to see the survey results before deciding. Mrs. Sewell will set up the survey for Township residents using SurveyMonkey.com.
 - **Visitor Comment: Abigail Hale-Dennis, 13091 Oxford Road:** Mrs. Dennis asked about how people who aren't computer literate could respond to the survey. Mr. Rehmert responded that those who submit an electronic survey would be those most likely to want an on-line payment option. He said check payments would continue to be accepted.

TRUSTEE REHMERT'S REPORT:

- Mr. Rehmert reported that he made a presentation earlier on 8/9/21 at the Valley View School Board meeting about the proposed JEDD. He noted that although there was a large attendance at the meeting, there were not many questions about the JEDD. The School Board has not set a date for a vote on the Petition necessary to start the formal JEDD approval process.

- He discussed the upcoming Parks Board levy on the November ballot. The Parks Board has been discussing how to promote the levy. It is a replacement levy, not a renewal. Currently, property owners pay \$10 per year per \$100,000 valuation. If approved, the replacement levy will cost \$17-\$18 for the same valuation. He noted that the current levy expires at the end of 2021. If the replacement levy fails, there will no parks revenue in 2022. He noted that Germantown is currently subsidizing the Parks Budget beyond the levy collections; he estimated the amount to be about \$40,000. The current levy generates about \$60,000 per year; the replacement levy will generate about \$110,000. He noted that the last time the Parks Levy was adjusted was in 2001.
- Mrs. Sewell noted that the increased revenue from the replacement levy could help maintain the Camp Miami land. Mr. Rehmert observed that there is no organized opposition to the community effort to convince Germantown City Council to set aside the Camp Miami land for public use.
 - **Visitor Comment: Mark Cross:** Dr. Cross stated his understanding that the cost to improve the Camp Miami land for public use would be privately funded for the long-term.

TRUSTEE REED'S REPORT:

- Mrs. Reed noted that the next Fire/EMS Oversight Committee meeting would be on 10/4/21. A public Open House is scheduled for 8/31/21 from 6:00-7:30 at the newly expanded Germantown Fire/EMS Building to honor Bev Campbell on her retirement for her years as an EMS with the Rescue Squad and the City. She noted that the Senior Oversight Committee had not met recently and as such had no update.

TRUSTEE STUBBS' REPORT:

- Mr. Stubbs noted that the Cemetery Board met earlier on 8/9/21. He presented a \$10,000 check to Mr. Heistand as payment on the loan from the Trustees to the Cemetery Board in 2006 for the purchase of additional land. He noted that the Pool Oversight Committee meeting was canceled.
- He noted that since the resignation earlier this year of Perry Township Fiscal Officer Rhonda Behnken, the Western Regional Council of Governments (WRCG) has not had a Fiscal Officer. He noted that Mr. Heistand has agreed to assume that role. The current plan is to have the WRCG Fiscal Officer responsibilities rotate annually among the participating entities' fiscal officers. The WRCG members are German Township, Jackson Township, Perry Township and Farmersville.
- Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2021-31**, seconded by Mr. Rehmert: **WHEREAS CAMP MIAMI HAS BEEN IMPORTANT IN THE HISTORY OF GERMAN TOWNSHIP AND GERMANTOWN AND, WHEREAS THE CAMP MIAMI PRESERVATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING TO PRESERVE CAMP MIAMI, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GERMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES ASK THAT THE GERMANTOWN CITY COUNCIL PASS A RESOLUTION TO SET ASIDE THE LAND AT CAMP MIAMI FOR PUBLIC USE.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Rehmert-Yes; Mrs. Reed-Yes; Mr. Stubbs-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2021-31 WAS ADOPTED.**
- Mr. Rehmert noted that Veteran's Memorial Park has become less of a true memorial park over the years. Mrs. Reed wondered if Camp Miami would be turned over to Five Rivers Metroparks. Mr. Rehmert did not know of any plans to transfer the land to the Metroparks. Although the Trustees discussed whether the RESOLUTION should include a provision opposing a transfer to the Metroparks, the language introduced by Mr. Stubbs was not changed.
- Mr. Stubbs asked about the disbanding of GASC. Mrs. Reed gave some history on the formation and mission of GASC. Mr. Stubbs asked how the disbanding of GASC would affect the third member of the Senior Center Oversight Committee since previously the at-large member of the Committee was a member of GASC. Mrs. Reed stated that she didn't have an answer but thought that perhaps the Committee would get an answer at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

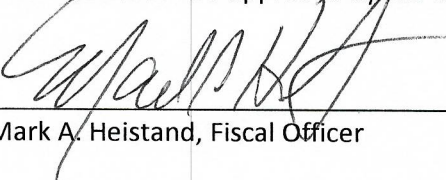
- With no further business, Mr. Rehmert made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, to adjourn. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Signed: _____


Tyler Rehmert, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 13, 2021 meeting.

Signed: _____


Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer