



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2026**

**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 Jacob Stubbs at 7:00 pm. In attendance were:

President Jacob Stubbs	Vice-President James Rowland	Trustee Louis Potter
Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand	Police Chief Shane Birch	Road Admin. Jeremy Holbrook
	Zoning Inspector Janet Burton	

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>
Matt Lieser	ODNR	Jamilyn Moore	ODNR
Mark Keener	German Township	Mike & Jamie Osborne	German Township
Jeff & Joanne Mikesell	German Township	Rhonda/Keith Leigeber	German Township
Mark Cross	German Township	Robert/Rachel McClain	Germantown
Matt McClain	Dayton Fire Dept.	Bob Rohrbach	Germantown
John/Pat Tannreuther	Farmersville	Robin & Joan Cameron	German Township
Rachel Albert	German Township	David Gehron	German Township
Holly Michael	Jackson Township	Abigail Hale-Dennis	German Township
Jodi Butcher	German Township		

ONLINE ATTENDEES:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>
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The Germantown Press was notified of the Regular Meeting on 8/4/26 at 2:14 pm.

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

RECOGNITION OF BOB MCCLAIN

- Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2026-47**, seconded by Mr. Potter: **A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO BOB MCCLAIN FOR HIS LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO GERMAN TOWNSHIP AND THE VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITIES.** Mr. Stubbs read the RESOLUTION in its entirety. The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs-Yes; Mr. Rowland-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2026-47 WAS ADOPTED.**

- Mr. Stubbs presented Mr. McClain with an engraved acrylic plaque and a framed signed copy of the **RESOLUTION**. Mr. McClain thanked the current Trustees, past Trustees and Township employees he had worked with and reminisced about the activities he has been involved with over the years. Photos were then taken with the Trustees, his wife Rachel, and son Matt McClain.
- Mr. Stubbs noted that this is the third year that the Trustees have given out a lifetime service award. Prior recipients were Fred Glander in 2024 and Frank Kozarec in 2025.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PRESENTATION:

- **Matt Lieser, Administrator, Division of Mineral Resources Management (DMRM), Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR):** Mr. Lieser discussed Industrial Mineral Amendment Application, A-2203-2, submitted by Hollingshead Materials LLC (a subsidiary of SRM Materials, LLC) which has been approved by the DMRM and is pending issuance. He noted that this is an amendment to an existing permit and that the Trustees had requested an informal conference at this meeting. He stated that all mineral permit holders post a reclamation bond with the State. Permits are issued for 15 years, and may be renewed. This permit was transferred from SRM to Hollingshead in 2023. All permits must be reviewed by local zoning officials after state approval.
 - **Visitor Comment: Mike Osborne:** Mr. Osborne asked what request was made in the amendment filing. Mr. Lieser stated that permits can allow mining up to the road or with a 50-foot setback. This permit has a 50-foot setback, pending local approval. He noted that the State doesn't establish ingress and ingress from permit sites.
 - **Staff Comment: Jeremy Holbrook:** Mr. Holbrook asked what conditions can be placed on the permit. Mr. Lieser suggested that the county engineer be contacted for advice.
 - **Visitor Comment: Keith Leigeber:** Mr. Leigeber asked about testing the mining's effect on air and quarter quality. Mr. Lieser stated that State law does not allow ODNR to regulate water or air quality, unless and until an existing quality issue is found.
 - **Visitor Comment: Jamie Osborne:** Ms. Osborne asked if ODNR needs to wait until there is damage to groundwater before getting involved. Mr. Lieser confirmed that her understanding was correct. He wasn't sure what process the Ohio EPA might follow.
 - **Trustee Comment: Jacob Stubbs:** Mr. Stubbs reviewed the mining application history: the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) denial, the Common Pleas Court agreeing with the BZA decision, the Appeals Court reversal, and the Ohio Supreme Court denying jurisdiction.
 - **Visitor Comment: Rachel Albert:** Ms. Albert, a member of the BZA, asked for a contact at the Ohio EPA office. She then asked about the process to expand mining beyond the approved 39.5 acres. Mr. Lieser said that a new amendment would need to be submitted.
 - **Visitor Comment: Keith Leigeber:** Mr. Leigeber asked where payment would come from for the site reclamation. Mr. Lieser stated that SRM's bond would be used if the company did not willingly pay for reclamation. If the bond funds were inadequate, the State could sue the company. Current law limits reclamation bonds to a maximum of \$10,000.
 - **Visitor Comment: Jamie Osborne:** Mr. Osborne asked if Hollingshead filed a reclamation plan. Mr. Lieser stated that the plan is part of the original application.
 - **Visitor Comment: Rhonda Leigeber:** Ms. Leigeber stated that the original 2003 Weidle permit specified that the reclamation would create a recreational pond. Mr. Leiser stated that the 2003 permit is still open as the State has been told that they aren't done mining.

- **Trustee Comment: James Rowland:** Mr. Rowland noted that the BZA will hold a 10/13/26 hearing on the permit application. The BZA was told by the court that they cannot deny the application but can apply conditions. The application before the BZA is for 30 acres.
- **Staff Comment: Janet Burton:** Mrs. Burton requested a copy of the filed reclamation plan. Mr. Lieser then shared copies of the mining map and application approval with those in attendance. He noted that the State can't share the geological report. He welcomed follow-up emails from residents.
- **Trustee Comment: Jacob Stubbs:** Mr. Stubbs stated that his three concerns with the permit application involve the effect on water quality, air quality, and road conditions. He asked if ODNR inspected the mining depth quarterly. Mr. Lieser stated that ODNR does not check depth, but that the application states how deep the applicant will mine.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Heistand submitted minutes for the 7/13/26 Regular Meeting. Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Rowland, to approve the minutes as presented. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- He presented the July Financial Reports: (1) 7/31/26 Fund Status; (2) YTD 7/31/26 Cash Summary by Fund; (3) Month of July 2026 Cash Summary by Fund; (4) July 2026 Receipt Listing; and (5) July 2026 Payment Listing. He noted the following items:
 - Warrants #50980 for \$3,000.00 and #50981 for \$1,000.00 to R&R Equipment Sales were for the purchase of a 2004 Leeboy 300B asphalt roller.
- Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Potter, to approve the July financial reports and authorize the payment of July bills (warrants 50975 through 50986 and vouchers 611 through 710 for payroll direct deposit, tax withholdings and other electronic payments). The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Heistand reported that he reached out to Shumaker Technology Group (STG) to get an update on the development of the new Township website. Back on 3/30/26, during a virtual meeting, STG's James O'Brien stated that designing the website would take 3-4 months. Mr. Heistand learned that the prototype was in progress and would be ready for review by the end of August. Township feedback will then be sent to STG before they move into final development.
- He noted that Mr. O'Brien asked whether the Township wanted to switch to a .gov domain. If so, STG wants to be added as a manager on the account so they can assist with the DNS (Domain Name System) setup when the time comes. STG is willing to help the Township apply.
 - Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2026-48**, seconded by Mr. Rowland: **A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT SHUMAKER TECHNOLOGY GROUP APPLY ON THE TOWNSHIP'S BEHALF FOR A .GOV DOMAIN.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs-Yes; Mr. Rowland-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2026-48 WAS ADOPTED.**
 - **Visitor Comment: Mark Keener:** Mr. Keener suggested that the Township use "germantwp.gov" to keep the domain name simple.
- Mr. Heistand contacted Wendy French at Acrisure about the continuous motor vehicle registration monitoring program being offered as a free benefit by the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority. Managed by Embark Safety, the program provides monitoring, scoring, license status reminders, and online driver refresher training. Joining the program will eliminate the need to obtain annual employee driving records from the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles. Ms. French stated that the program is great and fairly easy to implement.

- Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Potter, to sign up for the free motor vehicle registration monitoring program being offered by OTARMA. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Heistand reported that Sedgwick Claims Management Services reached out on behalf of OTARMA to offer assistance to the Township in complying with the cybersecurity standards mandated by HB 96. The no-cost services offered include: (1) cybersecurity risk assessments; (2) policy and procedure guidance; (3) employee cybersecurity training; (4) assistance with incident response planning; (5) ransomware-related policy guidance; and (6) implementation timeline reviews. He noted that the Township had already addressed some of the services Sedgwick has offered through its partnership with the Ohio Persistent Cyber Improvement (OPCI) group at the University of Cincinnati. He asked if the Trustees would like to have a second set of eyes review the OPCI program. The Trustees informally agreed that Sedgwick assistance was not needed.
- He reported that the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation has proposed a one-time dividend totaling approximately \$1 billion. If approved, the Township could receive a dividend equal to approximately 90% of the \$5,664 premium paid in 2022. The last dividend distributed by the Workers Comp Bureau was in the early 2020's during the Covid pandemic.
- He attended Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith's 7/15/26 briefing to local government officials on the 2026 property reappraisals. In German Township, single family home values in the unincorporated portions increased by 9.5%. This is the lowest increase in the county. Germantown's increase is 17.7%. The average county-wide increase is 19.5%. Auditor Keith stated that a 19% increase in property values should result in a 1.5-2% tax increase.
- He noted that all Township residents should have received their tentative property value notices in the mail. Residents wishing to challenge their valuations should contact the Auditor's office to schedule a review. Residents can also self-schedule a review with the Auditor's office by going online at mcreval.org. Auditor Keith scheduled a property reappraisal Community Forum at the Germantown Public Library for 8/20/26 at which time residents could ask questions and receive more information. Residential property values will be finalized by the end of 2026. Still to be received are the new CAUV values which are determined by the State of Ohio.
- He noted that the Trustees' October meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 10/13/26, due to Columbus Day being the day before. The Board of Zoning Appeals also scheduled a hearing on 10/13/26 in the Hollingshead case. He felt that the Trustee meeting should be rescheduled.
 - Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Rowland, to reschedule the October Trustees meeting from Tuesday, 10/13/26, to Monday, 10/12/26. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Heistand reported that the next Montgomery County Township Association meeting would be held on 8/20/26 at Washington Township. He will be out of town and unable to attend. Mr. Rowland stated that he will attend the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Birch reviewed his Department's July statistics.

ROAD & SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mr. Holbrook reported that he purchased a used 2004 Leeboy 300B asphalt roller to replace the aging Maulden roller. He negotiated the price to \$4,000 from the \$4,900 list. The roller has been fully serviced, warning lights have been installed, and has been placed into service.

- Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2026-49**, seconded by Mr. Rowland: **A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MAULDEN ASPHALT ROLLER PURCHASED IN 1989 AS EXCESS, TO BE SOLD ON GOVDEALS.COM.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs-Yes; Mr. Rowland-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2026-49 WAS ADOPTED.**
- Mr. Holbrook reported that Champion Mulch and Landscape Supply was awarded the salt vendor contract for 2026-2027 by Southwest Ohio Purchasing for Government (SWOP4G) through a public bid. The bid price per delivered ton is \$121.50. The 2025-2026 price was \$74.
 - Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2026-50**, seconded by Mr. Potter: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CHAMPION MULCH AND LANDSCAPE SUPPLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF DE-ICING SALT FOR THE 2026-2027 SEASON AT \$121.50 PER DELIVERED TON.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs-Yes; Mr. Rowland-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2026-50 WAS ADOPTED.**
- Mr. Holbrook reported that he and Scott Hamilton replaced approximately 140' of deteriorated cement 12" drainage pipe along Moyer Road. The pipe was replaced with 12" double walled plastic pipe. A resident had alerted the Township about the poor condition of the old pipe.
- He noted that he and Mr. Hamilton had completed this year's asphalt patching and wedging. He thanked Germantown Service Director Jonathan Moore and the City for allowing his department to borrow their heated asphalt trailer for patching the various Township roads.
- He and Mr. Hamilton continue to mow the rural cemeteries every week.
- He reported that the county had reopened Astoria Road between Mudlick and Harris Roads. The road had been closed since February 2025 due to bank erosion.

ZONING & TRASH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mrs. Burton issued one permit during July for a pole barn on Sigel Road.

TRUSTEE POTTER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Potter reported that this month's Parks Board and Parks Oversight Committee meeting focused on the budget. City finance staff Pat Shively and Randy Stiver were present to review estimated revenues and expenses. City Manager Judy Gilleland also attended to discuss the \$200,000 grant recently approved for park improvements by the State of Ohio as part of SB 450. Ms. Gilleland stated that the funds would be used: (1) for parking lot expansion and a new soccer field at the Weber Soccer Complex; (2) to repair, replace and paint the fences and backstops at the Kercher Park baseball diamonds; (3) to repair the Kercher concession stand and restrooms.
 - He stated that he told Ms. Gilleland that the City should assist with the expansion of the Kercher Park tennis courts. William Heistand, on behalf of the Valley View Youth Tennis Association, applied for and received a \$400,000 grant through SB 450 to construct an additional six courts. He asked the Trustees to consider how the Township could also help with the tennis court expansion project which is expected to be completed in 2027.
- He was not able to attend the recent Pool Board meeting due to his involvement at the Montgomery County Fair. He was told that the City received the State permit for the new slide and was working with the supplier to determine an installation date.
- At the MMI Park, Coles Lawn and Landscaping LLC installed a 25' mound as a landscaping feature. Boulders, bushes, mulch and river rock will be added. River rock will also be added to the large boulder at the entrance to the park. He met with Chip Wirrig at the City and Andy Allen of Germantown Electric to complete an application to install electric at the park.

- He reported that propane bids were requested by the Township for the 2026-2027 heating season. Superior Plus Propane bid \$1.689 per gallon; Champion Propane bid \$1.59. Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2026-51**, seconded by Mr. Potter: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CHAMPION PROPANE TO SUPPLY THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES WITH PROPANE AT \$1.59 PER GALLON THROUGH 3/31/26**. The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs-Yes; Mr. Rowland-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2026-51 WAS ADOPTED.**

TRUSTEE ROWLAND'S REPORT:

- Mr. Rowland reported that neither the Fire Oversight nor the Senior Oversight Committees met this past month. He has been working with Mrs. Burton to prepare for the 10/13/26 BZA meeting.

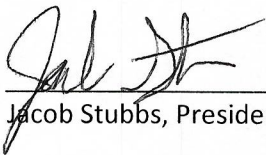
TRUSTEE STUBBS' REPORT:

- Mr. Stubbs reported that the stone monument/podium at the Germantown Union Cemetery flag pole was recently replaced. Along with the flagpole, it was damaged several months ago by a delivery truck and was replaced by the company involved at no cost to the Cemetery.
 - The Cemetery Board of Trustees approved \$1,500 to replace the cemetery security system. It is hoped that a grant can be used to pay for the new system.
 - The Cemetery applied for a \$5,000 grant to repair and/or replace the foundations of 85 monuments. If approved, the grant funds will need to be spent by 6/30/27.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- With no further business, Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Potter, to adjourn. The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

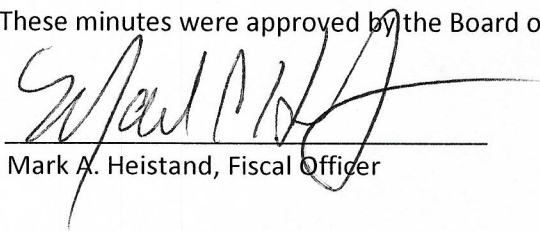
Signed: _____



Jacob Stubbs, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 14, 2026 meeting.

Signed: _____



Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer