



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 13, 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>
Nedra Havens	Mont Cnty Emer Mgmt	Mark Cross	German Township
Mark Keener	German Township	Mike & Jamie Osborne	German Township
Rodney Creech	Ohio Rep District 40	Tammy Murphy	Cnty Auditor Candidate

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 7/6/26 at 6:28 pm.

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

VISITOR COMMENTS:

- **District 40 State Representative Rodney Creech:** Representative Creech stated that real estate taxes are the biggest issue the legislative is dealing with. 40 bills have been introduced to reform property taxes; 4-5 bills have been enacted. He noted that 60-65% of property taxes are paid to local schools. He stated that townships are the only efficient form of government. He felt that spending cuts are needed at both the state and local levels and stated that there is too much redundancy. He noted that the State does not receive any portion of property tax payments.
 - He reported that the legislature has created a study group to look at artificial intelligence data centers. He discussed legislation that will regulate energy. He felt that more competition is needed to increase supply as demand for electricity increases.
 - He noted that his district received \$1.8 million from the recent State Capital Budget. The City of Germantown received \$200,000, the Historical Society of Germantown received \$100,000, and the Valley View Youth Tennis Association received \$400,000 to help build six additional tennis courts at Kercher Park.

- **Nedra Havens, Director, Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management:** Ms. Havens presented information on her department's priorities and future plans. She also discussed the current status of the county's Code Red emergency management system.
- **Mark Cross:** Dr. Cross discussed a recent Ohio Township Association data center webinar he attended. He noted that it was recommended that data center moratoriums last no more than 12 months. He suggested that Mr. Rowland watch the webinar recording.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Heistand submitted minutes for the 6/8/26 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 June Financial Reports: (1) 6/30/26 Fund Status; (2) YTD 6/30/26 Cash Summary by Fund; (3) Month of June 2026 Cash Summary by Fund; (4) June 2026 Receipt Listing; and (5) June 2026 Payment Listing. He noted the following items:
 - Receipt #199-2026 for \$12,919.74 from the Valley View Joint Economic Development District was the Township's share of income tax collections from Valley View school employees. This was the second 2026 payment; the year-to-date total is \$21,276.54.
 - Voucher #558-2026 for \$4,485.00 to Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority was for a coverage change increasing the Township's liability from \$3 million to \$5 million as approved by the Trustees in June. He noted that although he thought the coverage increase would not be effective until the policy year starting 3/28/27, OTARMA's Dustin Gillis was able to process the coverage increase for this year.
 - Voucher #560-2026 for \$78,575.52 to Gledhill Road Machinery was for the upfitting of the new International dump truck and the purchase of a new snow plow.
- Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mr. Potter, to approve the June financial reports and authorize the payment of June bills (warrants 50970 through 50974 and vouchers 499 through 610 for payroll direct deposit, tax withholdings and other electronic payments). The MOTION WAS APPROVED by a unanimous voice vote.
- He submitted the Senior Citizens renewal levy to the Board of Elections to be included on the 11/3/26 ballot for both the incorporated and unincorporated portions of the Township. The ballot language states: "A renewal of a tax for the benefit of German Township for the purpose of providing or maintaining senior citizens services or facilities, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$201,188 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$22 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for 5 years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028."
- As the Trustees requested in June, he asked Shumaker Technology Group (STG) to add a sign-up feature for the county Code Red notification system in the new website design. Except for that communication, he had not heard from STG with a website status update. During a virtual meeting on 3/30/26, James O'Brien of STG said that designing the website would take 3-4 months.
- He noted that the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) is offering free continuous motor vehicle registration monitoring as a new benefit. The benefit, managed by Embark Safety, provides monitoring, scoring, license status reminders, and online driver refresher training. He was asked to check with OTARMA to see if this new service would eliminate the need to request annual employee driving records from the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles.

- He sent a response to Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith waiving a hearing concerning the Township's 2026-2027 tax budget and/or inside millage at the County Budget Commission's 8/24/26 meeting. This waiver is sent annually by the Township.
- He reported that the Township received an anonymous thank you card from a recent college graduate who had moved back home to the Township. He read the card, which is included in the official minutes file, in its entirety during the meeting.
- He attended an Ohio Township Association webinar on 7/13/26 presented by STG's Kyle Shumaker titled "Building Better Township Websites." He noted that some of the content was new information for him. He recommended that the Trustees watch the online recording.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Chief Birch reviewed his Department's June statistics.
- He reported that the new GETAC body cameras acquired with grant funding have been installed. He was pleased with the better-quality images than those generated by the old cameras.
- He noted that charges had been filed by the County Prosecutor in a recent case involving the Valley View High School softball coach. He recognized the work of his entire department in investigating the allegations, particularly acknowledging the work of Officer Andy Bateman.

ROAD & SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mr. Holbrook reported that he and Scott Hamilton had begun asphalt wedging on roads slated for chip seal later this year. The wedging adds a small amount of thickness to the surface of the road and more importantly improves road drainage. Over 73 tons of asphalt had been used since starting the project, including 16 tons used earlier that same day.
- He asked for approval to replace the Township's asphalt roller that was purchased as used equipment in 1989 for \$3,500. The mid-1970's roller has a gasoline Wisconsin engine and has maintenance issues due to its age. He located a 2004 diesel Leeboy 300T roller online for \$4,900.
 - Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2026-44**, seconded by Mr. Potter: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JEREMY HOLBROOK, ROAD & SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR, TO PURCHASE A 2004 LEEBOY 300T DIESEL ASPHALT ROLLER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,900.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs-Yes; Mr. Rowland-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2026-44 WAS ADOPTED.**
- Mr. Hamilton noted that the second round of road mowing had been completed and they continue to mow the rural cemeteries weekly.

ZONING & TRASH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mrs. Burton issued one permit in June for an agricultural barn on Sigel Road.
- She asked the Trustees to increase the past due trash bill amount that triggers certification to the County Auditor for the amount to be added as a property tax assessment. She noted that the current \$150 cutoff represents two quarterly missed payments and will result in a large increase in the number of certifications.
 - Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2026-45**, seconded by Mr. Potter: **A RESOLUTION INCREASING FROM \$150 TO \$200 THE DELINQUENCY THAT RESULTS IN CERTIFICATION OF PAST DUE TRASH BILLS TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs-Yes; Mr. Rowland-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2026-45 WAS ADOPTED.**

- **Visitor Comment: Mark Cross:** Dr. Cross asked if the Township was receiving trash bill assessment payments from the County Auditor. Mr. Heistand confirmed that payments are received every tax collection period.

TRUSTEE POTTER'S REPORT:

- Mr. Potter reported that the Independence Day parade was very well attended, as was the 7/5/26 fireworks show at Kercher Park sponsored by the Abundant Life Tabernacle Church.
- He attended a meeting with the City of Germantown, along with William Heistand, Isaac Morton, and Mayor Terry Johnson to discuss the project to build an additional six tennis courts at Kercher Park. Valley View Youth Tennis Association will be receiving a \$400,000 grant from the State of Ohio and has pledges for another \$350,000. He noted that William Heistand plans to attend the August City Council meeting to discuss the project.
- He discussed the need for electric service at the MMI Park. The City has applied for the service. Cole's Landscaping donated labor and delivered soil to the park to create a mound for decorative boulders. David Shortt applied for and received a \$10,000 grant for the MMI Park.
- He noted that everything is working smoothly at the Germantown Pool.

TRUSTEE ROWLAND'S REPORT:

- Mr. Rowland reported that the Fire Oversight Committee meeting, the Senior Oversight Committee meeting, and the July City Council meeting were all canceled this past month.
- Mr. Rowland introduced **RESOLUTION 2026-46**, seconded by Mr. Stubbs: **A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON NEW APPLICATIONS FOR CONDITIONAL USE TO EXTRACT SAND, GRAVEL, OR OTHER MINERALS FROM AGRICULTURAL ZONING LAND IN GERMAN TOWNSHIP, ORIGINALLY ENACTED ON 2/18/2026 BY RESOLUTION 2026-19, FROM 7/18/2026 TO 2/18/2027.** The roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs-Yes; Mr. Rowland-Yes; Mr. Potter-Yes. **RESOLUTION 2026-46 WAS ADOPTED.**

TRUSTEE STUBBS' REPORT:

- Mr. Stubbs thanked Representative Creech for attending the meeting.
- He noted that the wall project at Germantown Union Cemetery is complete. Ben DeGroat removed the wall. The new grass looks good. A gravel walkway was created from the front porch of the rental house down to the driveway entrance.
- He stated that the large American flags along State Route 4 and elsewhere in Germantown looked great. He thanked the City for the vision to acquire and display the flags.
- He stated that the Abundant Life Tabernacle (ALT) fireworks on 7/5/26 worked great at Kercher Park. He hoped that they will be repeated in future years at the park. In past years, ALT's fireworks have been displayed at the church's campus on Eby Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Birch presented two quotes to relandscape the front of the Township Hall: Atlas Outdoor Living in Middletown and LI Lawn, Landscape and Supply in Springboro. He noted that his preference was Atlas, who presented two proposals, one using mulch and one using river rock. After discussion, it was agreed to approve one of the proposals at the August meeting.
- Mr. Rowland reported that Matt Lieser, Natural Resources Administrator with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Mineral Resources Management, has agreed to meet with the Trustees to discuss the ODNR's approval of Industrial Mineral

Amendment Application, A-2203-2, which was submitted by Hollingshead Materials, LLC. Mr. Stubbs requested that Mr. Lieser be asked to attend the August meeting.

- Mr. Stubbs announced that he will be nominating a Township resident for Citizen of the Year at the August meeting.

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 8:27 pm.

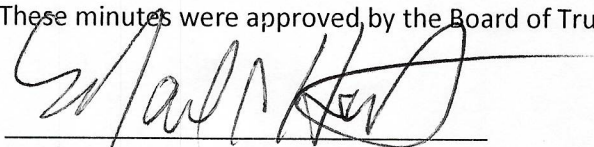
Signed: _____



Jacob Stubbs, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at the August 10, 2026 meeting.

Signed: _____



Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer