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## GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

The REGULAR MEETING was called to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Board President Benjamin DeGroat. The meeting was held at the German Township hall located at 12102 St. Rt. 725 West, Germantown, OH 45327. Attendees included:

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| Trustee Benjamin DeGroat   | Trustee Jacob Stubbs       | Trustee Mark Cross         |
| Fiscal Officer Mark Keener | Police Chief Joseph Andzik | Road Supt. Jeremy Holbrook |
| Zoning Supt. Cheryl Watson |                            |                            |

### VISITORS:

| Name           | Address            | Name         | Address                   |
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| Lloyd Johnson  | 7404 Browns Run Rd | David Gehron | 14239 Kiefer Rd           |
| Lynn Cleveland | 11858 Oxford Rd.   | Tom Johnson  | 8848 Cherry St. (Sunbury) |

### VISITOR COMMENTS:

- **Tom Johnson** addressed the Board regarding his request to have the Township vacate Cherry St. (located in Sunbury). He stated that all of the properties that border Cherry St. also have access to Arch St. He owns all the parcels surrounding Cherry St. and is planning to work with the County to combine all of the parcels into a single parcel. There is currently a brick ranch style house on one of the parcels that will be converted from a residence into a green house.

The Trustees, along with Road Superintendent Jeremy Holbrook discussed the matter and then passed **RESOLUTION 2016-39** (introduced at the August 8, 2016 meeting and then tabled) – a **RESOLUTION TO VACATE CHERRY ST. (SUNBURY) IN GERMAN TOWNSHIP, IN ITS ENTIRETY**. The resolution was introduced by Benjamin DeGroat at the August 8, 2016 Regular Meeting of the German Township Board of Trustees and was seconded by Jacob Stubbs. After additional discussion at the September 12, 2016 Regular Meeting of the German Township Board of Trustees the roll was called and the vote was as follows: Mr. DeGroat – YES, Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – YES. **RESOLUTION 2016-339 PASSED.**

### FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

1. Correspondence In:
  - OTA – August “Grassroot Clippings”
  - Municipality of Germantown – Minutes from July, August Council Meetings
  - Montgomery County Auditor – Amounts and Rates for 2017
2. Correspondence Out:
  - Germantown Press – Meeting Reminders
  - Monthly – IRS, State, School, OPERS reports and Payments

- Montgomery County Commissioners - Resolution 2016-40 (Miami Valley Crime Lab Agreement)
3. Distribute Financial Reports – 2016 YTD Cash Summary by Fund, Fund Status and Monthly Payment Reports
    - MOTION to approve the financial reports and authorize the payments of the bills, checks 48016 to 48074, including payroll direct deposit and payroll tax/withholding EFT's was made by Benjamin DeGroat and seconded by Jacob Stubbs. After discussion – MOTION PASSED
  4. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 REGULAR meeting as Corrected was made by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Ben DeGroat. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.
  5. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2016 SPECIAL meeting as Submitted was made by Benjamin DeGroat and seconded by Mark Cross. After discussion – MOTION PASSED.
  6. Mr. Keener presented the “Amounts and Rates” received from the Auditor’s office to the Board. Mr. DeGroat introduced **RESOLUTION 2016-42**, seconded by Mr. Stubbs, **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**. After discussion, the roll was called and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. DeGroat – YES, Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – YES. **RESOLUTION 2016-42 PASSED.**
  7. Mr. Keener asked the Board to sign Purchase Order 17-2016 to Bob Ross Auto Group for the purchase of a new GMC 2500HD pickup truck for the Road Department. (The purchase order was signed)
  8. Mr. Keener reminded the Board of the following “dates to remember”:
    - Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – October 11, 2016 (Delayed one day due to the Columbus Day holiday)
  9. Mr. Keener reminded the Board to sign the Purchase Orders and Bank Reconciliation.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Andzik reported that on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, the German Township Police Department with participation from the Jackson Township Police Department, the Germantown Police Department and the Valley View High School staff, conducted a drill that involved shooting firearms in and around the school so that the staff members that were unfamiliar with the sound of gunshots would have an understanding of what they would sound like in and on the property.

**ROAD / SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Mr. Holbrook reported that the Road & Service Department has completed its 2016 crack sealing program. 2250 pounds of material were placed on Wetzel Rd, Eby Rd., the hill on Sigal Rd. and South Boomershire Rd.

Mr. Holbrook asked for the Boards permission to have Ray Hensley, Inc. perform approximately \$24,050 worth of chip sealing. RHI would perform additional chip sealing on Wetzel Rd. as well as Kiefer Rd. The Montgomery County Engineer’s Office will be reimbursing the Township for the cost of this project



under the County's Partnership Pool program. Mr. DeGroat introduced **RESOLUTION 2016-43**, seconded by Mr. Stubbs – **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO CONTRACT WITH RAY HENSLEY, INC. TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL CHIP SEALING SERVICES TO GERMAN TOWNSHIP**. After discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows: Mr. DeGroat – YES, Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – YES. **RESOLUTION 2016-43 PASSED**.

Mr. Holbrook reported that the rope on the flagpole at the Township Hall broke during the last windstorm. Ro-Lin Farms once again generously donated the use of their man-lift to allow Township personnel to replace the rope. Mr. Holbrook reported that the replacement rope is a material designed for use on sailboats and should stand up well to the weather and wind.

Mr. Holbrook reported that the Road & Service Department personnel, in conjunction with the Germantown Amateur Radio Society, had installed a new antenna at the Township Hall. The antenna will be used with the emergency communications equipment.

Mr. Holbrook updated the Board on repairs made to the Department's Ford pickup truck. The truck was taken to a local Ford dealer who found that the performance issue could be solved by re-flashing the exhaust sensor software. This saved the Township approximately \$3000 in cost versus what another repair facility had told them was going to need to be done.

#### **TRUSTEE DeGROAT REPORT:**

Mr. DeGroat attended the Park Board Meeting and reported the following:

- The City of Germantown is going to be applying for a grant to install a bike path.
- The Lions Club is interested in installing bathroom facilities in the park.
- There will be upcoming vacancies on the Park Board due to current members resigning or moving
- Currently, there are no plans for Camp Miami.

#### **TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:**

Mr. Stubbs reported the following items for the Germantown Union Cemetery:

- The Cemetery is having trouble with their new Farris mower. They are working with the dealer to resolve them, but there is a question as to whether or not the repairs will be covered under warranty.
- The antique records cabinet is going to be replaced. The old cabinet will be placed on GovDeals.com

#### **TRUSTEE CROSS REPORT:**

Mr. Cross attended the September 6 meeting of the Fire/EMS oversight committee.

Mr. Cross also was planning on attending an upcoming training session on "Ethics Law"

#### **ZONING REPORT:**

At 7:19 p.m. the Regular Meeting was suspended in order to hold a Nuisance Abatement hearing. Zoning Inspector Cheryl Watson was sworn in and presented evidence to the Board of Trustees that supported the assertion that the property located at 10526 Mudlick Rd. (Parcel ID: D14 00803 0004) was a public nuisance due to tall grass and noxious weeds. After her presentation, Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2016-41**, seconded by Mr. DeGroat, a **RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE PROPERTY LOCATED**

**AT 10526 MUDLICK ROAD A NUISANCE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ABATEMENT; WITH THE COSTS BEING FILED WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR, AS AN ASSESSMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE TAX DUPLICATE OF THE PROPERTY.** After discussion and with the roll being called the vote was as follows: Mr. DeGroat – YES, Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – YES. **RESOLUTION 2016-41 PASSED.**

With no further items on the agenda, the Nuisance Abatement Hearing was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. and the Regular Meeting was resumed.

**TRASH REPORT:**

Trash Billing Supervisor Laurie Rohrbach provided information to the Board concerning delinquent trash accounts. Mrs. Rohrbach had sent certified letters to all delinquent account holders on July 29, 2016. She provided a list of accounts with a balance of \$150 or greater that were still outstanding as of the date of the meeting. Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2016-44**, seconded by Mr. DeGroat, a **RESOLUTION TO PLACE THE DELINQUENT TRASH ACCOUNTS ON THE TAX ASSESSMENT LIST AND TO FILE THE LIST WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO BE PLACED ON THE TAX DUPLICATE FOR COLLECTION.** After discussion, the roll was called and the vote was as follows: Mr. DeGroat – YES, Mr. Stubbs – Yes, Mr. Cross – Yes. **RESOLUTION 2016-44 PASSED.**

The Board also discussed the issue of Karla Watkins outstanding trash bill which was originally discussed at the August 8, 2016 Regular Meeting. Mr. Stubbs received clarification from Mrs. Rohrbach concerning the situation. The Board discussed the fact that Ms. Watkins had considerably improved the property in question, which in the past had been the subject of nuisance abatement hearings, delinquent trash accounts and the previous associated costs to the Township. Since Ms. Watkins ownership of the property, these issues are resolved. With those things in mind, Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2016-45**, seconded by Mr. DeGroat, a **RESOLUTION TO FORGIVE THE OUTSTANDING TRASH BILLING BALANCE OF \$278.56 ATTACHED TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11952 FRIEND RD.** After discussion - **which included the stipulation that the forgiveness of Ms. Watkins' outstanding bill was due only to the fact that the property was no longer costing the Township money and that the forgiveness of the bill was not intended to set a precedent for future delinquent accounts AND that future requests for trash bill collection would be decided on a case by case basis** – the roll was called and the vote was as follows: Mr. DeGroat – YES, Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – Yes. **RESOLUTION 2016-45 PASSED.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

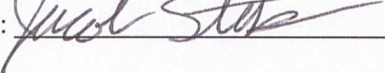
**NEW BUSINESS:**

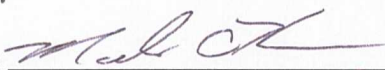
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**PURCHASE ORDERS AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS WERE SIGNED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

With no further business, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_