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## GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 11, 2017

The REGULAR MEETING was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Board President Jacob Stubbs at 7:01 p.m. The meeting was held at the German Township hall located at 12102 St. Rt. 725 West, Germantown, OH 45327. Attendees included:

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

**VISITORS:**

Name	Address	Name	Address
Mark Haffner	6907 Little Twin Rd.	Kelly Jones	6907 Little Twin Rd.
James Freeman	14908 Kiefer Rd	Raymond Burton	15501 St. Rt. 725
Lloyd Johnson	Browns Run Rd.	Lynn Cleveland	11858 Oxford Rd.
Abra Reed	149 E. Market St.	Mary & Bev Abner	8850 S. Main St.
David Gehron	14239 Kiefer Rd		

**VISTOR COMMENTS:**

- **James Freeman:** Mr. Freeman stated that he'd recently moved into the Township. Upon receiving his first trash collection bill, he found out that the previous occupant had not paid the trash bill. Mr. Freeman asked the Board if they would forgive the portion of the bill attributed to the previous occupant of the property. Jacob Stubbs introduced a motion, seconded by Mark Cross, to forgive the bill. After discussion, MOTION passed.
- **Kelly Jones:** Ms. Jones thanked Ben DeGroat for his efforts in responding to concerns regarding the ongoing neighbor dispute on Little Twin Road.
- **Mark Haffner:** Mr. Haffner asked the Board if anyone had been able to contact the EPA regarding motor vehicles in the creek (Little Twin Creek) that borders his property.

**FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:**

1. Correspondence In:
  - OTA – December "Grassroot Clippings"
  - Montgomery Co. Board of Elections – Official election results for the Road and Senior Center levys
2. Correspondence Out:
  - Germantown Press – Meeting Reminders
  - Monthly – IRS, State, School, OPERS reports and Payments

3. Distribute Financial Reports – 2017 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 48751 to 48795, including payroll direct deposit and payroll tax/withholding EFT's was introduced by Benjamin DeGroat and seconded by Jacob Stubbs. After discussion – MOTION PASSED
4. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 REGULAR meeting as corrected was introduced by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Mark Cross. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.
5. Mr. Keener asked the Board to schedule the following SPECIAL MEETINGS:
  - a. A meeting to pass a RESOLUTION to approve the final Supplemental Appropriations for 2017 (scheduled for December 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.)
  - b. A meeting to discuss the budget for 2018 to address the ongoing shortfalls and dwindling carryover in the General Fund (also scheduled for December 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.)
  - c. The annual Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting (scheduled for January 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.)
6. Mr. Keener reminded the Board of the following “dates to remember”:
  - County Auditor’s Annual Update – December 14, 2017
  - Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – January 8, 2018
  - OTA Conference in Columbus – January 31 – February 3, 2018
7. Mr. Keener reminded the Board to sign the Purchase Orders.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Andzik reported the following:

- Santa visited on December 2. An estimated 200 people visited and there were 110 gift bags given out. Chief Andzik also thanked the following:
  - Road & Service Department for assisting with the event setup
  - All of the volunteers
  - Holly Birch for cooking and donating the sausage this year
- Nicholas Wolfe is the selected candidate Full-Time Police Officer. He was scheduled to complete his polygraph and psychological exam earlier in the day. Chief Andzik requested that a SPECIAL MEETING be scheduled to swear in Mr. Wolfe. It was decided to perform the swearing in on December 27, 2017 at 10:00 to coincide with the Special Meeting already scheduled.
- Chief Andzik requested a RESOLUTION authorizing an agreement between the German Township Board of Trustees to have the Miami Valley Crime Laboratory provide Crime Lab Services to the Township. Accordingly, Mark Cross introduced RESOLUTION 2017-43, seconded by Jacob Stubbs– A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE CRIME LAB SERVICES IN THE MIAMI VALLEY CRIME LABORATORY AS OPERATED BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CORONER. After discussion, the roll was taken and the adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. DeGroat – YES, Mr. Cross – YES. RESOLUTION 2017-43 PASSED.

**ROAD / SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Mr. Holbrook reported the following:

- Mr. Holbrook submitted a draft of the 2018 Road Department Budget. Pending any changes to be made by the Fiscal Officer, he thought that it should be complete.
- Mr. Holbrook presented research showing that the cost to maintain the Township's five inactive cemeteries is actually the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. It costs the Road & Service Department approximately \$465 every time the cemeteries are mowed. This does not include headstone and fence repair or tree removal. Mr. Holbrook asked if the Board could assist the Road Department in offsetting the cost.
- The owner of the property located at 12150 Sigal Road has placed three stacks of concrete blocks within the right of way of Sigal Road. The first stack of blocks appeared by the driveway and held the resident's mail box. Then two more stacks appeared and the mailbox was moved to the northern most pile of blocks (farthest from the driveway).

Under Section 5571.14 of the ORC (which states that objects bounding a Township road may be declared public nuisances), Mr. Holbrook asked permission from the Board to send a certified letter to the registered owner of the property, asking them to remove the obstructions that pose a danger to the travelling public of Sigal Road. If the obstructions are not removed within 30 days, the Road Department will remove the obstructions and dispose of the blocks.

Benjamin DeGroat introduced a MOTION, seconded by Jacob Stubbs, giving Mr. Holbrook permission to send the letter and remove the obstructions as appropriate. After discussion, MOTION passed.

- Mr. Holbrook reported that he and Scott Hamilton salted the roads twice on Saturday, December 9, 2017.

**TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:**

Mr. Stubbs reported the following:

- Mr. Stubbs introduced MOTIONS, seconded by Benjamin DeGroat to make the following appointments:
  - Ron Fox to the Senior Oversight Committee
  - Ron Comer, Glen Jirka and Richard Pettit to the Fire/EMS oversight committee

After discussion, MOTION passed.

- Mr. Stubbs attended the MCTA Christmas party
- German Township is going to host the August MCTA meeting. The plan is to have a cookout in order to provide dinner for the attendees.
- The most recent Pool Oversight Committee meeting was cancelled.
- Mr. Stubbs thanked Mr. DeGroat for his years of service on the Board and to the community.

**TRUSTEE DeGROAT REPORT:**

Mr. DeGroat reported the following:

- Mr. DeGroat said that it was a pleasure serving the community.

**TRUSTEE CROSS REPORT:**

Mr. Cross reported the following:

- Mr. Cross gave an update on Medical Marijuana. He reported that approximately one half of all of the applications were disqualified. He also reported that locations in Springfield and Yellow Springs were approved as grow facilities.
- Mr. Cross said that an architect hired by the City of Germantown advised the City to buy the Huntington Bank building to use as municipal offices and to renovate the current municipal building to use as the new firehouse.
- Mr. Cross met with State Rep. Niraj Antani over lunch and discussed legislation dealing with capital punishment being considered by Rep. Antani.

**ZONING REPORT:**

NONE

**TRASH REPORT:**

- NONE

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

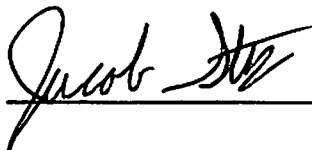
**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**PURCHASE ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

With no further business, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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

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