



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2018**

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  
Fiscal Officer Mark Keener  
Zoning Inspector Valorie Hill

Trustee Mark Cross  
Police Chief Joseph Andzik

Trustee Abra Reed  
Road Supt. Jeremy Holbrook

**VISITORS:**

Name	Address	Name	Address
Lloyd Johnson	7404 Browns Run Road	Richard Hummel	14491 Carlisle Pike
David Gehron	14239 Kiefer Road	Sonja Abbey	8111 Starry Night
Bev & Marg Abner	8850 S. Main St.	Ben DeGroat	13651 Friend Road
Dennis Sedlock	1525 Sherwood Forest Dr., Miamisburg		

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

David Gehron announced a free, public Open House the "WORKS" R/C Club is hosting at Richard Hummel's property (Carlisle Pike) on September 8, 2018 from 10-3. The AMA (American Modelers Association) is sponsoring the event. Mr. Gehron discussed a plan for traffic and parking. Food will be available at the event.

Sonja Abbey spoke regarding a delinquent trash bill left by the previous owner of her property. She has made several attempts to contact the previous owner with no response. Ms. Abbey was asking for the past due amount be forgiven by the Board of Trustees. **RESOLUTION 2018-30** was introduced by Jake Stubbs and seconded by Mark Cross to forgive the delinquent trash bill in the amount of \$152.67 left by the previous owners of 8111 Starry Night Drive. After discussion the roll was called and adoption vote was as follows: **Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – YES, Mrs. Reed – YES. RESOLUTION 2018-30 PASSED.**

**ROAD / SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Mr. Holbrook reported the following:

- 2018 Crack Seal Program – The Road Department has completed the 2018 crack seal program through DJL materials. The total cost of the program was \$5,298.75

- 2018/2019 SWOP4G Salt Contract – Mr. Holbrook needs to have the Road Commissioner sign the 2018/2019 salt purchase agreement with Compass Minerals. Prices are up significantly from \$48.17 per ton last year to \$86.40 this year.
- Road Mowing – The Road & Service Department has completed its 3<sup>rd</sup> round of road side ditch mowing.
- Eby Road Resurfacing – Barrett Paving Materials has completed milling and re-paving Eby Road from SR4 north approximately 0.5 miles. This pavement will be striped within the next couple of weeks. The estimated cost of this project is \$69,874.42.
- Mr. Holbrook asked the Board of Trustees to review information he gave them regarding maintenance costs for the township cemeteries. After much research, it appears the Road & Service department should not be solely funding this activity. Mr. Holbrook stated he would like a resolution to the issue by next mowing season.
- The Road & Service Department is staying busy mowing Township cemeteries and Township Hall weekly.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:**

##### **1. Correspondence In:**

- OTA – July “Grassroot Clippings”

##### **2. Correspondence Out:**

- Germantown Press – Meeting Reminders
- Monthly – IRS, State, School, OPERS reports and payments
- Montgomery County Auditor – Funds Certification for the Road District Levy
- Montgomery County Board of Elections – Levy paperwork for Road District Levy

##### **3. Distribute Financial Reports – 2018 YTD Cash Summary by Fund and Fund Status & Monthly Payment Reports.**

- MOTION to approve the financial reports and authorize the payments of the bills, checks 49132 to 49179, including payroll direct deposit and payroll tax/withholding EFT’s and other electronic payments was introduced by Jake Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion – MOTION PASSED

##### **4. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 REGULAR meeting as submitted was introduced by Jake Stubbs and seconded by Mark Cross. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.**

##### **5. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2018 SPECIAL meeting as submitted was introduced by Jake Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.**

##### **6. Audit Update: Auditors have finished field work approximately 2 weeks prior to this meeting. They have requested a couple more pieces of documentation as the audit manager is finishing her review. So far so good, nothing to note at this point.**

##### **7. Mr. Keener attended an “information session” attended by other Montgomery County Township officials regarding the additional sales tax that is about to go into effect. The purpose was to discuss funding cuts that Townships have experienced over the last many years and whether or not we could funnel some of the additional sales tax money from the County back to Townships.**

**RESOLUTION 2018-31** was introduced Mark Cross and seconded by Jake Stubbs. The Resolution is a

formal request to Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County to distribute equally among the townships in Montgomery County from the additional sales taxes generated 5% of the additional revenue generated from said sales taxes. After discussion the roll was called and adoption vote was as follows: **Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – YES, Mrs. Reed – YES. RESOLUTION 2018-31 PASSED.**

8. Mr. Keener is investigating getting a new “oh.gov” domain through the State’s Department of Administrative Services. It appears that in order to receive this service, we will have to sign up for an account with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services with an annual cost of \$100. Mr. Keener is still investigating this option.
9. Mr. Keener reminded the Board of the following “dates to remember”:
  - Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – September 10, 2018
  - MCTA Meeting at German Township – August 16, 2018
10. Mr. Keener reminded the Board to sign the Minutes, Bank Recs and the Purchase Orders.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Chief Andzik reported the following:

- German Township Police Department National Night Out will be held on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.
- Mr. Cross asked Chief Andzik about setting up a “safe exchange” space for online buyers. This needs more examination before being implemented.

**ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

- There will be no BZA meeting in August as there are no cases to hear. The next BZA meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018. An amateur radio tower case will be heard in September. The July ZC meeting has been rescheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.
- A census meeting has been scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am by the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Ms. Hill cannot attend but asked to be included on future communications as German Township would like to assist where possible on the census committee.
- Ms. Hill met with the MVRPC on July 11. It was a very informative session. Ms. Hill would like to explore rejoining the organization as it appears there are benefits to membership. I will cover this information with the Zoning Commission to form a formal recommendation on the matter.
- Ms. Hill expects to hold a Nuisance Abatement Hearing at the next Board of Trustees meeting on a couple of properties in the township. There will be at least 2 nuisance abatement property to hear at the next Board of Trustee Meeting.
- Ms. Hill attended the Miami Township BZA meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This was a meeting to hear the Zoning Violation case regarding an event venue. It was a very interesting case which challenged the recent Agri-tourism law. Ms. Hill will be covering the case with the Zoning Commission and developing a position on the matter.

- The backyard poultry issue is still open on the zoning desk. No resolution exists yet on the topic.
- The new IWorQ zoning permit system has the ability to track zoning violations electronically which is an exciting new tool to use. Action Dates or Inspection dates can be entered and searched. Each activity on a violation can be entered. Files can be uploaded to each case or activity. We have a small storage space so this feature is not currently used, but it may be in the future.
- The IWorQ program also has the ability to track Conditional Use & Variance cases electronically.
- A Zoning Article will appear on the Facebook page in August.
- Open issues on the zoning desk are swimming pools, event venues and strategic planning.

**TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:**

Mr. Stubbs reported the following:

- The Cemetery's operating levy will be expiring at the end of 2019. The Cemetery Board is considering placing a renewal levy on the ballot 5/2019.
- Gene Wright will not seek re-appointment after his term expires. They will be looking for a new Cemetery Board member soon.

**TRUSTEE CROSS REPORT:**

Mr. Cross reported the following:

- Vectren cannot supply natural gas to the township building as Vectren has no gas line close to the building. It goes approximately half way up the 725 hill.
- EPA permit for the Eby Road Water & Sewer District Project was not renewed.
- County Commissioners Association of Ohio proposed long term restoration of \$350 million revenue lost to tax changes and cuts in the Local Government Fund. They addressed the gubernatorial candidates. They asked the funds be restored to 3.6% now at 1.6%. They want new partnership and more money from the States next governor.

**TRUSTEE REED REPORT:**

Ms. Reed reported the following:

- The Park has installed new No Smoking signs and an Eagle Scout donated benches in the park. The board accepted the donation.
- Senior Center is having a record number of people attend their Tuesday & Thursday lunches.
- The Lions Club is funding restrooms at the Weber Soccer Complex.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

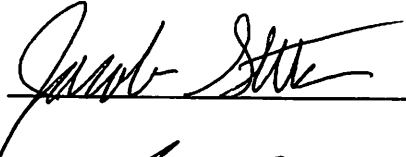
**NEW BUSINESS: NONE**


**EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

**PURCHASE ORDERS WERE SIGNED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

With no further business, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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

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