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GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2018

The REGULAR MEETING was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Board President Jacob Stubbs at 7:00 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 |
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| Lloyd Johnson | 7404 Browns Run Road | Noel Allen | 14380 Anthony Road |
| David Gehron | 14239 Kiefer Road | | |
| Lynn Cleveland | 11858 Oxford Road | | |
| Carrie Scarff | 28 Floral Ave, Dayton | | |

VISTOR COMMENTS:

Carrie Scarff - Carrie Scarff from Five Rivers MetroPark spoke to inform the Township of the levy that MetroParks has on the November ballot. She asked for the Township support. Ms. Scarff indicated Five Rivers MetroParks protects 16,000 acres as open space for public enjoyment and education. Five Rivers MetroParks serve 3.6 million visitors annually. Five Rivers MetroParks are supported by a 10 year levy which will be expiring at the end of next year. The levy on the ballot will November replace and add to the expiring levy.

Mr. Stubbs asked how Five River MetroParks outside Montgomery County are funded. Ms. Scarff indicated Montgomery County funds those parks in order to protect water quality. The Sugar Creek Park was acquired in the 1960's. Ms. Scarff indicated the current levy will restore funding to 2010 levy levels. Ms. Scarff indicated the MetroParks had lost state funding.

Mr. Stubbs indicated the Township has been losing land to the MetroParks which adversely affects the Township's tax base. Ms. Scarff indicated that MetroParks approach to land acquisition has changed to protecting waterways and linking parks and is no longer actively pursuing acquiring large swaths of land. Ms. Scarff acknowledged the MetroParks has heard complaints about land acquisition from residents in the Township previously. She indicated MetroParks is trying to be sensitive to those concerns and has been guiding residents more towards agricultural and conservation easements.

Mr. Cross asked about how the MetroParks could market the park system with the hopes they would visit the local businesses. Ms. Scarff indicated most of the visitors to Germantown MetroPark lived within 30 minute drive of the park. Ms. Scarff said to draw people, destination type facilities are needed within the Germantown MetroPark to allow visitors to spend approximately 4 hours to make it worth visitor's time to drive 30 minutes to Germantown and back home. They are looking to extend trails and provide different kinds of trails for visitors.

Mr. Holbrook asked if public monies were used to fund conservation easements. Ms. Scarff indicated those arrangements were usually funded by the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Fund. MetroParks can sometime facilitate the arrangement.

David Gehron - Mr. Keener asked Mr. Gehron if this WORKS event was going to be rescheduled from the September 8th rainout. Mr. Gehron said it was going to be rescheduled for the Spring and may become an annual event.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

1. Correspondence In:
 - OTA – October "Grassroot Clippings"
2. Correspondence Out:
 - Germantown Press – Meeting Reminders
 - Monthly – IRS, State, School, OPERS reports and payments
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 49229 to 49278, including payroll direct deposit and payroll tax/withholding EFT's and other electronic payments was introduced by Jake Stubbs and seconded by Mark Cross. After discussion – MOTION PASSED
4. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 REGULAR meeting as submitted was introduced by Jake Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.
5. Heidi Grant of First National Bank of Germantown contacted Mr. Keener. The bank is required by their regulators to have an emergency contingency plan in case some sort of disaster that would affect operations at the bank. Part of this requires an off-site backup place for operations. She would like permission to use Township Hall as that site. **RESOLUTION 2018-36 - A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GERMANTOWN TO USE TOWNSHIP HALL AS A TEMPORARY BASE FOR THEIR OPERATIONS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY** was introduced by Jake Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion the roll was called and adoption vote was as follows: Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – YES, Mrs. Reed – YES. **RESOLUTION 2018-36 PASSED.**

6. German Township has not received invoices relating to the levy monies from the City of Germantown. The receipts from the Auditor's office are almost complete for the year. Mr. Keener would like a resolution passed authorizing him to pay the appropriated balance from the levy funds. **RESOLUTION 2018-37 - A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS & RATES DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION** was introduced by Jake Stubs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion the roll was called and adoption vote was as follows: **Mr. Stubbs – YES, Mr. Cross – YES, Mrs. Reed – YES. RESOLUTION 2018-37 PASSED.**
7. Within the next month, Time Warner/Spectrum will be upgrading the internet speed at Township Hall from 35MBS service to 1GBS. This will increase connection speed and reduce our monthly bill by \$80.
8. Mr. Keener reminded the Board of the following "dates to remember":
 - Voting Day – Tuesday November 6th, 2018
 - Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – TUESDAY November 13, 2018
9. 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 was held on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:00. It was a success. Approximately 40 visitors attended. Chief gave a special Thank You to door prize sponsors.
- OVI County Wide Task force needed signatures.
- The Chief also thanked the Road & Service Department for replacing a fan a cruiser needed.

ROAD / SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mr. Holbrook reported the following:

- Mrs. Reed obtained several quotes for Lp gas for the 2018/2019 season. After review Mr. Holbrook signed an agreement to purchase fuel from Miami Valley Propane for \$1.49 per gallon. This price is locked in through August 2019.
- RHI has begun sealing the Township Roads for the 2018 Chip Seal Contract. Roads to be sealed this year are Conservancy, Farmington, Little Twin and Harris.
- The Road & Service Department has completed the fourth round of mowing roadside ditches for this year.
- The Road & Service Department had begun preparing our aging equipment for the upcoming winter season. Truck #106 needed close to \$2,000 in repairs since the last meeting.
- The Montgomery County Engineer's Office has let the Township borrow a 2,500 gallon poly tank to store Brine/Beet Juice.
- Post Cards will be mailed out for the upcoming Road Levy asking residents for support. The website www.roadlevy.com has been created with information about the road levy.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- The Board of Zoning Appeals met Tuesday October 9, 2018 to hear a lot split case. Case approved.
- The Zoning Commission will meet October 16th to further discuss issues such as Agri-Tourism, Swimming Pools, Backyard Poultry and Planning that affect the Township.
- Open issues on the desk are swimming pools, event venues and strategic planning.
- Valorie Hill has accepted a full time position at Ro-Lin Farms. She plans to continue the part time work in the zoning office if the Board of Trustees agrees to the arrangement.
- Friday December 7th is the 32nd Miami Valley Planning and Zoning Workshop at the Sinclair Community College Ponitz Center. It is a great day of workshops and information. It would be great if someone from the township could attend.

TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:

Mr. Stubbs reported the following:

- There have been 65 funerals this year. A number higher than usual so the cemetery has been busy. They are preparing the Western portion and may need to hire a part time person next year.
- There is still the vacancy on the board with Mr. Wright leaving at the end of the year.
- There is still no pool budget for the 2019 season. Mr. Stubbs takes issue with a \$10K administrative fee being charged by the City of Germantown to the Pool. If there is no budget there may be no pool in 2019.

TRUSTEE REED REPORT:

Ms. Reed reported the following:

- The National Night Out was very nice. Thank you to the police department.
- Thanks to Jeremy for his help finalizing the bids & contract for the propane.
- There is a quarterly mailer by Germantown and Farmersville, German Township is not a part of the mailer. Germantown is going to bring a mailer to the Township for review. The Township can decide if it wants to be a part of the mailer.

TRUSTEE CROSS REPORT:

Mr. Cross reported the following:

- The Dental insurance cost will remain the same for 2019.
- There is a 40x60 building attached to the Germantown Fire Station that is the Township property. It appears this building was built around 1985. This building will not be needed with the new renovations. Removal of this building is in the last phase of construction. There was much discussion around keeping the building materials and finding a new use for them.
- The Fire/EMS oversight committee met and approved a budget.
- Phase 1 of the Germantown office relocation is moving the town offices to the old Huntington Bank building and the Police department moving to the 2nd floor of the city building. Phase 2 is the renovation of the fire department.
- Ron Comer is stepping down from the Fire/EMS oversight committee.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

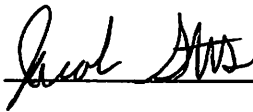
EXECUTIVE SESSION: A MOTION to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation was made by Jake Stubbs at 8:35 and seconded by Abra Reed. The Roll was taken and the MOTION Passed. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

PURCHASE ORDERS WERE SIGNED.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

With no further business, the Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Signed: _____



Attest: _____

