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GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The REGULAR MEETING was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Board President Abra Reed at 7:04 p.m. The meeting was held at the German Township Hall located at 12102 St. Rt. 725 West, Germantown, OH 45327. The meeting was digitally recorded. Attendees included:

Trustee Abra Reed
Fiscal Officer Mark Keener
Zoning Inspector Halie Sewell

Trustee Jacob Stubbs
Police Chief Joseph Andzik
Road Sup't Jeremy Holbrook

Trustee Matthew Burns was absent.

VISITORS:

Name	Address	Name	Address
Lynn Cleveland	11858 Oxford	Jim Lupinske	7981 Creek Rd.
David Gehron	14239 Kiefer Rd.	Rhonda Behnken	1175 Johnsville Brkville
Mark Heistand	364 E. Market St.	Mark & Deb Cross	7444 S. Stivers Rd
Dale & Missy Mears	15599 Providence Pk	Robert Rettich	119 S. Plum St.

VISTOR COMMENTS:

Mark Cross: Mr. Cross presented information obtained from attending a seminar on solar leasing installations. One major thing that Mr. Cross noted is that the Township cannot create zoning regulations to prevent "solar farms" from being installed.

Judge Robert Rettich: Judge Rettich presented some comparative information on crime and traffic statistics over the last few years. His assessment was that the German Township Police Department was doing a great job serving the residents of the Township.

Deb Cross: Mrs. Cross inquired as to which trustees attended the recent Ohio Township Association conference in Columbus. She also asked if attendees to the Trustee meetings could be compelled to sign in to the meeting. Finally, she asked about Trustee Reed's request to amend the minutes of the November 2018 Board meeting and whether or not an apology to the other elected officials was in order with regards to the purchase of the Chief's car.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

1. Correspondence In:
 - OTA – February "Grassroots Clippings"

2. Correspondence Out:
 - Monthly – IRS, State, School, OPERS reports and payments
 - W2s were distributed to the employees

3. Distribute Financial Reports – Monthly Payment Reports and Appropriation Status Reports were distributed. Cash Summary By Fund and Fund Status report not yet available pending the completion of the year end accounting.
 - a. Motion to approve the financial reports and authorize the payment of the bills, checks 49908 to 499476, including payroll direct deposit, payroll tax/withholding EFT's and other electronic payments was made by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion – MOTION passed.

4. A MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 REGULAR meeting as submitted was introduced by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. After discussion - MOTION PASSED.

5. Mr. Keener reminded the board that they needed to review the ED/GE Grant renewal information. We must decide one way or the other to approve this at the March meeting.

6. Mr. Keener spoke about the visit from John Morris of the MCTA in January. Mr. Morris had asked the Townships to submit a list of their major vendors in an attempt to encourage those vendors to support the MCTA. Mr. Keener voiced his opposition to this.

7. Mr. Keener reminded the Board of the following "dates to remember":
 - Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting – Monday March 9, 2020
 - MCTA Meeting – March 18, 2020 @ 3:30-5:00 pm

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Andzik reported the following:

- The next Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will begin in March.
- Online CALEA Accreditation assessment was completed in January.
- The Chief thanked Judge Rettich for stopping by and sharing the information.

ROAD / SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- The Road & Service Department has completed the trimming of limbs and brush along the Township roads under our jurisdiction.
- The Road Department personnel attended one day of the OTA conference. They spoke with several truck and equipment manufacturers about the replacement of Truck #106. He hopes to compile specifications and receive quotes in the next two months.
- Mr. Holbrook asked the Board to sign the 2019 mileage certification as required by the state and county. There were no changes in the mileage for 2019.
- Mr. Holbrook submitted a copy of the estimate to repair the leaks in the roof. He is going to schedule the roof repairs as soon as the company is able to make them.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Mrs. Sewell reported the following:

- Mrs. Sewell asked if there were any questions regarding the updated fee schedule submitted at the last meeting.

- Mrs. Sewell is still trying to get some pricing on updating the zoning maps.
- The BZA is continuing their discussion on revising the Zoning Resolution.
- Mrs. Sewell asked if the next retired Township vehicle could be transferred to the Trustees for miscellaneous use for employees on Township business.

TRUSTEE REED REPORT:

Mrs. Reed reported the following:

- Senior Center - The Senior Oversight Committee did not meet last month.
- Fire/EMS – The Fire/EMS Oversight Committee did not meet last month.
- Mrs. Reed reported that one of the contractors doing construction at the fire station started a small fire. It was caught quickly and extinguished.

TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:

Mr. Stubbs reported the following:

- Cemetery – The Cemetery obtained some free fill dirt that will be used to maintain the driveway
- Cemetery – They have a new way to display the tree markers
- WRGC – The WRGC signed the Rumpke renewal contract
- Mr. Stubbs attended the OTA conference and finished his OTA Leadership training.
- The Pool Oversight Committee met on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Rick Reed was elected the president. The Pool manager is doing a great job. The Pool has set a goal of \$100,000 in revenue for 2020.
- Mr. Stubbs asked Trustee Reed if she had any knowledge of the City pursuing a JEDD in the Township. Mrs. Reed indicated that she had no knowledge of a JEDD.
- Mr. Stubbs asked about an email received the prior month from the County Prosecutor regarding minutes from the November 2019 meeting and discrepancies in what was said during the January 2020 meeting regarding the email in question. A lengthy discussion between the elected officials and some of the citizens attending the meeting ensued. In summary, it was agreed that everyone present needs to attempt to communicate better and work together for the good of the Township.

TRUSTEE BURNS REPORT:

Mr. Burns was absent.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:56 pm, Mrs. Reed introduced a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation of a government employee under ORC 121.22(G)(1). Mr. Stubbs seconded the motion. Mr. Keener called the roll and the vote was Mrs. Reed – Yes, Mr. Stubbs – Yes, Mr. Burns – Absent. Motion carried. The regular meeting was suspended and Board went into Executive Session.

At 9:31 pm the Board returned from Executive Session and the regular meeting resumed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

With no further business, A MOTION to adjourn was made by Jacob Stubbs and seconded by Abra Reed. MOTION Passed, the Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Signed: Abra Reed

Attest: 