



**GERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 11, 2020**

Meeting held virtually using WebEx

The REGULAR MEETING was called to order by Board President Abra Reed at 7:00 p.m. In response to Governor DeWine’s restrictions on gatherings of more than 10 people due to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic, the meeting was held virtually using WebEx. Attendees included:

President Abra Reed
Fiscal Officer Mark Heistand
Zoning Inspector Halie Sewell

Vice-President Jacob Stubbs
Police Chief Joseph Andzik

Trustee Matthew Burns
Road Sup’t Jeremy Holbrook

IDENTIFIED VISITORS ON THE CALL:

Name	Address	Name	Address
Lynn Cleveland	11858 Oxford Road	Mark & Deb Cross	7444 S. Stiver Road
David Gehron	14239 Kiefer Road	Jason Hartshorn	Unknown address
Jon Tschanz	14340 Oxford Road	2 Unidentified visitors	

The Germantown Press was notified in advance of the virtual meeting.

Mrs. Reed led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, using a digital flag provided by Mr. Gehron.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

- **Mark Cross:** Mr. Cross requested that visitors not be muted by the Township so they can comment or ask questions. It was agreed that visitors could self-mute unless they wish to speak.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- Mr. Heistand presented two sets of minutes for approval. Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve as submitted the minutes of the February 27, 2020 Special Meeting and the April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting. The MOTION PASSED.
- Mr. Heistand presented the financial reports which were sent to the Trustees prior to the meeting: (1) the 4/30/20 Fund Status; (2) the Year-to-Date 4/30/20 Cash Summary by Fund; and (3) the April 2020 Payment Listing.
- Mr. Burns made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to approve the financial reports and authorize the payments of bills (warrants 50015 through 50069 and vouchers 172 through 264 for payroll direct deposit, payroll tax/withholding EFT’s and other electronic payments). The MOTION PASSED

POLICE REPORT:

- Chief Andzik reported that the May 2 Community Shred Day was a great success - the biggest ever. Over 7000 pounds were shredded. Everything went well, social distancing was observed, and officers wore masks. He thanked his officers for helping and the public for participating.
- The police officer who fell off a ladder at home last month is still off work but will probably return this week.

ROAD/SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mr. Holbrook reported that production of the new dump truck has been pushed back due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He expects it to be completed in late June or early July.

ZONING DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mrs. Sewell asked if the Trustees had questions about her proposed zoning fee changes. There were none. Approval of the fee changes has been postponed until the Trustees meet in person.
- She has approved the following: a pole barn on Eby Road, a rear fence on Butter Street and a pole barn on Dayton-Germantown Pike.
- There will be a virtual Zoning Commission meeting using WebEx on May 12 at 7:00 pm.
- Mr. Burns asked about the Eby Road barn. Mrs. Sewell replied that the property is 3.5 acres. The owners are thinking about putting a shooting range on the site and will request a zoning change. She noted that the owners are not living onsite. The camper parked on the property is not used residentially.

TRUSTEE REED REPORT:

- Mrs. Reed noted that she will probably be out of town on June 8 and would like to move the meeting to June 1. Mr. Stubbs was concerned about changing the meeting date since the regular date has already been advertised. Mrs. Sewell stated that a change in meeting date would probably need to be advertised in the Germantown Press. Mrs. Reed was concerned that she may not have cell phone or internet access at her vacation location.
- A discussion ensued as to whether to continue holding virtual meetings or to begin meeting in person. Mrs. Reed spoke with Attorney Nathaniel Peterson, who suggested that the Trustees discuss the issue at this meeting. She also checked with other townships in the county to see how they are holding their meetings. Various opinions and concerns about both options were expressed by the Trustees and visitors. Canceling the meeting was also suggested.
- Concerning the proposed Joint Economic Development District involving Valley View Schools, Mrs. Reed contacted Germantown Council Member Brian Wafzig to check on the status and was told that Mr. Wafzig recently held a JEDD meeting that included Mr. Stubbs and an attorney. Mr. Stubbs then reported on the JEDD meeting, noting that progress was made but decisions have not been finalized.
- Mr. Burns then questioned whether Mr. Stubbs or Mrs. Reed should be the point person from the Township Trustees to attend future JEDD meetings. He noted that both can't attend.

TRUSTEE STUBBS REPORT:

- Mr. Stubbs reported that all meetings that he attends were canceled this month. He looks forward to having Bonnie Koogle be the City's representative on the Cemetery Board.

TRUSTEE BURNS REPORT:

- Mr. Burns stated that even if the Trustees meet virtually in June, he feels that a decision needs to be made at that meeting on the proposed zoning fee changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

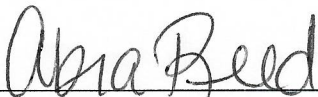
- Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2020-11**, seconded by Mr. Burns: **A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND SHOW APPRECIATION TO ALL PRESENT AND FORMER GERMAN TOWNSHIP POLICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE GERMAN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY AND TO RECOGNIZE MAY 15 AS "PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY."** After discussion and review, the vote was as follows: Mrs. Reed–Yes; Mr. Stubbs–Yes; Mr. Burns–Yes. **RESOLUTION 2020-11** was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Cross asked if the Trustees had any plans to pay an additional \$1,000 from the Fouts Fund to Sonshine in a Bag at Germantown First Church of God. In response, Mr. Stubbs introduced **RESOLUTION 2020-12: A RESOLUTION TO DONATE \$1,000 FROM THE W.K. FOUTS TRUST FUND TO THE SONSHINE IN A BAG MINISTRY AT GERMANTOWN FIRST CHURCH OF GOD FOR THE BENEFIT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT.** After requesting a second to Mr. Stubbs' motion and hearing none, Mr. Heistand declared that **RESOLUTION 2020-12 DIED.**
- A spirited discussion ensued among the Trustees and Mr. & Mrs. Cross about the potential donation from the Fouts Trust Fund. Mrs. Reed stated that there could be another organization within the community that needs the money as well and that it's something that the Trustees need to reach out and find out about before giving another \$1000. Mr. Burns stated that he had not heard anything from the Sonshine in a Bag organization requesting the money and that he would like to see something from them requesting the money. Mr. Stubbs stated that Sonshine in a Bag is going through food because the kids can't get to school.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- With no further business, Mr. Stubbs made a MOTION, seconded by Mrs. Reed, to adjourn. The MOTION PASSED. The Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Signed: 
Abra Reed, President, Board of Trustees

Attest: These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting on July 13, 2020.

Signed: 
Mark A. Heistand, Fiscal Officer