

German Township  
Board of Trustees  
May 9, 2016

The Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio met in regular session for the purpose of conducting business of the township.

Present: Bruce Lauber, Kenneth Leupp, Randy Ruffer, Keith Short

Guests: Josh King, Steve Lange, David Pugh, Terry Henricks, Kevin Morton, Jeff Fryman, Jim Wyse, Kevin Eicher, Dennis Howell, Lyle Fogerty from Bil-Jax, Ed Leininger, Kenney Cowell, Donna Dettling, Jerry Hayes of Economic Development from Defiance County.

The meeting was called to order by Randy at 7:00 pm.

Steven Lange presented the April zoning report (attachment 01-05-16).

Jeff Fryman, representing Archbold Village Council, said they were informed there was going to be an item on our agenda that the Trustees were going to rescind the Township's support of Co Rd 24. Randy stated for himself that he feels he is supporting the people in the township and he said he cannot support the changing of Co Rd 24 to State Route 66. He cited safety as his main concern as to why he cannot support the change. He also wanted a clarification from a comment made at the Archbold Council meeting stating that Route 127 was going to come down Co Rd 24. Kenneth Leupp commented that he has supported the change of Co Rd 24 and doesn't feel safety will be a problem and feels that the majority of the people in the township will benefit from the change. Bruce also feels that safety will be a problem. He has received a number of phone calls and letters from individuals with concerns about the change. Jim Wyse said that with 5,000 people who drive into Archbold working that the trustees should support changes that will benefit the industries where they work. A number of businesses are planning to add a large number of employees to their workforce. Bruce asked if there is a problem now with employees getting to work. Dennis Howell said there is a bottleneck. Randy asked about the retail businesses who do not want the change. Ed Leininger stated that there is a difference with a place of destination or a retail business that picks up business from drive through. Jim Wyse said there is more business for our restaurants because of the additional workforce. Kevin Morton stated that if an individual leaves the turnpike and goes south on Co Rd 24 are either going to Archbold or to Defiance. Dennis Howell presented a document done by the University of Wisconsin that states a change of this nature will only affect a community of 1,000 people. Jerry Hayes, Economic Development from Defiance County, stated that Co Rd 24 is already a road of choice and Defiance County supports the change. Getting workers to and from work safely is very important to economic development. Lyle Fogerty said Bil-Jax is currently having a very good year and are anticipating doubling their employment numbers. They are averaging twenty trucks a day and these trucks are having a problem getting to their business. They have directed trucks to use Co Rd 24 and they responded that is much easier. Jim Wyse said that Archbold Elevator had signed a document supporting the change of Co Rd 24. Jeff Fryman said Council would like to have the change be a business Route 66. Kevin Morton said they would like the change of Co Rd 24 be similar to the Co Rd 22 change and the Co Rd 22 change benefitted Sauder Manufacturing greatly. Donna Dettling reported a similar change was done in North Baltimore and worked with ODOT and all the roads that were turned over to North Baltimore were upgraded by ODOT before they were turned over. Terry Henricks stated two towns in Michigan had a bypass installed and those cities have nothing going on in the retail sections. Terry said he does not see the problem with traffic. Terry said he has never been contacted by anyone asking how this may affect his business. Terry said he cannot understand why trucks are having a difficult time getting to Bil-Jax with Route 66 coming from the North and the South and then have a straight shot to Bil-Jax on Taylor Parkway. Terry said 61% of his business in April came from customers driving in from State Route 66. Bruce said he appreciates the report of the Council willing to advertise for the Archbold retail businesses. Ed Leininger stated more grain is being transported to

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elevators by trucks than by wagons. Jeff Fryman said the Defiance County Commissioners support the change as long as it does not go down Domersville Road.

The minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting were presented. Kenneth made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

The April bank statement was presented for review.

The bills were presented for review (attachment 02-05-16). Kenneth made a motion to accept the bills for payment as presented. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

The April 2016 financial reports were presented for review.

Josh said they started using the Dura Patcher, the county gave them a list of some culverts that could be repaired and will start mowing ditches soon.

Quotation number SQ10001754 was received from Sutphen Corporation to install a heater auxiliary floor vent in truck 104 for \$2,762.02 (attachment 03-05-16). Also quotation number SQ10001800 was received to repair ladder rack unit in truck 104 for \$4,904.98 (attachment 04-05-16). Randy made a motion to accept these quotes. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

A letter was received from the Ohio Department of Transportation giving us approval to participate in the use of ODOT's Cooperative Purchasing Program as defined on the 101G-17 contract (attachment 05-05-16).

The April 2016 financial reports were presented for review.

**06-16 RESOLUTION FOR FUND TRANSFER and INCREASE  
APPROPRIATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Fulton County Ohio that \$10,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund (1000) to the Cemetery Fund (2041) to repair and maintain township cemeteries and to increase the Cemetery appropriation code 2041-410-323-0000 Repairs and Maintenance by \$9,000.00 and to increase the Fire District appropriation code 2111-220-420-0000 Operating Supplies by \$150,000.00 and to increase the Fire District appropriation code 2111-220-740-0000 Machinery, Equipment and Furniture by \$225,000.00.

Kenneth moved, Bruce seconded  
Yeas: Lauber, Leupp, Ruffer  
Adopted this 9th day of May, 2016

Bruce said after hearing the discussion about Co Rd 24 he would like to speak with the people who contacted him to explain some of what was discussed.

**07-16 RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ROAD WORK**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio approved to advertise for bids for the following: tar chip and seal the existing road surfaces, which includes length and width, using HFRS2P emulsion at a rate of .40 gallon per square yard, using #8 washed limestone (blue if possible) at a rate of 25# per square yard and fog seal with Chiplock at a rate of .20 gallon per square yard. This project is approximately 7.56 miles consisting of Road 25 from Road B to dead end (4.56 miles), Road 21-3 from Road A to Road B (1 mile) and Road 26 from Road E to Road G (2 miles).

**IF BIDDING A DIFFERENT FOG SEAL PRODUCT THAN CHIPLOCK, PLEASE INFORM THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF WHAT IS BEING BID NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE BID OPENING.**

The roads must be swept within a 48 hour period. The roads must be closed to traffic while they are being worked on. Bids will be received until 7:00 P.M. June 13, 2016 at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The project must be completed by August 26, 2016. This notice is also posted on the township's web site. To view the web site, go to [www.fultoncountyoh.com](http://www.fultoncountyoh.com). Then select Government, Townships, German.

The township reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to accept the lowest or best bid. Bids can be mailed to German Township, P.O. Box 68, Archbold, OH 43502. If bids are going to be sent by overnight mail please send to German Township, 901 Olds Lane, Archbold, OH 43502.

Bruce moved, Kenneth seconded  
Yeas: Lauber, Leupp, Ruffer  
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Kenneth reported the township could apply for the County's road striping if a resolution is passed. The cost of striping is \$250.00 per mile for 4" center line for water based and \$550.00 per mile for polyester paint.

**08-16 RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR ROAD STRIPING THROUGH THE COUNTY**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio to apply for the County road striping and to have a 4" center line applied on twenty miles for water based paint at \$250.00 per mile and to use the polyester paint on four miles at \$550.00 per mile.

Bruce moved, Kenneth seconded  
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Kenneth made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

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Attested

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