

German Township
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
October 6, 2016

The Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio met in special session to discuss the petition of Archbold Village Council to conform the boundaries of Archbold removing it from German Township, to also discuss the proposal of Archbold Village Council to separate the Fire Department for German Township and to ask if the 60 day proposal could be delayed to have more time to discuss the matter.

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

Guests: Josh King, Jeff Aeschliman, David Pugh, Joe Short, Vaughn Bentz, Kenneth Cowell, Kevin Eicher, Ed Leininger, Kevin Morton, Jeff Fryman, Donna Dettling, Scott Haselman, Leslie Grime, Terry Henricks, Cookie Short, Norma Woolace, Russ Wyse, Mary Huber, Robert Apper,

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

Randy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. He stated the purpose of the meeting and they will not entertain any comments from the public.

Randy asked if there is any way we can resolve the conforming of the boundaries. Jeff Fryman said that Council is all in favor of conforming of the boundaries. Kevin Morton said they have not heard from anyone to persuade them to change their minds. Kevin Morton said yes there is a chance but needs to hear what the Trustees have to present.

Randy asked if there is any possibility we can resolve the separation of the fire department. Kevin Morton answered no.

Randy asked if it would be possible to delay the 60 day proposal regarding the fire equipment. Vaughn Bentz replied that he believes this will happen. Kevin Morton said that there is a possibility of delaying the 60 day proposal.

Bruce asked if the trustees need to discuss it with the Fire Committee or the entire Council. Kevin Morton suggested they meet with the Fire Committee.

Jeff Fryman said Council came to the decision because they felt the Trustees were going to use the Fire Equipment as leverage and didn't feel that the Fire Services should be held as leverage. Bruce said if Council took it that way that is not how it was intended.

Vaughn Bentz asked what the Trustees biggest concern of the conforming of the boundaries. Randy said one is revenue, and is also concerned about the way the community will work together in the future.

Jeff Fryman said the trustees brought up the Co Rd 22 project blaming the Council for how it wasn't done correctly and it wasn't even the Council's project.

Kevin Morton said the Trustees have been elected by all of the people within the township but it seems like they represent the rural constituents more than the Village residents.

Vaughn Bentz said he feels the Archbold residents would save tax money and the conforming of the boundaries would bring clarity to the two entities.

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Kenneth Cowell asked if the Trustees would come to a future meeting and discuss the Fire Department since they have been invited twice and have refused to attend. Bruce said the trustees would be willing to meet.

Randy stated if the conforming of the boundaries is denied the two Fire Department tax levies will still be in effect. Ed Leininger said he understands the levies would still be in place.

Kenneth Leupp asked Council to address the five containers placed on Township property for a training area for the Fire Department.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Attested