

German Township
Board of Trustees
March 27, 2017

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: Jeff Aeschliman, David Pugh, Donna Dettling, Dan Yoder, Dan Dymarkowski, Robert Apper, Joe Short, Corey Ruffer

Bruce read a statement regarding the fire department situation (attachment 06-03-17). Bruce asked if anyone had any comments. Corey Ruffer said as a resident of German Township who receives fire protection from the Village of Archbold has a concern when the Village threatens to take away fire protection from them and they do not have any representation regarding Village officials and any other budget items. Corey asked several questions and shared a document showing estimated revenues for the Village (attachment 07-03-17). Randy spoke with Kevin Sauder from Sauder Woodworking and he said they employ around 2,600 employees with around 600 are from Archbold. Dan Yoder said he is trying to understand why we are trying to change the current situation when it has worked for years. He has been in contact with a Council member for weeks and has asked why we are trying to fix something that isn't broken. The comment was because of the difference in tax. Dan said he still does not fully understand why we are going through this. Dan doesn't understand why the current system has to change. Randy tried to explain how he perceived the current situation. He doesn't want this to become a personal attack. Dan Dymarkowski said he believes Cory Ruffer hit in on the head and he asked if there is a solution that the Village would not have total control. He doesn't like the situation that is going on and feels there seems to be a personal vendetta going on. Joe Short asked if there would be a proposal to pay a dollar amount for each fire service call. Robert Apper said he has attended Township meetings in the past and was not aware of any proposals the Fire Department asked have been turned down. Kenneth Leupp said the Township has had times when the funds were not available immediately and had to wait until funds were available. Dan Yoder said as a resident of Archbold said this situation makes no sense to him. Bruce shared that Clinton Township and Wauseon a number of years ago were having some problems and looked at how Archbold and German Township were working and have modeled their department after it. Cory asked if the Village of Archbold took control of the fire department then the residents outside of Archbold would be tenants and questioned why these residents would want to contribute to the feather party which has always been a community event. Joe Short said if more property continues to be annexed into the Village the disparity will continue to grow.

The minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting were presented. Kenneth made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

The minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting with Village Council were presented. Randy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

The bills were presented for review (attachment 08-03-17). Kenneth made a motion to accept the bills for payment as presented. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Jeff said they plowed snow for a couple of day, installed a heater on the tractor, washed the trucks, cleaned up the shop, put up barricades for a fire, are servicing the fire trucks and finished making a sprayer from some parts from the old mower.

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An estimate was received from the Fulton County Engineer's office to chip and seal County Road BC from the corporation limits to County Road 24 in the amount of \$5,122.60 (attachment 09-03-17). Randy made a motion to accept the estimate. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

The Public Official Bond for Keith Short was received from Erie Insurance Company (attachment 10-03-17).

A permit was received for signatures from Ohio Gas Company to occupy road right of way to install a 2" plastic gas main along and/or under the right-of-way Road 26-2, 2,670 feet South from SR 2 on the West side of the roadway (attachment 11-13-17).

A resolution was received from the Fulton County Commissioners accepting the petition to withdraw and to cancel the first view hearing on the drainage improvement petition 2130 for an un-named branch of Grass Run (attachment 12-03-17).

Randy notified Kelby Beck about repairing the tile on the Wayne Dinius property and Kelby will contact Wayne to see when he can start on the project.

Randy made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 pm. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Attested