

German Township
Board of Trustees
Organizational Meeting
January 9, 2017

The Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio met in regular session for the purpose of reorganizing for 2017.

Present: Bruce Lauber, Kenneth Leupp, Randy Ruffer, Keith Short
Guests: Josh King, Jeff Aeschliman, David Pugh, Scott Haselman, Stephen Lange

The meeting was called to order by Randy at 6:03 pm.

Randy made a motion to appoint Bruce Lauber as President for 2017. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with yes votes by Randy and Kenneth. Bruce abstained.

Randy made a motion to appoint Kenneth Leupp as Vice President for 2017. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion passed with yes votes by Bruce and Randy. Kenneth abstained.

Bruce made a motion to appoint Kenneth Leupp as Records Officer. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with yes votes by Bruce and Randy. Kenneth abstained.

Bruce made a motion to appoint Kenneth Leupp as German Township's representative as a member of the Regional Planning Commission. Randy seconded the motion.

Yeas: Bruce, Randy Abstain: Kenneth

01-17 RESOLUTION FOR MEETING DATES

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meeting dates for 2017 be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00 pm except as noted with a * (6:00 pm). The meetings will be held on the following dates:

1/9* & 1/23*	4/10 & 4/24	7/10 & 7/24	10/9 & 10/23
2/13 & 2/27	5/8 & 5/22	8/14 & 8/28	11/13 & 11/27
3/13 & 3/27	6/12 & 6/26	9/11 & 9/25	12/11 & 12/26

Randy moved, Kenneth seconded
Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy (1/9/17)

02-17 Resolution to Approve Certificate of Total Amount from All Sources Available for Expenditures and Balances

Keith presented Certificate of Total Amount from All Sources Available for Expenditures and Balances from each fund set up in the tax budget with the balances that exist at the end of the fiscal year, December 31, 2016: (attachment 01-01-17)

**CERTIFICATE OF TOTAL AMOUNT FROM ALL SOURCES
AVAILABLE FOR EXPENDITURES AND BALANCE**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>12/31/16</u>	<u>Total</u>
General	\$725,176.15	\$923,771.15
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$43,390.95	\$62,430.95
Gasoline Tax	\$114,463.90	\$199,543.90
Road & Bridge	\$47,500.35	\$185,050.35

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Cemetery	\$6,700.63	\$7,000.63
Fire District	\$368,080.24	\$580,460.24
Special Road District	\$34,513.73	\$163,093.73
Permissive Motor Veh. Lic.	\$13,113.85	\$22,132.85
 Total	 \$1,352,939.80	 \$2,143,483.80

Randy moved to accept, Kenneth seconded
Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy (1/9/17)

03-17 TOWNSHIP ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year, ending December 31, 2017, the attached sums be the same and hereby set aside and appropriated for several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year (attachment 02-01-17).

Randy moved, Kenneth seconded
Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy (1/9/17)

04-17 Resolution to Pay Trustees and Fiscal Officer on an Annual Salary

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio, that the Trustees and Fiscal Officer of German Township in Fulton County are entitled to the maximum compensation permitted per the ORC 505.24. To be paid 100% out of the General Fund for 2017 on a monthly basis.

Kenneth moved, Bruce seconded
Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy (1/9/17)

The December 2016 bank statement was presented for review.

Kenneth made a motion to approve The Blanket Certificates for 2017 for signatures. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

The bills were presented for review (attachment 03-01-17). Randy made a motion to accept the bills for payment as presented. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

The December 2016 financial reports were presented for review.

The 2016 Bridge Inspection Report from the Fulton County Engineer's office was received.

Kenneth made a motion to appoint Robert Ager as Cemetery Sexton for the Johnson and Goll Cemeteries at an annual salary of \$1,500.00 payable at the first meeting of July and the second meeting in December. Randy seconded the motion.

Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy

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Randy made a motion to pay Gary Esterline and James Strawn \$100.00 per year for Tornado Siren testing payable the second meeting in December. Kenneth seconded the motion.

Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy

Kenneth made a motion to appoint Stephen Lange as Zoning Inspector for German Township at an annual salary of \$5,508.00 payable at \$459.00 monthly which is a 2% increase. Kenneth seconded the motion.

Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy

Josh reported they have been salting roads, had a tree down by Goll Woods Cemetery and took down several other trees, and they have the lawn mower ready for spring.

Scott Haselman reported the Village Council is still expecting the \$51,000.00 annual payment for fire service which the Council views this as their operational costs. Randy asked if the fire levies fail then where does the Township come up with the \$51,000.00. Scott said according to the current proposal if the levies were to fail then there would still be \$51,000.00 due by the Township. Randy said they had originally asked for 30 years of fire service at no charge. If the boundaries are conformed in the future or if the tax levies are voted down then the Trustees don't feel they should have to pay the annual \$51,000.00 payment. Scott will get back with the Village Council's attorney.

Stephen Lange presented the December zoning report (attachment 04-01-17).

Stephen said he would check out the procedures to add a Medical Marijuana statement to the Zoning regulations.

Randy made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:16 pm to discuss employee benefits and wages for Dan and Josh. Kenneth seconded the motion.

Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy

Randy made a motion to adjourn from executive session at 7:28 pm. Kenneth seconded the motion.

Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy

There was discussion regarding wages for Josh King and Jeff Aeschliman. Randy made a motion to increase Josh King's hourly rate by \$.50 with a new rate of \$19.75 and to increase Jeff Aeschliman's hourly rate by \$.75 with a new rate of \$16.75 effective January 1, 2017. Kenneth seconded the motion.

Yeas: Bruce, Kenneth, Randy

Randy Ruffer made a motion to remove Andres O'Neil & Lowe as our local agent on our insurance with OTARMA effective with the new renewal date of February 17, 2017 and to work directly with Burnham & Flowers. Kenneth Leupp seconded the motion.

Yeas: Bruce Lauber, Kenneth Leupp, Randy Ruffer

This motion was reversed on January 23, 2017.

Randy made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

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Attested