

German Township  
Board of Trustees  
January 23, 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, Josh King, David Pugh, Scott Haselman, Vaughn Bentz, Kenny Cowell, Kevin Eicher, Brian Huffman, Ed Leininger, Kevin Morton, Jeff Fryman, Donna Dettling, Robert Bohmer, Dave Davis, Russ Wyse, Joe Short, Nate Gericke, Ben Kohler, Robert Apger, Eddie Partin

The meeting was called to order by Bruce at 6:00 pm.

Randy asked Pastor Jim Nathan, of the Archbold Ministerial Association, to lead in prayer.

Members of the Archbold Village Council attended the meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the Fire Department. Bruce said it would be good to agree on the value of the equipment. Bruce said he would agree to the figure that Andy Brodbeck had previously presented of \$1,626,000.00. The consensus was to agree to the value. Bruce said the next item is to agree on the fire service charge. Vaughn Bentz said if the Township is going to give the equipment why would they need to pay an annual fee. Bruce then asked about the fire levies. Kevin said the levy money could be given to the Village for fire service. Randy said he understood that the \$51,000.00, discussed at an earlier meeting, was a benchmark for the equipment but was not an additional payment plus the levy money. Jeff Fryman said once they realized the \$51,000.00 over 30 years amounted to approximately \$1,500,000.00 when the residents of the Village paid a large portion of the equipment it didn't make sense to them. Jeff asked if the trustees still wanted to keep a portion of the levy money. Randy said that could be negotiable. Vaughn Bentz said he believed it would be easiest if the Township would give the equipment and the levy money to the Village for fire service. Ed Leininger said he would like to review the numbers before making a decision tonight.

Proposals temporarily agreed upon are the total value of the fire trucks and equipment of \$1,626,000.00 with a reduced Township value of \$569,100.00 which is 35% of the \$1,626,000.00; levy #1 last collection in 2017 with a rate of five tenths (.5) mills with an estimated yield of \$85,699.00 and levy #2 last collection in 2021 with a rate of six tenths (.6) mills with an estimated yield of \$103,843.00 both collected by the Township will be given to the Village; the Township would retain what is currently in the Fire Department Fund of \$367,628.29; the Township would receive thirty years of fire service from the Village. Robert Bohmer will prepare an initial contract and the Council will review at their meeting on February 6, 2017 and the Township will review on February 13, 2017.

Robert Apger presented a quote from Homier Monument to repair the sign for Johnson Cemetery, which was damaged by a vehicle on January 11, 2017, for \$3,680.00 (attachment 05-01-17). This quote will be sent to the State Farm Insurance for approval. Bob also presented an invoice from Three Cord to replace the sign for Goll Woods.

The minutes from the January 9, 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.

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The bills were presented for review (attachment 06-01-17). 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.

Josh reported they salted roads, serviced one ditch mower, repaired hydraulic on the aerial truck and did some cold patching today.

Eddie Partin, from Andres O'Neil & Lowe, attended to ask if they could be retained as our agent with OTARMA.

Kenneth Leupp made a motion to reinstate Andres O'Neil & Lowe as our local agent on our insurance with OTARMA effective with the new renewal date of February 17, 2017. This reverses the motion made on January 9, 2017 to remove them as our agent. Randy Ruffer seconded the motion.

Yeas: Kenneth Leupp, Randy Ruffer

No: Bruce Lauber

Kenneth made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

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