

German Township
Board of Trustees
August 14, 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, Robert Apper, Glenn Christiansen, Joe Short, David Pugh

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

The minutes from the July 24, 2017 meeting 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.

Glenn Christiansen said they have received responses from all sixteen households. Fourteen said they want the lights and are willing to pay the \$231.25 and are willing to pay up to \$250.00, one is willing to pay only \$200.00 and one does not want the lights. Kenneth will speak with Randy Nofzinger to make the homeowners aware of what will be done. Keith will send a letter to Glenn explaining the work and ask the homeowners to make the payment out to Nofzinger Electric.

The minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on August 7, 2017. Kenneth moved to accept the decision to allow the conditional permit (attachment 01-08-17). Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

The July 2017 bank reconciliation was presented for review.

The bills were presented for review (attachment 02-08-17). 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.

Jeff reported they fixed a concrete ravine by Warren Sauder's property, Mike Creighton asked them to inspect a catch basin where he was tiling, fixed a tile on the Walt Short farm, worked on a ventilation fan for the fire department, fixed a tile for Dan Herr, worked on a grave and started mowing ditches.

The July 2017 financial reports were presented for review.

Super blanket certificates #38-2017 and #39-2017 were presented for signatures.

An Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources was received from the Fulton County Auditor's office (attachment 03-08-17).

A quote was received from Morton Salt to purchase salt delivered at a price of \$49.19 per ton. Randy made a motion to table a decision until the next meeting. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

An estimate of \$3,186.41 was received from the Fulton County Commissioners to improve ditch #2129 located at Roads G & 24. A final hearing will be held on the 12th day of September, 2017. If the Commissioners decide to approve the improvement a final amount will be determined and a notice will be sent (attachment 04-08-17).

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The United States Department of Commerce requested the township to participate in the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) which would require an estimate of 21 hours to complete. It was decided to not participate in the program.

There was some discussion regarding the 2.0 mill levy which has been submitted to the Board of Elections to be on the ballot on November 9, 2017. Melanie Gilders from the Fulton County Board of Elections told Keith if the Trustees notified the Board of Elections that they would like to withdraw the 2.0 mill levy before August 28 it would not appear on the ballot in November. A decision could be made up until November 6 to withdraw the levy. In that case the levy would still appear on the ballot but a notice would be placed on each voting machine that the levy had been withdrawn and no votes would be counted. The trustees decided to not change anything as of this date.

A letter was received from the Village of Archbold to purchase the Fire Department equipment from the Township for \$537,075.00. A Fire Protection Services Agreement draft dated 6/12/17 was also included with the letter (attachment 05-08-17). Kenneth said there is nothing new in the proposal that had not already been offered. Why does the Village need to spend \$537,075.00 for fire equipment when the equipment has already been paid for? There is nothing in the Agreement stating what the Village would charge the Township for fire service. Randy said we are willing to pursue a 2.0 mill levy so all taxpayers in the Township will pay the same amount toward fire service.

Kenneth said there is a large tile in Pettisville that is plugged by the Jesse Rodriguez' property. Jeff said they will try to jet out the tile after they are done mowing ditches.

Randy said a quote was received from Liechty Farm Equipment for a new tractor and are still waiting on a quote from Redline Equipment.

Randy said some trees were trimmed in Pettisville.

Kenneth made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Attested