

German Township
Board of Trustees
December 9, 2019

The Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio met in regular session for conducting business of the township.

Present: Andy Brodbeck, Kenneth Leupp, Joe Short, Keith Short

Guests: Josh King, Jeff Aeschliman, Robert Apger, Brad Short, Keith Roth, Kevin Morton, Deputy Chad Hayward, Karla Ball

Joe called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Keith presented the minutes from the November 25, 2019 meeting. Kenneth made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Keith presented the November 2019 bank statement for review.

Keith presented the bills for review (attachment 01-12-19). Andy 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.

Deputy Chad Hayward from the Sherriff's office presented the call report for German Township from October 14, 2019 to December 9, 2019.

Josh reported they cleaned up the area where the stumps were ground up, cut down a dead tree, put up Cross Traffic Does Not Stop signs at State Route 2 and Road 24, took some trash to the landfill and are working on a Fire Truck.

Stephen presented the November zoning report (attachment 02-12-19).

21-19 RESOLUTION DECLARING PART OF ROAD 24 AS A THROUGH HIGHWAY

The Board of Township Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio met in REGULAR session on this 9th day of December 2019 with the following members present:

Andy Brodbeck
Kenneth Leupp
Joe Short

Mr. Leupp moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

The Board of German Township Trustees, Fulton County, Ohio hereby designate the following portions of Township Road 24 as a through highway: Township Road A to State Route 2 and County Road D to State Highway 20A as pursuant to ORC 4511.07 (a6) and 4511.65 (d) to the extent Roads A, BC, E, F, and/or G, or portions of any thereof, have previously been designated as through highways in relation to Road 24, such prior designation(s) are also hereby rescinded; and

Signage and safety measures advising motorists will be as follows: 1 sign ahead of the Stop Sign at intersections of Township Road 24 and Township Roads A, BC, E, F and G stating "New

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Traffic Pattern Ahead” and “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” sign and a flashing “Stop Sign” with a “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” sign placed below the Stop Sign at the intersections. Additional temporary safety devices may be implemented such as rumble strips, flashing barricade lights and / or flags; and therefore,

The Board of Township Trustees of German Township, Fulton County, Ohio, further move to purchase above described signage for the designated intersections of Road 24 conforming to the ORC as of December 31, 2019.

Mr. Short seconded the Motion and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

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| Mr. Brodbeck | no |
| Mr. Leupp | yes |
| Mr. Short | yes |

Adopted this 9th day of December 2019.

Before voting on the resolution there was discussion about Road 24. Andy said after reading some guidelines, if Road 24 was built today, ODOT would not recommend four way stop signs at the intersections. A timesaving of approximately one minute and 14 seconds from State Route 34 to State Highway 20A if the north-south signs are removed. A benefit to remove the stop signs would be to direct more traffic of the downtown streets to Road 24, excluding truck traffic. As a Fire Chief, Andy attended accidents where the weather was different. An individual is responsible to follow the signs in place. Andy is not sure if this is the time to change the intersections. Andy is concerned about the maintenance of Road 24 if there is more truck traffic traveling the road.

Kenneth said safety is a large concern for him. He said ODOT says two-way stops are safer than four-way stops. An application is in process with ODOT to purchase the flashing stop signs. He feels we have done homework on this issue and is favor of removing the north south signs.

Joe said he makes his decisions on facts not on social media. The standards of MUTCD give recommendations for stop signs and specify that streets with the least amount of traffic should have the stop signs and stop signs should not be used for speed control. An individual shared a concern regarding the intersection of Lafayette Street and Road 24. Could there be signs installed suggesting a slower speed close to the intersection? Would the Sheriff Department be willing to have more of a presence on Road 24? Sheriff Hayward said if there were issues, they would have more units patrol Road 24. No one has approached Joe suggesting to have stop signs removed. We need to conform to State laws regarding signs.

Keith presented the November 2019 financial reports for review.

The Office of the Budget Commission of Fulton County, Ohio provided an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources (attachment 03-12-19).

Since the building located at the corner of State Route 66 and Road E is no longer rented, an application of Real Property Tax Exemption will be filed effective 12/1/19.

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A notification was received from the Ohio Township Association informing us there is a newly reinstated local government indigent burial reimbursement program (through HB 166) available for indigent burials that occurred from July 1, 2019 and going forward. Reimbursement applications must be submitted no later than 60 days after the burial transit permit or disposition permit is issued. An application is on the website of the Ohio Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors <https://www.funeral.ohio.gov/>.

There was some discussion regarding the expenses of \$1,446.58 billed to Mr. Mark Merillat for repairing the guardrail on Road G. Mr. Merillat has not paid for the damages. Andy made a motion to pay a \$50.00 fee to file a small claims action against Mr. Merillat. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Karla Ball attended to explain the health insurance options. Andy made a motion to renew the Paramount Healthcare ACA CDHP 100(2250)E plan beginning 1/1/20. The plan has an individual deductible of \$2,250.00 and a maximum out-of-pocket cost of \$2,250.00 for in-network procedures. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Kenneth made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Attested