

German Township  
Board of Trustees  
September 23, 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, David Pugh

Joe called the meeting to order at 7:30 am.

Keith presented the minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting. Andy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kenneth seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Keith presented the bills for review (attachment 08-09-19). Kenneth made a motion to accept the bills for payment as presented. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

Robert Apger said he thought he would have an estimate to repair monuments at Johnson Cemetery but he has not received it yet. Robert shared some pictures of Cemetery and Monuments around the area that were cleaned in 1988.

Josh reported they worked on Road 20 replacing a tile, Randy Beck cut down trees in Goll Cemetery, they cleared up stumps and seeded some grass, they repaired a damaged guard rail from an accident on Road G, repaired a catch basin on F, repaired a couple sections of 5" fire hose and repaired a few things on the tanker. Joe will contact the driver who caused the guard rail damage for reimbursement.

Keith presented Super Blanket Certificate #39-2019 for Cemetery Repairs and Maintenance for signatures.

We received notification from the Ohio Department of Commerce that German Township has been awarded a \$1,000.00 Cemetery Grant from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing (REPL) for the 2020 fiscal year to be used for monument maintenance (attachment 09-09-19). Kenneth made a motion to accept this grant. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed with three yes votes and no negative votes.

**15-19 RESOLUTION TO USE OTARMA'S COVERAGE DOCUMENT AS AN  
EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY AND FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY  
POLICY IN LIEU OF SURETY BONDS**

WHEREAS, German Township, Fulton County is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a political subdivision risk pool established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code hereinafter "ORC," 2744.081;

WHEREAS, House Bill 291 was signed into law on December 20, 2018 and became effective March 20, 2019; authorizes the use of an, "employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy," instead of individual surety bonds, for trustees, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with ORC 3.061, the township must adopt a policy by resolution to allow the

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use of an “employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty” coverage document, rather than a surety bond, to cover loss by fraudulent or dishonest actions of employees and failure of employees to faithfully perform duties; the following shall apply to the policy:

1. An officer, employee, or appointee shall be considered qualified to hold the office or employment, without acquiring a bond, on the date the oath of office is taken, certified, and filed as required by law.
2. An officer, employee, or appointee shall have the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy in effect before the individual’s term of office or employment and the officer, employee or appointee shall not commence the discharge of duties until coverage is documented.
3. All officers, employees, or appointees who would otherwise be required to file a bond before commencing the discharge of duties shall be covered by and are subject to the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy instead of a surety bond requirement.
4. The coverage amount for an officer, employee, or appointee under an employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy shall be equal to or greater than the maximum amount of the bond otherwise required by law.
5. Elected officials, prior to taking the oath of office and holding office, shall obtain approval of the intent to use the township’s OTARMA coverage agreement and affirm that the township’s coverage complies with ORC 3.061. Said approval shall be obtained by German Township, Fulton County.

WHEREAS, German Township, Fulton County’s, “employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy” through the OTARMA coverage document complies with ORC 3.061: and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this date September 23, 2019, that German Township, Fulton County hereby authorizes the township to purchase and use “employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy” through OTARMA instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties.

Motion made by Joe, seconded by Kenneth  
Yeas: Andy, Kenneth, Joe  
Adopted this 23rd day of September, 2019

Andy reminded everyone of the Fulton County Township Association meeting tomorrow night at the Barn at Sauder Village at 6:30 pm.

Kenneth received an ODOT grant application for the new signs for Road 24.

Josh reported he spoke with a company about putting in rumble strips. They have not done any for two years and would need to check out regulations from ODOT.

**16-19 RESOLUTION TO REMOVE STOP SIGNS AND ADD NEW SIGNAGE TO DESIGNATED INTERSECTIONS ON ROAD 24**

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the German Township Trustees, Fulton County, OH that the following motion be passed:

Moved to remove the North and South bound stop signs and to put up solar flashing “Stop” signs along with flashing “Cross Traffic Does Not Stop” signs and “New Traffic Pattern Ahead” signs for Road 24 for the intersections of Roads A, BC, E and F and also at a later time Road G when the bridge replacement is complete.

Motion made by Kenneth, seconded by Joe  
Yeas: Andy, Kenneth, Joe

Blausey’s are hoping to start on the drainage project this week.

Chief Davis told Joe that all of their equipment worked great at the large fire in Delta.

Kenneth made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 am. Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed with two yes votes and no negative votes.

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Attested