

GERMAN TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

October 9th, 2023

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. by chairman Monterrosa

Pledge of allegiance said by all.

Roll call by chairman Monterrosa, board member McClanahan, chairman Monterrosa, secretary McNeil, trustee Robinson. All present.

Trustee Robinson read an email sent by Luke Britt, public access counselor, disagreeing & correcting a German Twp resident representation of their phone conversation. Luke Britt also explained codes 5-14-1.5-1, 5-14-1.5-3(a) and IC36-6-6-6 to the German twp. resident, who for the remainder of the call spoke over him. Luke Britt asked to share this email with the German twp member. Trustee Robinson, again, stated disruptive behavior will not be allowed or time stacking & keep "hearing of the visitors" at the end of the meeting. Code ICS--14-1-5-3 allows the governing body to maintain order at board meetings.

September 2023 minutes read by board member McClanahan. Motion by secretary McNeil to approve minutes, 2nd by board member McClanahan. Chairman Monterrosa called for a board vote. The ayes have it. Motion carried.

Chairman Monterrosa opened the floor to public comments regarding the 2024 budget. No one responded.

September 2023 Financials read by trustee Robinson and pointed out an Amazon business account charge that will be reversed. Board member McClanahan questioned the style difference in financial print out. Question was answered. Chairman Monterrosa had concerns on Amazon business account and the status of the current 2023 budget monies. Concerns were answered by Trustee Robinson. Motion to approve September 2023 financials made by secretary McNeil, 2nd by board member McClanahan. Chairman Monterrosa called for a board vote. The ayes have it. Motion carried. Trustee Robinson read the Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax rates, budget form 4B, German twp., St Joseph County ending December 31, 2024. Motion to approve 2024 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax rates budget form 4B by secretary McNeil, 2nd by board member McClanahan with discussion. Board member McClanahan concerns were answered by trustee Robinson. Chairman Monterrosa read comparisons of German Township budget to surrounding townships of the same size. Chairman Monterrosa called for a board vote on Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax rates budget form 4B German twp., St Joseph County year ending December 31, 2024. The ayes have it. Motion carried.

Trustee Robinson report: Back and front door installed, painted, and tile floor installed. Front hand rails completed. Upstair's bathroom remodel is done. The kitchen remodel to be done: demo of current cabinets, sink and faucets. Then install 3 compartment sink, hand washing sink & proper grease trap. E.J. White estimate \$5509 includes removal of cabinets. Niezgodski Plumb. \$3860, removal of cabinets extra. The 3 compartment sink thru Glosson Food equip. is extra, estimated \$1400. Concerns by board members were answered. Motion by board member McClanahan to approve E.J. White Plumbing and Glosson equipment estimates, 2nd by secretary McNeil. Chairman Monterrosa called for a board vote. The ayes have it. Motion carried. Trustee Robinson reminded everyone of the chili and hot dog supper on Oct. 18th and trunk and treat Oct. 30th. Sheriff Redman agreed to partner with the center on the trunk and treat event.

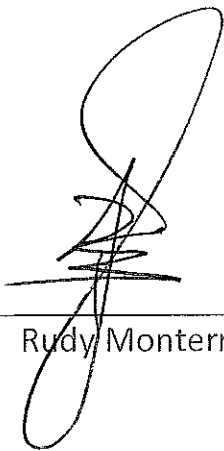
Deputy Trustee Brown reported hall rentals are up almost \$2000 from 2022. Tracking the center's utilities rental cost show little or no impact on utility usage. Change in the rental rule regarding putting chairs and tables away after rental party has finished.

Hearing of the visitors: Concerns were heard and answered.

Good of the Township: Chairman Monterrosa was present at the city of South Bend first annual "Hispanic Heritage Month". Navarro family, a German twp. resident, celebrated daughter ~~Latina Navarro participating in the event.~~ Cecilia Lopez Monterrosa, a German twp. member, received the city's first award in honor of "Hispanic Heritage Month" along with assistant director of La Casa de Amistad, Humberto Delgado.

Motion by board member McClanahan to adjourn meeting @ 7:02 p.m., 2nd by secretary McNeil. Chairman Monterrosa called for board vote. The ayes have it. Motion carried.

Next meeting, November 13, 2023 @ 6 p.m.
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Rudy Monterrosa



Kevin McClanahan



Mary Ellen McNeil