

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

January 14, 2008

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday January 14, 2008 to transact business. Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum and Bari Henning answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Earl Whiteman, Daniel Bainum, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott and Brian Tatman.

Mr. Henning said that we can not approve the minutes of the last meeting, because Mr. Taylor is sick and Mr. Bainum was not a trustee at the last meeting. Mr. Carson presented a financial report, including a comprehensive account of expenditures and receipts and the trustees accepted it.

Mr. Bainum motioned to pay the attached bills. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that the big oak tree on Elston Hockstock Road needs to be taken down below the wires and Duke Energy will do it as long as we give them permission. The trustees agreed. Mr. Whiteman also talked to the property owner and they want it to go down also. He said that we need to start thinking about replacing the 1999 Ford F550, because it's getting older and starting to nickel and dime us, plus the salt is taking its toll on the truck. He gave a copy of the roads in the township and the last time that they were paved. He said that Todds Run Foster is probably the worst road near the Brown County line. He said that is only 500 feet and it was paved last in 1996. He said that he thinks most of the other roads look very good and may not need to be paved this year. Mr. Henning said that if we don't need to pave any roads, then it may be a good year to buy a truck. Mr. Whiteman said that he would like to see us buy a bigger truck this time, but not a huge one that needs air brakes. Mr. Henning said that Mr. Taylor had talked to Lani Palmer about the Lukemire graves and she told him that she was buying the graves from a sibling. Mr. Henning said that if the owner will sign something saying that they are selling them, then we will transfer the sale. Mr. Henning said that the wet spot in the blacktop on Bass Road has come back so the ditches need to be cleaned. Mr. Henning said that Mr. Whiteman has several purchases throughout the year and is reimbursed, so he should have a township credit card. Mr. Bainum motioned to get a township credit card for Mr. Whiteman. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Henning said that we will need to upgrade the zoning computer sometime in the future, so he was thinking that maybe the maintenance department might want the old one. Mr. Whiteman said that he isn't afraid of computers, but he has never seen them do anything. He said that he is very anti computers. Mr. Carson said that he thinks we should think about fire proof file cabinets for a lot of different things. Mrs. Malott said that our township hall has a lot of termite problems. She said that our pest control people looked at it last year and suggested a termite company, but the trustees didn't do anything about it. Mr. Whiteman suggested building a new building at the back of the cemetery to house the trustees, zoning and maintenance department and sell the township hall. Mr. Henning suggested calling someone about the termite problem to get estimates.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Henning said that we received a letter saying that they are discontinuing our maintenance contract on zone pro software and Mrs. Malott said that she let it expire, because she doesn't use it. She said that someone contacted her about developing the 136 acres at the end of North Ellis Road, but they might access it from a property located along State Route 276. She said that the guys interested in developing the property said that they talked to ODOT and they were told that they might put an intersection at State Route 32. Mrs. Malott said that the county wants to know any events that we are having so that they can put them on the county calendar. She said that there is a workshop on 3-27-08 that she would like to attend.

Mr. Henning said that Cincinnati Bell sent us a letter asking to change a pole on Musgrove Road and he is going to sign the letter of approval. Mr. Henning said that we received a letter from the County Commissioners approving a petition for annexation for the David Bohl property and they will hold a hearing in March.

Mr. Henning motioned to pass Resolution #1-08 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Carson explained that he has been talking to the bank about getting a better interest rate and has found that if we convert our money into a sweep account in Government funds, then we can get a lot better interest. Mr. Henning motioned to convert our money at National Bank and Trust Company into a sweep account that investments in Government money only, because we can get a better interest rate than our current accounts. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that we need to appoint our fire dependency board members. He said that he is going to appoint Ron Goldston as the secretary and James Danbury as the citizen member of the board. He said that they test for TB every year and someone tested positive, so he sent them to Mercy for a chest x-ray and it came back negative and the doctor said that the needle test must have caused an allergic reaction. Mr. Malott said that he has had some of the volunteers have recently been subpoenaed to testify in court for accidents that they were at the scene. He said that our policy manual covers compensation for full time employees; however it doesn't mention any volunteers. He said that all of the recent cases have been worked out without the volunteers going to court; however he feels we need to think about looking at the policy, because the volunteers have other full time jobs and will have to take off of work. The trustees said that they will think about it and asked Mr. Malott to think about it also. Mr. Bainum suggested talking to some of the other departments that have volunteers what they do. Mr. Malott said that he has three members that want to attend an Emergency Care Conference and two of them have agreed to pay for their rooms if the township will pay for the registration fees and the cost is \$275/each and the other one will pay for the room if the township will pay for the registration fees, because their employer is paying the registration fees. Mr. Bainum said that he thinks whatever we do should be the same for everyone. Mr. Bainum motioned to pay the registration and hotel for up to four people for this conference. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that he has an application for the fire department for Michael Amriott. Mr. Henning motioned to accept the application for Michael Amriott for the fire department on standard probationary period. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that he would like to think about purchasing a new life squad this year, because the old life squad is ten years old. The trustees suggested shopping for a new one.

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Mr. Bainum said that on January 23 at 7 p.m., the school district is having a meeting, because they are eligible to receive a grant to build a new elementary school and he encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Henning welcomed Mr. Bainum to the board of trustees.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:05 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman