

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

August 11, 2008

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday August 11, 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, Bari Henning and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Ed Boll, Yvonne Malott, Earl Whiteman, Richard Malott and Brian Tatman.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the July 14th meeting. Mr. Bainum second. Mr. Henning & Mr. Bainum – yeas. Mr. Taylor abstained.

Mr. Bainum motioned to approve the minutes of the July 28th meeting. Mr. Taylor second. Mr. Bainum & Mr. Taylor – yeas. Mr. Henning abstained.

Mr. Carson presented a financial report, including a comprehensive account of expenditures and receipts and the trustees accepted it.

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

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Henning asked about the BP station on Front Wheel Drive. She explained that we have followed the procedures that are required by the ORC and the township can now go onto the property to mow and assess the taxes. She explained that there is an abandoned car at the station also. She explained that all of the VIN #'s have been removed from the vehicle. She said that the Sheriff can only tow the car if they know that it's stolen, but since there isn't a VIN #, they can't tell if it's stolen. Mrs. Malott explained the law in removing junk cars from a property that went into effect in March 2008. Mr. Henning motioned to adopt Resolution #4-08 to remove junk vehicles as approved now in ORC 505.871 since the provisions of this ORC specifically vest a township board of trustees with the express authority to remove or cause the removal of junk motor vehicles from both public and private property located within the unincorporated area of a township. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mrs. Malott said that she will notify the property owner as required by the new ORC. Mr. Henning said that he will contact our Deputy about the truck that is now sitting next to the abandoned car at the BP Station. She explained that there are two businesses that are relocating out of Williamsburg Township. Superior Steel is moving to Batavia Township. Mrs. Malott said that there will be a meeting with them and the State and the township has the right to object to the move, but Mr. Henning said that he hates to see them move, but is happy that they are expanding. She said that A-1 Fabricators is also moving to Batavia Township to a bigger building. She thinks that they are moving, because they can't build a bigger building here, because of sewers. Mrs. Malott suggested that the trustees should talk to the businesses in the community to see if they need anything. She said that a man came in today to ask for a letter about getting a certificate or letter saying that he is cleaning up his property that burned about a year ago on Sprague Lane. Mr. Henning said that he received an anonymous letter from Bootjack Road residents asking the township to get involved in cleaning up the Taylor property. Mr. Henning asked her to look at the property to see what she can do. Mr. Bainum asked about the Wendell property at 628 East Main St. She said that she had called the county board of health and they called her back and said that they gave them until 8-12-08 to get it mowed.

Mr. Henning said that the Village of Williamsburg sent out a press release saying that they were having a presentation by the Clermont County Tax Improvement District on 8-28-08 at 5:30. Mr. Henning said that the trustees are having a work session with the ME Company on 8-26-08 at 5:30 to discuss the progress of the 32 Corridor and will advertise accordingly.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that the cost of the gutters and downspouts on the salt shed is \$639.55. Mr. Henning motioned to put gutters and downspouts on the salt shed at a cost of \$639.55. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Whiteman said that they looked at the properties on Maple Drive and the problem is the ditches behind the properties and we can't go onto private property. He said that there has never been water over the road. He said that Hacker Paving completed the paving on Todds Run Foster Road and it looks good. He said that they are still having problems with the starters on the Farmtrac and they are trying to find one that will work. He said that they are a little behind on things, because Mr. Whiteman has been out due to illness, etc and they may have to work some overtime to keep up. He said that he has surgery on his other eye at the end of August. Mr. Henning said that he had talked to Mr. Tatman about overtime last weekend to get the cemetery mowed and caught up. He said that they are mowing roads right now, because school starts on August 20. Mr. Tatman said that the new F550 has been delivered, but it has to go back to the dealer for a small recall. Mr. Tatman said that someone called about selling graves at the cost now v/s what was paid for them years ago when their heirs bought them. The trustees agreed that since this is an heir and not the original owner, an exception can be made on the difference between the non resident and resident prices. Mr. Henning asked about why they left a few boards off at the top of the salt shed and Mr. Whiteman thinks it's because of "breathing" issues for the salt. Mr. Henning said that we are a part of the SWOP4G program and the salt will go out for bid at the end of August and when the bidding process is complete, we will be able to purchase salt at the discounted price.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that the building has been painted and looks great. He said that the guy was here to look at locations for the weather sirens. He said that they are looking around Bethel Concord and Concord Hennings Mill and also around McKeever and Ireton Roads. He said that he wants to talk to the neighbors to make sure they are ok with it. He said that he did that when we installed the other sirens and the residents were very appreciative of the sirens. He said that the prices of the sirens are around \$17,000 each. Mr. Taylor said that the CAD program at the county was scrapped, because it wasn't working. He asked how much time we are spending to work on it, and Mr. Malott said that they didn't spend that much time. He said that the county is bidding for a new system. He said that they had all of the ladders inspected today and they passed. Mr. Henning motioned to go into executive session at approximately 9:05 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Taylor motioned to return from executive session at approximately 9:35 p.m. Mr. Carson said that the State Auditor had asked why we didn't issue W-2's or 1099's in the past. He explained that the prosecutor had always view the \$10/run as a minimum and it basically covered the expenses incurred by the volunteers to get to and from the station, etc. The prosecutor said that the IRS is starting to crack down on this and have enacted new codes effective 2008 and now the prosecutor said that we need to start treating the volunteers as employees for any compensation that they receive. The prosecutor said that he confirmed with a tax attorney and they both agree on this. Upon review of the IRS section dealing with Volunteer Fire/EMS, there is a \$30/month exclusion from taxes for the volunteers. Mr. Carson said that he had talked to

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PERS about this and since there will be income, they want their portion also. He said that not only will this cost the township more money, but the volunteers will also be paying taxes, so they won't be receiving as much take home money for the hard work and dedication to the emergency services of the township residents. The trustees agreed that we need to do what the prosecutor says, but since the employees won't have as much take home money, they deserve to get a little more per run to help offset it. Mr. Bainum motioned to increase the EMS/Fire volunteer per run rate to \$15/run. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning said that he received the new contract from the Sheriff's office for the Township Deputy Sheriff. He said that it went up about \$3,000/year. Mr. Taylor motioned to approve the three year Sheriff Contract for a 40 hour/week Deputy. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:50 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman