

# Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

## November 24, 2008

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday November 24, 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, Earl Whiteman, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott, Deputy John Schaeffer, Brian Tatman, Margaret Jones, Alan Glover, Cathy Glover, Ashley Hall, Pamela Hance, Margaret Jones, Paula F., and Bernadine R.

Mr. Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. 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. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning said that Mr. Glover had explained to him that his mother purchased cemetery graves in 1965 and 3 of the 4 graves have burials on them and there is one grave left. He gave the trustees a copy of his birth certificate showing that he is the son. Mr. Henning said that the lots were sold to Paul & Vivien Glover. He said that Vivien is his mother and Paul was his grandfather. He said that his mother paid for the graves with insurance money from his father's death. Margaret Jones said that Paul Glover was her father and her father paid for the graves. He gave the trustees copies of marriage certificates and death certificates for his mother and father. Margaret Jones said that Mr. Glover wants to sell these lots and he is only doing this out of spite. Mr. Glover said that he wants this last grave, because he wants to give it to one of his two brothers or his sister if they pass away before him. Mr. Taylor asked how many descendants that Paul Glover has and Mr. Glover said that there are 15 living. Mr. Glover said that he has an aunt that wants to bury a nephew there who is about to die. Margaret Jones said that she is the oldest living daughter of Paul Glover. She said that Vivien told her that she didn't think Alan should have the grave. Mr. Henning said that we can't go on "hearsay". He said that we have determined that Paul & Vivien Glover were the owners of the grave and all of the heirs have rights to the grave. One of the sisters said that Alan had offered to sell it to another family member. Mr. Taylor pointed out that he doesn't own the lot and can't sell it. He said that all of the heirs have rights to this grave and need to decide what to do or they should take it to court and let the courts decide. Mr. Henning pointed out that we have to protect the rights of the township and can't make a decision on this unless all of the heirs agree to what happens with it. Mr. Henning suggested that everyone should sit down and talk about it and if they can't work it out, then they need to take it to court.

### Sheriff Report

Deputy Schaeffer said that things are fairly quiet, except for a couple of break-ins. He said that there has been an influx of break-ins county wide during the days. Mr. Henning said that he looked at the monthly report and it looks like he's been very busy with traffic violations.

### Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he got quotes for the two trees that need to be taken down in the cemeteries. Tree Works gave him a quote of \$1,350 and Lacy Tree Service gave him a bid of \$850. Mr. Henning said that Lacy is clearly the low bid, so we need to hire them, but he asked Mr. Whiteman to get a copy of their insurance card. Mr. Henning motioned to hire Lacy Tree Service at a cost of \$850 as long as they provide the insurance copy. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Whiteman said that the Ford F550 is in the shop now, because it stopped working driving to Kaffenbarger. He asked if we should have 32 Ford do the routine maintenance on the truck while it's under warranty. The trustees agreed. Mr. Whiteman gave the trustees a copy of the inventory of their equipment. Mr. Bainum asked if they had plenty of tools or if they needed anything. Mr. Whiteman said that they have pretty much everything they need. Mr. Henning said that he received a couple of calls about leaning signs on Musgrove Road. Mr. Tatman said that they would take care of it tomorrow. Mr. Bainum said that he noticed a sign on Bass Road that had been painted over. Mr. Tatman said that he'd check on it while he's out there tomorrow. Mr. Henning said that he talked to Rob Alfieri from the County Engineer's office and he said that if there is a snow event in the near future, we can get salt from them until we get our own salt that we plan to purchase. Mr. Bainum said that Mr. Taylor had asked the Engineer's office if they could notify us quicker about roads being turned over to the township from the county, because it seems like the roads are turned over to us and then they notify us. Mr. Henning said that the county resurfaced the bridge on Bethel Concord Road and it's a hard hit and it needs to be smoothed out, but he has talked to the engineer and they are going to take care of it. Mr. Tatman gave a copy of the cost for getting all of the signs replaced to bring them up to the high intensity reflective material that is required by 2012. The cost is about \$4,000 to do every sign. The trustees suggested getting them done equally over the next few years to make sure they are all done by the time the law requires them in 2012.

Mr. Bainum thanked Mr. & Mrs. Malott for helping out at the Township Association dinner last week and thanked them for the use of the fire house.

### Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that she mailed a copy of our zoning resolution book to the Center for Public Management at Miami University and they didn't give us a time frame on when they would be done, but she thinks they will look at it fairly soon and she hopes it will be done in a few months.

### Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that he has applications for a couple of fire fighters named Earl Kelch and Daniel Knapke. He said that they have approved them. He said that Mr. Knapke has had training already, but Mr. Kelch would have to get his training within his one year of probation. Mr. Henning motioned to appoint Daniel Knapke and Earl Kelch to the fire department with one year standard probationary period. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Taylor said that Gary Pitzer had asked to use our building for the county for two weekends for government use. Mr. Bainum said that if it's government use, he doesn't see a problem with it. The trustees agreed. Mr. Henning said that we've never opened up use of the building for public rental. The trustees agreed.

Mr. Henning motioned to allow Mr. Taylor to sign all FEMA documents related to the wind storm damage. Mr. Bainum second. Mr. Henning & Mr. Bainum – Yeas and Mr. Taylor abstained. Mr. Henning said that we received a thank you note

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from the Williamsburg Harmony Hill Association thanking us for our donation. Mr. Henning said that we received the invoice for the 2009 Chamber dues for a cost of \$347. Mr. Bainum motioned to pay the chamber dues. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Henning said that we received notification from the county about annexation of parcel #523504L164. owned by John and Donna Malott. The trustees said that they don't see a problem with this, because the owners need to be annexed for sewers, because their septic failed. Mr. Taylor said that we received a letter from Clermont 20/20 asking for nominations for the Williamsburg Township resident for the Salute to Leaders dinner. Mr. Henning said that there is a road mileage meeting on December 4 that he is going to attend.

Mr. Carson explained that we are having speed issues with Zoomtown here for the network. He said that we're only getting around 1,300. He said that he gets about 4,400 at home and about 4,300 at the cemetery building. He said that Time Warner is the same cost, but the sales rep said that we should have higher speed. Mr. Carson suggested getting Time Warner High speed at the township hall for the server and try it for a month before cancelling Zoomtown.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:00 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

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Fiscal Officer

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Chairman