

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

July 26, 2010

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday July 26, 2010 to transact business. Chairman Bainum called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum, Bari Henning and Gary Jordan answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Jordan Wright, Daniel Bainum, Earl Whiteman, Courtney Hauck, Yvonne Malott, Allen Boothby, Brian Tatman, Ed Boll, Deputy John Schaefer and Don Roth.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. 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.

Courtney Hauck and Jordan Wright, 2 of our newest cadets, thanked the trustees for allowing them to attend the Cadet Training. They gave a Thank You letter to the trustees. Mr. Bainum read the letters aloud. The cadets gave a detailed account of all of the things that they learned at the training from fire training to basic EMT skills. They said that they learned a lot and it was a great experience. They said that they have been cadets for 6-8 months. Mr. Henning thanked them for their enthusiasm and hopes that it continues for years to come. Mr. Jordan said that he attended the Clermont County Fair parade yesterday and was proud to see the cadets in the parade and proud of our entire fire department and EMS for the great job that they do and glad to see them well represented in the parade.

Emergency Services Report

Daniel Bainum said that Planet Aid wants to put a clothing recycling drop box at the fire house. He gave a copy of the brochure to the trustees. He said that they want to send 6 people to the Ohio Firefighter's Association annual conference. It would cost \$75/each and it would cost 3 nights in the hotel. Mr. Henning motioned to allow the 6 people to attend and pay registration, meals and hotel. Mr. Jordan. Mr. Henning- Yea. Mr. Jordan- Yea. Mr. Bainum abstained, since his son is attending. Daniel Bainum said that we have 2 new cadets named Tyler Frazee and Brandon Noe. He said that Mr. Wylie wants to discuss upgrading computer equipment, but will give more details at a later meeting. He said that fire equipment was tested this week and everything passed except one ladder on the truck.

Don Roth from Aflac said that he made a presentation to the Fire/EMS department and they had a couple of people interested in taking Aflac. Mr. Jordan said that he feels that the trustees should have been involved in this discussion from the beginning since its insurance related. He feels that it's a complex issue if there are part time and full time people involved, because of payroll deductions. Mr. Roth said that he wants to present Aflac to our road department to see if more people are involved. He gave a brief summary of what Aflac insurance covers. Mr. Jordan said he didn't understand why the county doesn't get together and offer a group rate. Mr. Roth said that only 3 people are needed to get a group rate. Mr. Henning said that we would not support offering this to part time employees, because part time employees aren't guaranteed a certain amount of hours, so they may work a lot or a little and if they only work a little, then we won't have any wages to garnish and the township might get stuck with the bill and we won't do that. Mr. Boll said that the township shouldn't be in the business of endorsing any product that a salesman might sell. Mr. Henning asked Mr. Tatman if he would want Aflac or if Mr. Burba would want it. Mr. Tatman said that he wasn't interested and Mr. Burba wasn't interested when it was presented at Mt. Orab. Mr. Roth said that he only wants to make a presentation and they have a proven track record that once a presentation is made, the majority of the employees will take it. Mr. Henning asked if the trustees could have a business card and would like to think about it. Mr. Roth asked if he could have time to make a presentation to the trustees before presenting it to the other employees.

Mr. Boll asked if anything could be done about dumping of trash on what looks like a service road off of Half Acre Road. Mr. Henning said that it's on private property, so nothing can be done, unless someone catches them and turns them over to the Sheriff. Mr. Henning said that he followed up with the county engineer about the big hole in the corner of Half Acre Road and State Route 276. He said that Mr. Alfieri from the county engineer said that he will look at the problem.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that the Village of Williamsburg signed a contract with CSI for trash removal and is getting rid of Rumpke. He said that the dumpster at the fire house and at the cemetery is serviced by Rumpke and will more than likely disappear since Rumpke doesn't have the contract. Mr. Bainum said that he will talk to the village administrator to see if she knows if we will be getting replacement dumpsters. Mr. Whiteman said that they replaced 4 pipes on Todds Run Foster in the past couple of weeks. He said that there are a few more pipes that have head walls for the metal pipes. He thinks that we should put steel pipes back in their place because he is afraid plastic pipes might wash away. Mr. Tatman said that he talked to the pipe sales people and they recommend using the plastic pipes, but flash filling. Mr. Henning likes this idea, because if we use metal pipes, then we have rusting sometime in the future. Mr. Whiteman said that he would like to start with the worst one and see how it works. He said that he wants to hire a track hoe to get the job done quicker. Mr. Henning suggested replacing the one pipe now and to use flash fill to see how it does and then do the others in the spring, so that we can blacktop the road next year.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that she typed a transcription of the meeting and will make copies for the trustees to review. She said that she sent a copy of the minutes of that zoning meeting to Mr. Berger as he had requested. Mrs. Malott said that the county mowed the front part of the property next to the township hall, but didn't mow the back, because they said that their rules say that they will only mow the front back to a fence. Mr. Henning said that it's frustrating and he's disappointed. He said that he thinks we should take care of the problem by ourselves in the future and assess the property owner's taxes. Mr. Jordan agreed and said that he thinks we're sending the wrong message that we only require the front half of your yard to be mowed. Mrs. Malott said that the rules say that they need to mow the yard twice a year. One time between June 1 and July 15 and a second time between July 16 and August 31. Mr. Boll said that we should look at each property individually, because one yard might be half an acre and another yard might be 5 acres and we aren't in the lawn mowing business. Mrs. Malott said that she has a list of the properties that need to be mowed. She said that she is following procedure and wanting us to hire Mr. Knight to mow these just like he did the ones on James E. Sauls Sr. Drive. Mr. Henning motioned to follow the proper procedures for notifying the property owner and public that we will be mowing parcel #'s 52-35-08H-082, 104, 105 and 106 owned by Janaka LTD on James E. Sauls Sr. Drive and also parcel #'s 52-35-

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09I-045D, 045I, 046D, 046G, 047A, 047F, 048C and 048E owned by Carl Stevens on State Route 276. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. She said that the junk vehicles, tractors, etc. on the Johnson property on State Route 133 is looking horrible. She said that she is following procedures with letters of notification, etc. to the Johnson's. Mr. Boothby thanked Mrs. Malott for taking care of the property across the street from him on Dela Palma Road. He said that it has been mowed recently. She said that she is going to look for more properties that need to be taken care of. She said that she has noticed a few properties that have put in ponds without fences per regulations and she is notifying them. Mr. Henning said that it doesn't look like Richard Miller is complying with what she is requiring. She said that Mr. Miller was supposed to stop by and apply for a permit, but hadn't made it yet. Mr. Jordan suggested talking to Chad Graybill about being on the zoning board, because he is a great man of character and has a great knowledge of building. The trustees agreed, so Mr. Jordan agreed to contact him.

Mr. Bainum said that he doesn't want to see a dumpster for Planet Aid clothing at the fire house, because he thinks it will look bad and we also have Goodwill in the village, so people can take clothing there. The trustees agreed.

Mr. Jordan said that he feels that the township shouldn't offer Aflac to the township employees, because other competitors of Aflac could come into the township and ask us to do the same thing and where should we draw the line. He said that Aflac can solicit the employees, per the solicitation guidelines of the Village and sell it to them individually if they want and that wouldn't involve the township.

Mr. Carson said that we received a letter from OBWC stating that we are required for a 2 hour training each year to remain a part of the group rating program. Mr. Jordan said that he will look at the schedule to see if he can attend the training to keep us in compliance.

Mr. Jordan suggested having a special meeting to discuss the personnel policies of the township. The trustees agreed that we could meet at 6:00 p.m. before the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Carson said that he will advertise appropriately.

Mr. Bainum said that we received a letter from Higginsport thanking us for the donation of the ambulance. He asked if we could do anything about a torn and tattered flag at Schumacher Homes. Mr. Henning said that there really isn't anything that the township can do.

Mr. Boothby said that we should clean up the area behind the fire house, because it is overgrown and has trash in it and looks very bad. He thinks that it looks bad on the township to have property that looks like this and yet we are complaining about other residents in the township. Mr. Henning said that it is technically woods behind the property, but we will look at possibly cleaning it up.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:00 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman