

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

August 9, 2010

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday August 9, 2010 to transact business. Chairman Bainum called the special meeting to order at 6:00 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 was Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson.

The trustees reviewed the handbook page by page to compare the proposed policy with the suggestions from the prosecuting attorney. Mr. Jordan would like to see a nice handbook prepared in a bound book and present it as a proud moment that we have accomplished this and hand it to the employees and allow them to review it and ask questions. The trustees agreed with the handbook on pages 1-10 and agreed to meet at a future meeting to finish more of the handbook. The trustees took a ten minute recess before the regular meeting.

Chairman Bainum called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Also present was Ed Boll, Brian Tatman, Ken Wylie, Earl Whiteman and Yvonne Malott.

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

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that Mr. Tatman wants to buy a Massey Ferguson tractor with a boom arm to cut high stuff. He said that a neighboring township is selling one. Mr. Whiteman said that he feels that it would only be used for one purpose and only used about 4 days a year and sit around the rest of the year. He said that he feels that they are very dangerous when cutting, because they shoot debris out everywhere. He said that he thinks the county doesn't use that style any more, because of safety concerns. He said that all of our other equipment has multiple uses, whereas this would only be used for a single purpose. He said that this tractor is about \$45,000 for a 2006 Massey Ferguson and it's a good deal, because a brand new one is over \$88,000; however it's a lot of money for what little we would get out of it. Mr. Henning said that he likes the idea of this tractor to do what it could be used for, but since we only have 18 miles of road, it may not be worth it for what little it would be used. Mr. Whiteman said that the county used to have a program where they would loan out their equipment to townships. He said that they will check on that. Mr. Bainum asked why this township is getting rid of the Massey Ferguson. Mr. Tatman said that they are buying a different type of tractor with a different mower so that they can mow quicker. He said that they told him it was a great piece of equipment for cutting brush, but wasn't functional for what they needed. Mr. Jordan said that he feels it is a nice piece of equipment, but we need to weigh our needs. Mr. Bainum said that he's not totally for it or against it. He sees where it could be needed, but it sounds like a lot of money also. Mr. Henning said that he feels we can't justify that kind of an expense for what little it would be used. He said that if we found an older model in good shape at a much cheaper cost, it might be worth it. The other trustees agreed. He said that the Ford F550 was towed to Beechmont Ford for the same problem that it's been towed for 3 or 4 other times. He said that it just stops and it's dangerous. Mr. Carson gave them the name and phone # of someone at Ford Corporate that he talked to after the last time and gave him a case # and told him to call them the next time it happens and they would send an engineer. Mr. Bainum asked what it would take to get a light put up at Alexander Lane and Cane Run Road. Mr. Whiteman said that we just need to call Duke to get it installed and they would add it to our electric bill. Mr. Jordan said that it would be a good idea to light up the intersection. Mr. Henning asked them to mow Williamsburg Bantam road sometime before Labor Day and Mr. Tatman said that they would get it done when they mow out that way.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Henning asked if Schumacher Homes had changed the torn and tattered flag that they have at their business. Mr. Bainum said that he will call Ray Sipple to see if they can do anything. The trustees agreed that there is nothing that we can do, because it's on private property. She said that we need to invest in a new recording system to record the zoning meetings, because we need to keep them forever. Mr. Bainum said that he will check with other townships at the next township association meeting. Mr. Bainum motioned to set a special meeting on August 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. to vote on ZC1-10 with the regular trustee meeting to immediately follow. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that she asked the church on the corner of Bass Road and State Route 133 to take a sign down, because they haven't applied for a permit and she doesn't like where it's located. Mr. Jordan said that someone contacted him about the lots across from 4139 State Route 276 to be mowed. She said that it was taken care of over the weekend. She said that Danny Knight has been taking care of bush hogging several of the properties that we've been notifying to be mowed. She said that she still has two others to be mowed. She said that she will advertise for the two remaining properties that she knows about to get mowed. Mr. Jordan asked if there are any avenues available to help out people in the community who are destitute and can't afford to take care of their lawns, yet we are mowing them and assessing their taxes, which makes an even bigger financial burden for them. Mr. Bainum said that he remembers a grant that was available years ago to help out people in these situations, but can't remember the details. He said that he will try to check on it. Mr. Henning said that using taxpayer dollars on private property can't be done.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wylie said that CPR classes are going well and have more phone calls every day. He said that he would like to see the computers upgraded. The trustees said that Jerry Huerst did some upgrades about a year ago and he did a great job. Mr. Wylie said that he is getting estimates on getting the one ladder that failed repaired. He said that there is NIMS software that is available for about \$2,100. He said that they might need to purchase a "tough book" computer to load this software on for use at the scene. He said that he has seen a demo of the software and it looks impressive. Mr. Jordan asked if surrounding townships use this software and Mr. Wylie didn't know. Mr. Boll asked what this software does. Mr. Wylie said that the software would have layouts of the buildings, list any hazards, any surrounding fire hydrants and much more. The trustees said that they would like to see a demo of the software. Mr. Wylie said that the bridge work on Main Street will begin around September 30 and it will be closed for roughly 2 weeks. He said that we have contingency plans in place to take care of coverage of fire and emergency services. Mr. Jordan asked if we should notify the State Highway Patrol to let them know to ensure safety of our township residents, because traffic flow will be re-routing to more dangerous intersections such as McKeever Pike and Dela Palma Road. Mr. Henning asked if there was any more communication with the village about the fire hydrants and Mr. Wylie said no.

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Mr. Bainum said that we received an invitation to the Clermont Senior Services Antique Auction on September 10 at a cost of \$40 per person. He said that we received a letter from the Commissioners asking for our support for the Children's Services Levy on the November ballot. He said that it is a renewal. He said that we received a letter from Jean Schmidt, Congresswoman telling us that we are invited to a round table on August 12 at the Union Township Hall at 10:30 a.m. He said that we received a letter from Duke Energy asking to perform work at various locations around the county to correct Adelpia violations. Mr. Bainum said that he will sign it and fax it back to them for approval. Mr. Jordan said that there is a Duke Energy tax appeal meeting at Pierce Twp on August 31 to try to rally the troops against the Duke Energy Tax situation. Mr. Jordan suggested continuing our discussion on the handbook issue at the end of the meeting on August 23. Mr. Jordan said that he is talking with Steve Wharton about getting a meeting with Congresswoman Schmidt about the 32 corridor.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:40 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman