

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

January 23, 2012

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday January 23, 2012 to transact business. Chairman Jordan 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, Yvonne Malott, Richard Malott, Earl Whiteman, Doug Green, Ken Wylie, Wayne and Gayle Allison

Mr. Bainum motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Henning 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.

Doug Green said that he is a candidate for State Representative for the 66th House District. He gave a brief description of his beliefs and bio of his experience.

Mr. Allison asked if they were in compliance with their culvert pipe. Mr. Jordan said that he went out and took pictures of the catch basin that Mr. Allison installed. He said that he has been researching the issue with the county. He said that the county told him that permits were required for new pipes. He said that the township doesn't have any permits for the culverts and suggested that Mr. Allison consult with the county to make sure he is in compliance. He said that last week we had one of the hardest/fastest rains that we have seen in a long time. He said that Mr. Whiteman went out and looked at the road by Mr. Allison's house and didn't see any signs of any problems. Mr. Allison said that the adjacent owner had installed a pipe underground to the edge of their property. He said that he installed a catch basin to connect his pipe to their pipe. He said that he still has some concrete to add, because he ran out, but when it's done it will slope from the road to his basin so that water doesn't run onto the road.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that all equipment is up and running right now. He said that he is concerned that we might have problems getting parts in the future, because the John Deere dealer told him that they wouldn't make parts for anything older than 10 years old. He said that he drove all of the roads today looking for water problems and only saw one slight problem with Todd's Run Road and they are going to work on it tomorrow. Mr. Jordan said that we received a letter from the Ohio Rail Development Commission describing compliance regulations for rail road crossings. He asked Mr. Whiteman to look at the letter and make sure we are in compliance.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that she checked with our prosecutor to see if she could give all zoning complaints to Mr. Allison from his neighbor and she said that the prosecutor said that it's all public record and she could give him all of the complaints.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wylie said that he spoke with Steve Sears from an energy company about replacing all of the lighting in the building. He said that they estimated that we could get credits back of about \$5,800, but will be here later this week to give him the price. He said that Mr. Sears estimates that we will get the money back within a year on our energy bills. He said that he wants to attend a fire investigation arson class with Mike Hoh. He said that the cost is \$275/per person plus 2 nights lodging and related expenses. Mr. Henning motioned to approve paying for the fire investigation class and all related expenses. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that the pads on all of their backboards are ripped and torn. He said that it will cost around \$935 to replace everything that needs to be replaced. Mr. Jordan motioned to pay to replace all of the equipment that needs to be replaced at a cost of around \$935. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that we can hold the discussion on buying the turn out gear that they need until they hear if we are getting the grant to pay for it. Mr. Henning said that he has received a complaint from a resident about not getting the pictures that they ordered from the ladies fire auxiliary picture sale. Mr. Wylie and Mr. Malott confirmed that they have been receiving several calls also. They suggested calling Missi Brown, who is president of the ladies auxiliary. Mr. Bainum asked them to check on a decent sound system for the emergency services building to use when they have events so that everyone can hear. Mr. Jordan said that the cadets are having a dinner from 1-4 on Sunday. He said that we are very proud of the cadet program in our township. Mr. Jordan read a letter from Sterling Township stating that they are only willing to pay \$10,000 for contracting with us for fire services. Mr. Henning said that the contract expired 12-31-11, but we had agreed to keep giving service until the contract details were worked out. He said that he had contacted the trustees in early December 2011 with the same \$20,000 contract that has been in place for the past 9 or 10 years and noted that we had been providing service since roughly 1997. He said that the Sterling Township trustees wouldn't discuss it with him and finally called him on January 10, 2012 telling him that they were sending a letter reducing it to \$10,000. He said that he is very frustrated about the situation and feels that they must not need our services if they are only wanting to offer that much. Mr. Jordan said that our runs have increased over the past several years and yet the contract amount remained the same for several years. He said that he had felt that we should have been able to negotiate a little. He said that he would like to send them a letter stating that we would offer a contract for \$20,000 and if they don't want to sign it, we will terminate our services at midnight on 2-29-12 to give them time to find something else to cover their township. Mr. Malott suggested that we cancel our mutual aid agreement with Mt. Orab to cover Sterling Township, otherwise we'll continue to do the same job that we are doing now and not getting paid anything for it. Mr. Jordan says that we want to be good neighbors, but we have the responsibility to our Williamsburg Township taxpayers first and foremost. Mr. Henning motioned to reject Sterling Township's offer of \$10,000, but would like to offer a continued contract at the same price of \$20,000 as the prior year and will stop coverage on 02-29-12 at midnight if they do not wish to continue the contract. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan gave Mr. Wylie some copies of possible grants that they could apply for that he has found.

Mr. Jordan said that he received an email from Steve Bayer saying that he is the grandson of John Hockstok requesting that we change the name of Elston Hockstock back to Hockstok Road as it was originally. Mr. Bainum said that it might be worth researching it to honor the family if that was the proper spelling and to try to figure out how it got changed. Mr. Whiteman is going to look into the records and see if he can find any history on it.

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

Fiscal Officer

Chairman