

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

February 22, 2010

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday February 22, 2010 to transact business. Chairman Bainum called the meeting to special meeting to order at 5:00 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, Carol Jordan and Kevin Wiedemann.

Mr. Bainum motioned to go into Executive Session at approximately 5:03 P.M. to discuss personnel matters in regards to interviewing to hire a new fire chief. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum motioned to come out of executive session at approximately 6:30 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan motioned to recess until the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Henning motioned to come out of recess at approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Chairman Bainum called the regular 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, Earl Whiteman, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott, Brian Tatman, Ed Boll and Jason Pollitt.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the February 8 regular meeting and February 15 special 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. Jordan second. All yeas.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that the sign on the outside of the township hall is looking very bad and it has the wrong time on it. Mr. Henning suggested checking with the local sign companies in Williamsburg Township about making a new sign.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that the air compressor that we use for our equipment is about to go out. He said it works OK, but we should look at getting a new one before the old one quits. He said that he thinks a new one could be at least \$25,000. He thinks the one we have now is almost 40 years old. The trustees suggested getting some quotes. He said that the new squad was having some problems where the lights would go out while driving down the road, so they took it out of service for a few days while it was getting fixed at Beechmont Ford. He said that it needs to have air horns installed on it, because it was missed when it was ordered. Mr. Jordan said that we need to make sure Mr. Malott is paid for his time at the amount that we were going to pay Mr. Spencer when he was hired. This was going to be \$25,000/year. Mr. Jordan motioned to pay Richard Malott on a monthly basis part time until the new chief is found retroactive to January 1 at a rate of \$25,000/year paid on a monthly basis. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that the throw out bearing on the Economy tractor went out and it had to be sent away to be rebuilt, because he couldn't find any parts around here. Mr. Bainum said that he would like to see them buy a blade to put on the front of the John Deere Gator and it's about \$1,850.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that they are greasing the trucks really well after the recent snow, because the snow is really hard on the trucks. He recommends that we replace the curve signs this year to bring them up to date for the specs that the law is requiring. He said that we have been replacing other signs a little at a time to get them all up to date by the time the law takes effect. He said that he ordered 100 ton of salt from Cargill to replenish our salt bins and may order another 20 tons if our salt bins can handle that much. He said that they will bring one truck at a time so that they can have time to move it into the salt bin. Mr. Jordan said that we put a work order in to Duke Energy to get a street light fixed on Bootjack and State Route 133 and they didn't fix it, so he called them. Mr. Whiteman said that he had contacted Duke also and it hasn't been fixed. He said that it's an ODOT light, but we are trying to handle it, because ODOT can take forever to get anything done. Mr. Henning asked Mr. Whiteman how much crack sealing we would need to do on our township roads. Mr. Whiteman said that he would have to walk the roads rather than drive them so that he can see it better. He said that there is a local company that we can use to get a machine and the sealant to seal the roads. Mr. Henning said that he found a company at the winter convention that would do this also. He said that there is one bad area on Elston Hockstock way back at the end and there is only one house past it, but it's about a 500 foot section. He said that it's too far gone for crack seal to work. Mr. Henning said that on one of the snowy days, the fire tone dropped and the county road hadn't been cleared yet, but Mr. Tatman heard it and took the big truck and plowed the county road out to the scene to make sure there was a clear path. Mr. Malott said that this was very helpful. He said that the two road guys are always very helpful to jump in and participate in fire runs when needed if they aren't busy with their normal jobs.

Mr. Boll asked if the trustees communicated with the Batavia Township trustees very much. He said that he attended a recent meeting of the Batavia Township Trustees and he couldn't believe how badly Archie Wilson talked down to the people and couldn't believe that they are going to blow the lease deal between the University of Cincinnati in the old Ford plant because of zoning issues. Mr. Bainum said that he may think about talking to the Batavia Township Trustees about it after giving it some thought. Mr. Boll asked if Williamsburg Township was supporting Operation Restoration to restore the Williamsburg High School football field. Mr. Bainum said that the trustees and fiscal officer are supporting it individually, but the township can't give money to the effort. Mr. Boll asked who plowed snow and piled it up in front of Mathis Road and Mr. Whiteman said that ODOT did this, but we didn't worry about it, even though it's a township road, because there are no residents on the road. Mr. Henning motioned to buy a set of township source books from the Ohio Township Association for Mr. Jordan since he's a new trustee. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum motioned to go into Executive Session at approximately 8:10 P.M. to discuss personnel matters in regards to interviewing to hire a new fire chief. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum motioned to come out of executive session at approximately 8:45 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:47 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.