

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

February 25, 2008

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday February 25, 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 Earl Whiteman, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott & Ed Boll.

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

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

Ed Boll had attended the meeting for the 32 Corridor at the Williamsburg High School and was asking how the Trustees were working with the County and ODOT – Mr. Henning assured Mr. Boll that they were watchful that the Township would be included in the comments and concerns and that they were aware for the concerns of the citizens. If Mr. Boll had any ideas, comments or concerns to let the Trustees know. Mr. Boll felt that it was good that they are working with all concerned.

Cemetery & Maintenance

Mr. Whiteman said that the County Engineers would be taking a closer look it the drainage problems at Commons of East Fork. He also related that there were grave spaces available – 700+ are ready now and spaces for 900+ can be developed. In 2000, 213 grave spaces were sold and in 2007, 50 grave spaces were sold. Mr. Henning ask what the average per year would be and Mr. Whitman said 62 to 65 would be the average. Mr. Whitman said that all of the equipment was working. Mr. Henning let Mr. Whitman know that Mr. Alfieri at the County said the Township could get 2 more loads of salt if we needed it. Mr. Whiteman felt that what we had would be sufficient but it was good to know we could get more if needed. A discussion of building a salt bin followed.

Zoning

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Discussed the properties in the Township that are in violation and which ones were in progress of cleaning up or going to Court.

Emergency Services

Chief Malott reviewed to cost of a new squad – a McCoy Miller as the last one that was bought in 2003 was \$91,823.18 now the cost will be approximately \$117,737.00 with no trade in – they would help sell the old one but will not take trade-in. Ford has a \$42,000 rebate that would come off of the above cost and will be on State terms so would not need to advertise. The Trustees approved for the Fire Chief to draw up the specs for a new squad. The Chief will meet with Jackson Twp Fire Department & ARCH owners at Jackson Township Fire Department tomorrow at 4:30pm to discuss the equipment needed for the Life Squad to assist in extracting persons from the mine. He had visited the mine with Jackson Township and found that no gas powered equipment could be used in the mine and the terrain was very rough with the only lighting from helmets and vehicles. Jackson Township Fire Chief had planned three options for getting the proper equipment for rescue personnel. Chief Malott also reported that the new CAD system the County has been scrapped because will not work with the radio changes from Nextel. The duel radios will not work with the existing system so will need to donate to Brown County to get 100% Grant the County has for this. If given to Brown County there will be better communication between departments. Chief Malott was asking if the Trustees would allow the donation as they were property of the Township – all of the Trustees agreed that it was be best to give the two radios to Brown County so that they could get the 100% Grant from the County. Mr. Henning asked if there were areas in the Township that could use weather warning sirens besides the ones that exist now and how the Department checked to see if the sirens are working. The County tests the sirens once a month on the first Wednesday of the month and the employees physically check to see if they are operating on those Wednesdays. The County gets feed back when a siren is not working and relays to the Department. Mr. Henning asked if the Chief would find out where any new sirens were needed so that the Township could best serve the Township in an emergency.

Guy Bainum and Jim Taylor will be going to “Salute to Leaders” for County.

Mr. Bainum called the State Auditor to find where he stood on signing checks to his son that was on the Fire Department – they are to get back with him. He wanted to make sure that he would be doing the right thing in this process so as not to get into legal problems.

Jim Taylor stated that he was approached by a citizen saying they liked the signs that identified the Township and Village but thought sign near with “zoning enforced” was tacky. To be able to enforce the zoning codes there has to be signage.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:55 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman