

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

March 14, 2005

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday March 14, 2005 to transact business. Chairman Danbury called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. James Danbury, Bari Henning and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Clerk, Gregory W. Carson, Laverne Ellis, Deputy John Schaeffer, Earl Whiteman, and Yvonne Malott

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Carson presented a financial report, including a comprehensive account of expenditures and receipts and the trustees accepted it.

Receipts of the meeting:

Total Receipts: \$13,512.60

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

Total Bills: \$46,744.90

Mrs. Ellis said that she is concerned that the post office is confused, because her address is 4222 Ellis Road, but a lot of her mail comes as 4222 Township North Ellis Road. She said that the Township North Ellis is incorrect and she is also worried that the emergency services won't be able to find her. Mrs. Malott looked up the address that emergency services has on file and it is correct in their files. She also wanted to commend the guys at the cemetery for doing such a great job on upkeep and maintenance. She thinks that our cemetery looks so much better than a lot of other cemeteries that she has visited. Mr. Danbury said that ODOT told him that they are going to take down the sign that says Ellis Road at the end of North Ellis Road, because ODOT's sign has been wrong for years. ODOT said that they are going to put up a sign coming from Marathon that says North Ellis Road and gives a street symbol. The trustees asked Mr. Whiteman to look at the sign to make sure it's close enough to the road to see.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Schaeffer said that one of the boys that was arrested for damage to Bill Well's house on North Ellis Road is paying restitution and charges are pending for two other boys. He presented a report for the number of runs for February. Deputy Schaeffer said that his new cellular phone is working much better than his old one.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he got an estimate from Timrek & Associates for repairing the glass doors at the township hall, because they don't work properly and the estimate is around \$495.00. Mr. Danbury said that he would like to see an inside lip be put on the one door to prevent wind from blowing between the doors. Mr. Danbury motioned to repair the glass doors for approximately \$495.00 by Timrek & Associates and to check to see if they can put a flap on the inside door to prevent wind from blowing in. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Henning said that after looking at the road conditions, he thinks we should blacktop Island Trail and East Island Trail. Mr. Taylor said that there is a lot of base damage and it may need a lot of work besides just blacktopping. Mr. Danbury said that he will contact Bob Mount to look at the road and give us some advice as to what needs to be done and to measure the roads. Mr. Whiteman said that we need to get some new barricades, but he thinks we could build them out of wood and tape them with reflective tape for cheaper than we can buy them, because the estimate he got was \$89.90 each. He also thinks the ones that he builds will be much sturdier than the ones you can buy, because he has seen the lightweight purchased ones blow over very easily. Mr. Whiteman said that everything is stored inside the buildings, because everything that they leave outside keeps getting stolen. Mr. Danbury said that we may need to look at putting the gates back up at some point if we ever need to store stuff outside in the future. Mr. Henning said that he hasn't been able to contact the people that live on Hennings Mill and Musgrove where we want to put up the new sign to prevent cars from running through the intersection.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Danbury asked if the PUD was approved the other night at the zoning meeting. She said that it was approved with stipulations, but our prosecutor said that we couldn't put those stipulations on, so it has passed. She said that the next step is to take it to the trustees for approval. She said that she is going to try to have the meeting for the trustees on March 28 if she can advertise for it legally, but if she can't then it will be at the next meeting. She said that Mr. Adams from State Street Properties is coming to visit her on Thursday to see what he can do to develop the land near the Commons of Eastfork Subdivision according to our zoning. She isn't sure what they want to do with the property, but they have questions as to what they can do, because the property is currently zoned agricultural. She said that she is going on a driving tour of the township on Friday with someone from the economic development department to look at the township. Mr. Henning said that the zoning commission approved the PUD as proposed. He said that Mr. Finkledey is now asking if he can put a model home on the proposed church property. Mr. Henning said that he feels that he needs to take it back to the zoning commission to find out if they approve of this, because he doesn't think that this is correct.

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Mr. Henning asked her to explain what Corey Wright asked in a phone call about frontage for flag lots and she explained the rules for different size lots.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that they received a small grant to pay for fire training, which is around \$1,700. He said that they also received another grant to pay for radios, but he doesn't know all of the specifications yet, except that we should get around \$61,000 to pay for new radios. He said that he is getting ready to fill out the paperwork for this year's fire grant and he is thinking about asking for a new truck to buy with this year's grant, because the truck that he wants to replace is over 25 years old and this meets the requirements for the grant. He said that he had a request to send Joan Foster to a fire department instructor's conference in Indianapolis and it will cost around \$1,000, but he doesn't think we will gain anything by sending her, because she isn't an instructor, so he doesn't think that she should go. He said that she can't even get CEU credit for attending this conference. The trustees agree with his assessment of the situation. Mr. Malott said that they are having problems with their Arch pagers. He said that he called Verizon to get pricing on pagers and they have offered him the same pricing as with Arch. Mr. Danbury motioned to allow them to change from Arch to Verizon at a cost of \$6.95/month per pager. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. He said that Paul Jones wing of the emergency services building open house and dedication ceremony is going to be April 3 at 1:00 p.m. if we can get the plaque made. If we change the date, he'll let us know.

Mr. Danbury said that we received a letter from Miller-Valentine notifying us that they are going to build a 30-unit senior housing facility. He said that we received a letter from the County Auditor notifying us that the Tax Incentive Revue Council meeting is on May 19th.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:15 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Clerk

President