

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

May 24, 2010

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday May 24, 2010 to transact business. Chairman Bainum called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum and Bari Henning answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Yvonne Malott, Earl Whiteman, Myers Deel, Don Collins, Pastor James Reech, Carl Baker, Wane Smith, James Reech Sr., Deborah Reech and Darryl Hoobler.

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

Mr. Bainum said that he had contacted Concord Church of God about the cemetery. He said that he understands that when the cemetery was abandoned, it became the township's responsibility. He said that we know this was sometime in the early 1950's. He said that we have been maintaining the cemetery since that time. He said that the deed to the cemetery should have been transferred to the township, but that has never happened. The pastor of the church said that he has spoken with the bank and since the entire property is mortgaged, it can not be deeded over to the township, even though the property is in two parcels, one being the church parcel and one being the cemetery parcel. Carl said that around 2000, there was an addition put on the church and a bank loan was given. Mr. Henning said that he thinks that the church and cemetery used to be in one parcel and the bank asked them to have it split into two parcels back then. Mr. Bainum said that we could contact our attorney about whether the bank can release the mortgage on the cemetery parcel. Mr. Henning said that he thinks the church had told the trustees several years ago that it would be deeded over, but it seems to have fallen through the cracks since 1950 something. Mr. Whiteman said that he brought this to our attention at the last meeting, because he just wanted to remove the old outhouse that sits on the property. Mr. Bainum said that for now, we will continue to handle things the way they have been maintained for years and continue to bury people as needed and mow and care for the cemetery. Mr. Henning said that we just want to clean up the paper trail for future trustees of the township and that is the only thing that we have to gain. He said that he is surprised that the church wouldn't want to give it up because of liability reasons.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that all equipment is up and running OK. He said that they have three funerals this week. Mr. Henning said that we had agreed to mow Williamsburg Bantam Road for the hike/bike trail and we need to get it mowed by Memorial Day. Mr. Whiteman said that he is very busy this week and needs to make sure the three cemeteries are mowed by Memorial Day also and will need to work overtime to get everything done. Mr. Henning said that we need to work overtime and get the hike/bike trail and cemetery done. Mr. Whiteman said that Duke Energy took the tree down on Cobb Road and his guys have cleaned up the debris. Mr. Bainum said that we met with our insurance risk consultant earlier today and they asked if we maintain a written log of when we check the road signs. Mr. Whiteman said that they are inspected monthly. Mr. Henning said that they asked if we do a daily pre-trip inspection on the trucks before they are driven each day. Mr. Whiteman said no, they are only done once a month. Mr. Henning said that it's federal highway guidelines that we need to do it each day, so we need to start right away. Mr. Bainum said that they asked if they looked at safety videos or training. Mr. Whiteman said that he constantly lectures them about safety and they constantly inspect the equipment for safety items, but they don't have any official training. Mr. Whiteman said that their detention ponds in the Commons of Eastfork Subdivision are a mess and the residents are throwing debris in them and they aren't maintained. Mr. Henning said that these ponds are on private property and we can't go onto the private property to do anything about them unless the water backs up the roads. Mr. Deel said that there is raw sewage coming down into the road from the church at the corner of Bass Road and State Route 133. He said that this is a board of health problem. Mrs. Malott said that there are sign issues with that church also that she is dealing with. Mr. Henning asked Mrs. Malott to call the board of health about the sewage problem. She said that someone from the church told her that they knew they needed a new septic system, but they are building a new building soon and wanted to hold off and fix the septic system when the new building is built. She said that she will ask the board of health about it and also ask one of the church members when they come in talk about the sign and the new building.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that she faxed letters to the health department about 5 residences, two of which are on Alexander Lane in the township that are empty and need to be mowed and she said that the health department called her back today and they are going to mow the properties. She said that she has several other properties that she needs to contact them about also very soon. She said that Joe Berger called again to see what needs to be added on to his variance and he is working on it. Mr. Henning said that Mr. Berger left him a message saying that he was working on all of the issues that needed to be addressed. Mrs. Malott said that Mr. Sammons let her know that he is selling half an acre to Boar's Head, because when BP put in the gas pumps years ago, they put them on the wrong property. She said that she received an email from Melink Corporation telling her that there is a meeting on June 4 about the next step on the Clermont county solar SID. She said that she can't attend. The trustees said that they can't attend either.

Mr. Bainum said that Mr. Jordan met with the county and ODOT last week and has some information to bring to us at the next meeting.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:05 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman