

# The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

**June 13, 2005**

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday June 13, 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, Richard Malott, Earl Whiteman, Yvonne Malott, Deputy John Schaeffer and Clyde Arnold.

Mr. Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Danbury second. Both yeas with Mr. Henning abstaining. Mr. Danbury motioned to approve the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Henning second. Both yeas with Mr. Taylor abstaining. 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: \$8,422.47

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

Total Bills: \$50,841.42

### **Cemetery & Maintenance Report**

Mr. Whiteman asked which of his workers were in charge while he was on vacation. The trustees said that Mr. Tatman should be in charge and to consult the trustees if he has any problems. Mr. Whiteman said that someone is wanted to get the top soil at the back of the cemetery. He said that there is some confusion over who owns the top soil. Some people think it is owned by Dualite, but it's actually owned by the township. Mr. Whiteman gave a break down of how many graves we have sold and grave yard sections have lasted since 1982. He said that we have averaged approximately 108 grave sales per year since 1982. He wants to mark off some new sections to have available for future use before we run out of graves to sell. Trustees recommended calling Mr. Nichols, because he has marked off many of the other sections. Mr. Taylor asked him to look at 4016 Alexander Lane to see if there is anything he can do with the ditch. Mr. Whiteman said that Barrett Paving plans to pave the roads the weekend after July 4<sup>th</sup>, because they are doing some other work in the village and plan to do them around the same time. Mr. Danbury said that he received a call from Bob Burns who lives in the Commons of Eastfork complaining that water is lying in front of his house. He said that the County Engineer has looked at this spot and said that the spot is flat and water doesn't move on flat land. He said that all of the sump pumps on the road pump into the road and there is nothing that can be done about it. Mr. Danbury said that we received a call from Chris Schuster who said that someone removed his mother's headstone and put another headstone on the grave. He claims that he owns the grave. After much investigation, we found that there are 2 cremations and 1 baby buried in this grave. Mr. Danbury and Mr. Whiteman worked it out with the family members to make everyone happy. Mr. Henning said that there is no Stop Sign coming out of Four Mile Estates Subdivision. The subdivision is a private road, but he thinks since it exits onto a township road, then it should have a Stop Sign. Mr.

Danbury said that he will contact the owner of the subdivision. Mr. Whiteman said that there are several private roads that don't have Stop Signs.

### **Sheriff Report**

Mr. Schaeffer presented a list of the number of runs for May. He said that he has been extremely busy here lately, but nothing major to report other than the usual traffic violations, etc. He asked if anyone from the Sheriff's office had talked to us about the upcoming contract renewal. Mr. Danbury said that he ran into Lt. Harvey at a restaurant and asked him to gather the contract pricing and bring it to a meeting in June or July.

### **Zoning Report**

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Henning asked if she had asked Robert Moore to clean up his property and she said yes, it was the Mr. Moore along Old State Route 32. Mrs. Malott said that she is going to be interviewed by the Economic Development Dept of Clermont County's consultant. Mrs. Malott asked if anyone wanted to hear the recordings from Mrs. Stanton, because they are very weird and she may contact the trustees in the future. Mr. Taylor said that he has dealt with her in the past on village issues and she would not listen to anyone back then either and she often doesn't make sense. Mr. Danbury said that Mr. Burns who lives in the Commons of Eastfork is upset that the proposed subdivision next to theirs will have an exit into their subdivision and they don't have an exit out of the back of the Commons of Eastfork, but he said that was the county's fault when they approved the Commons of Eastfork and there is nothing we can do to create that exit now, because a house has been built where the exit could be.

### **Fire & Emergency Services Report**

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Mr. Malott said that someone called and asked if we could rent the fire house out for a tool sale. The trustees agreed that we should not do it, because of insurance reasons. He said that he did some more research on soft billing for ambulance services. He said that other townships have sent out flyers to inform the residents how it works. He said that other townships told him that they bring in substantial revenue from this and it often covers all of the expenses associated with employees. Mr. Carson asked why we haven't received any revenue from the new medical billing company recently and Mr. Malott said that the billing company had not received our billings, so Judy Morgan re-submitted them recently and so we should start receiving money soon. Mr. Malott said that several of our medics have been injured and so he has had to give Doris Smith more hours to cover and she will end up with overtime. He said that we may have to advertise that we are hiring medics to attract some new people to use. He said that he is having a hard time getting people to cover all of the shifts. He said that he may have to adjust shifts to make sure all hours are covered, because things aren't working out very well with what we have now. Mr. Taylor said that we need to analyze if we need to hire some people and if we need to start doing soft billing. Mr. Malott said that there is a grant available to pay for firefighters for 4 years, but there are certain stipulations involved with this grant, but it must be submitted by June 27<sup>th</sup>. This grant ensures that the person will be here for 5 years. Basically the grant pays most/part of the wages for the first 4 years and then we must have them work for the 5<sup>th</sup> year at our expense or we risk losing the grant. Mr. Henning said that he has been against doing soft billing until we have to hire more people and it sounds like we are almost to that point, because they are having so much trouble covering the early morning shift. Mr. Danbury said that he thinks we should apply for this grant and then start creating some sort of flyer to describe what soft billing is to the residents. Mr. Henning suggested asking some of the volunteers and part time people what hours would work best for a new shift. Mr. Danbury motioned to allow Mr. Taylor, Mr. Malott and Mr. Carson to fill out the form for this grant. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Danbury suggested organizing a letter or flyer to send out to the township residents to inform them how soft billing works.

Mr. Danbury said that we received a thank you letter from Harmony Hill for our donation to their non-profit organization.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:30 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

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Clerk

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President