

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

June 14, 2010

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday June 14, 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, Bari Henning and Gary Jordan answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Earl Whiteman, Ed Boll, Deputy John Schaeffer Ken Wylie and Yvonne Malott.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Bainum second. Mr. Bainum & Mr. Henning – Yeas. Mr. Jordan - Abstain. 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.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Schaeffer said that there has been doing a lot of dumping going on around the county. He said that it hasn't been too bad in Williamsburg Township yet, but it's going on everywhere. Mr. Jordan said that there are cars parked close to the driveway on Old State Route 32 and it is blocking vision to pull out from the side road. Deputy Schaeffer said that they did that a few years ago and he had talked to them about it, because they aren't really breaking a law, but he asked them to be more courteous. Mr. Boll said that he's noticed some dumping on Mathis Road.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that they used 12 dumpsters and 1 crusher truck for clean up days. He said that Rumpke put up signs to prevent "scrappers" from coming around. He said that he is thankful for the sign, but they've had tons of problems with the scrappers that weekend. He said that the dumpsters are picked up and the tires should be picked up in the next week or so. He said that the John Deere is leaking fluid and needs to be fixed. He said that he got prices for paving Todds Run Foster Road, because it's been a long time since it's been paved. He said that paving from Brown County Asphalt would be \$85,365.28 and single tar and chip would be \$18,358.93 and double tar and chip would be \$36,717.86. He said that he is worried that if we don't do some roads now, then we will have a problem with all of them at the same time down the road. Mr. Henning said that he had driven the road tonight and it didn't look too bad. He said that Elston Hockstock is in horrible shape down at the end of the road. He said that we could probably quote and it would be under bidding requirements. He said that the roads in the Commons of Eastfork Subdivision are having some problems and they worked on filling some of the problems today. Mr. Henning said that he feels we should wait another year so that we can plan for next year's budget since this is such a big expense. Mr. Jordan said that we should come up with a plan on what roads will need to be done in the next few years. Mr. Henning suggested that the trustees ride all of the roads to get an idea of what will be needed. Mr. Whiteman said that the end of Elston Hockstock needs to be done, because it doesn't have much base under it. Mr. Bainum said that he would like to see Jim Salmons get the job, because he's a township resident. Mr. Whiteman said that he'll get 2 or 3 quotes for this job since it's small enough to be under bid requirements. Mr. Boll asked if it would be better to blacktop the road this year so that we can get more bang for our buck if the companies are slow with business. Mr. Whiteman said that blacktop is about \$58/ton. Mr. Henning said that the SWOP 4G program came back with bids from 4 different companies and Cargill was the lowest price at \$63.45/ton for this coming winter. He said that he will put in a request for 100 tons of salt. Mr. Bainum said that the cemetery looked good for Memorial Day and thanked him.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Jordan asked if all of a yard needs to be mowed to be in compliance. She said that she can only request that yards are mowed twice a year and they need to mow around the house. Mr. Jordan asked about the property next to the township hall and she said that it is on the health department's list. She said that Victory is working on a deal to take back over the company that they have on Half Acre Road and the new name of the company is Freeman. She asked if she could attend a seminar at Sycamore Township on August 6 for \$30. The trustees agreed that she should attend. Mr. Henning asked if there were any problems with the Boar's Head and Jim Salmons land. She said that it probably won't have any affect on zoning or the township and she knows that the property owners are working on it, but it's been going on for almost 2 years when they found out that the underground fuel tanks are on Salmon's property and not Boar's Head. Mr. Bainum asked if the sign set backs were OK with Clover Church and she said that they are still working on it. She said that the property owners at 628 East Main Street are working on cleaning up their property very slowly. She said that Barbara Mueller has resigned as zoning secretary and needs to be replaced. He asked the other trustees to try to think of a replacement for her.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wylie said that they had auto rescue training a few weeks ago and they realize that it's easy to get the hose across the muffler on the rescue truck and would like to buy a hose reels for both trucks and they would be about \$2,250/each and they need two of them. Mr. Jordan motioned to purchase two hose reels for the two trucks at a cost of about \$4,500 plus shipping. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that he wants to send Kevin Wiedemann to the Emergency Apparatus Maintenance Symposium at a cost of \$385 plus meals for 5 days. Mr. Bainum motioned to allow him to attend this conference. Mr. Jordan second. Mr. Wylie said that 2 of our cadets can attend a training for the Junior Fire Academy and it costs about \$325/each and they must do it for 3 years to get the credit, so they will need to attend for the next couple of years also. Mr. Henning motioned to allow Courtney Hauck and Jordan Wright to attend the Jr. Fire Academy at a cost of \$325/each. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that he would like to spend about \$2,500 each year on public education of emergency services. He said that it's important to have community awareness. He said that this would cover hand out stuff for the citizens. The trustees agreed that this is a good idea. He said that he would like to buy an AED trainer at a cost of about \$350. He said that it could be used for many things such as CPR training for the public and AED training for the public, etc. Mr. Henning motioned to purchase the AED trainer for \$350. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. He said that the air conditioner went out in the staff car last week and it's being fixed at Auto & Truck of Williamsburg. He said that the hose testing has gone very well and they are making all of the repairs that need to be made. He said that they took both of the pump trucks to Sutphen to be tested and they came back with only a couple of minor repairs to be made. He said that the SCBA's have been tested and are OK. He said that they are having a retirement party for Mary McCarty on June 30 around 4:00 p.m. Mr. Bainum motioned to make a proclamation of naming June 30, 2010 as Mary McCarty day. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that they have an old box of pagers that we have no use for and he would like to donate them to a small rural township. The trustees agreed that it would be a good gesture. Mr. Wylie said that there is a small

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township in need of an ambulance and they are in dire need. The trustees asked if we needed the third ambulance. Mr. Wylie said no. He said that we have used it once or twice since we bought the new one, but it really isn't needed. He said that Higginsport would really like the donation of the ambulance if we could do it. Mr. Jordan asked if we could use the donation as leverage in any grants that we might apply for in the future. Mr. Henning said that he would support the idea. Mr. Bainum motioned to donate the ambulance to Higginsport. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that Pierce Township is looking for a swift water boat. He said that we have two rubber boats that we've never used and don't know what our intent was in getting them. Mr. Henning said that they were both donated to us years ago and they have never been used. He said that he would like to sell one of them to Pierce Township. Mr. Bainum asked if we do a test on the fire hydrants. Mr. Wylie said that they don't test them regularly, but he knows that there are 4 out of service that are in the village and the village is working on getting them back in service. Mr. Henning said that he would like to see the fire department take back over testing the hydrants rather than letting the village do it. Mr. Wylie said that he would agree. Mr. Henning said that he would like to see our fire department start testing every one of them in the township, even the ones that are already being tested by either the county or Tate Monroe Water, etc.

Mr. Carson presented the 2011 tax budget. Mr. Henning motioned to adopt the Tax Budget for 2011. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan said that he attended a State Route 32 Corridor meeting with the county and all of the entities involved. He said that almost all of the elected officials were in attendance. He said that the meeting revolved around discussions that Mr. Wharton had presented to us a few months ago. He said that there are many advantages to doing this, including economic growth, but there are several challenges also, including overpass placement from side roads. He said that he feels we should be talking to the county commissioners about what we would like to see. He said that it was very interesting to see what Mr. Wharton's plans show and how ODOT felt differently about overpasses. He said that he wants us to sit down together and send our thoughts to the county and the state. He said that there is another meeting this Friday morning and he plans to try to attend. He said that he has spoken with Fischer Homes and would like to meet with them at some point to discuss opportunities that might come as a result of the 32 Corridor. Mr. Henning said that he contacted River Hills Bank about the Concord Church mortgage and the bank said that the cemetery portion of their land is not in the mortgage. He said that only the church parcel is included in the mortgage. Mr. Henning said that we should contact the church again to see if they will deed the property over to us since we now know that the cemetery isn't in the mortgage. He said that he will call them and invite them to the July 12 meeting to discuss it further. Mr. Jordan said that since the leadership of the church has shown neglect since the 1950's and the township has maintained the cemetery since then, it's our intent to pursue getting possession of the land. Mr. Henning said that in looking at the building, he thinks that their building addition is located on the cemetery parcel and we would have to incur the expense of doing a new survey.

Mr. Henning said that he got the renewal quote from Ohio Insurance Services Agency and they negotiated it to a 5.9% increase, however with Mary McCarty's retirement, our monthly premium will actually go down by about \$3,000/month. Mr. Jordan motioned to renew the insurance with Anthem through Ohio Insurance Services Agency from 8-1-10 to 7-31-11. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning said that there is a ZBA meeting on June 22 in regards to the Berger property at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bainum said that he will try to attend.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:20 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman