

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

July 22, 2013

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday July 22, 2013 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, Yvonne Malott, Brian Tatman, Kevin Wiedemann, Ed Boll, Theresa Morrow, Mike Murray, Rob Lewis, Bill Hensley, Billy Hensley, Dorothy Lewis and Bill Lewis.

Mr. Jordan 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. Jordan second. All yeas.

Theresa Morrow brought some bullets that were on her property. She said that she would like to see a resolution regarding using dirt mounds on property lines. She said that her rights are being violated because she can't use her own property. She said that she has seen where other townships have passed ordinances stating that backstops need to be off the property line by a certain amount of feet. She brought a copy of the Ohio Revised Code that says you can't shoot onto another property. She said that there are rules about public nuisances also. Rob Lewis showed a map of where the backstop is located and it is used for 100% containment and he doesn't shoot onto her property and respects her property. He looked at the bullets that she had and said that he doesn't shoot that type of ammo, so it can't be his. Mr. Bainum said that we don't want to call the NRA, because they can only give guidelines and can't create laws. He said that our county prosecutor said that the township should not do anything, because we would only create liability for ourselves. He said that this isn't an issue for the township trustees. Mr. Lewis said that everything that they do is safe and believes strongly in gun safety and has no intent in putting anyone in danger. He said that he has offered to put up flags to notify her when he is shooting and offered to call before he is shooting, but she has not been willing to discuss this stuff. He said that he is willing to work with her. Mr. Jordan said that he supports the right to do what you want on your own property and would hope that they can come to an agreement on what can be done to make it as safe as possible. Mr. Henning said that the prosecutor has advised us that this is a neighbor dispute and the township cannot get involved and can't do anything about it. He said that the only thing he could tell her is to continue to contact the Sheriff or contact an attorney, but the township trustees can't solve this issue. Bill Lewis asked what Mrs. Morrow wanted them to do. Mrs. Morrow said that she isn't happy that it's on her property line, but there should be high berms to deflect stray bullets. Mr. Lewis said that he feels that he has built a safe backstop. Mr. Bainum said that there is nothing that the township can do to help, but suggested that they work together to solve the problem. Mike Murray said that if every time they shoot and the Sheriff's office is called then harassment charges will have to be filed.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that there is only 1 property in the township that has not complied with the mowing requirements, so she has followed the proper procedure to notify the property owner and needs to finalize it by filing a public notice. Mr. Henning motioned to declare 2879 Old State Route 32 Batavia, Ohio parcel #52-44-32.016 a vegetation nuisance and to mow it and bill it to their property taxes. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that they are working on the hike/bike trail and the county delayed the Cain Run Road paving until the work is complete so that they don't tear up new blacktop. He said that they should be done by the end of August or beginning of September with everything. The trustees asked Mrs. Malott to send a letter to all of the people who live on the roads effected notifying them of heavy construction traffic for the next few weeks. Mr. Tatman said that they did a lot of patching over the past few weeks. He said that the pickup truck is heading down to be repaired, because the check engine light is on. He said that the International truck is going to Met Fab to get some welding done because the latches won't work. He said that David Knapke got a full time job, but he is still able to work a couple of days a week for the remainder of the summer. He said that we haven't had any recent vandalism in the cemetery.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that the Chief asked for 5 people to attend the Ohio State Firefighters Association Conference in Hudson, Ohio from August 8-11 and the total estimated cost will be around \$2,885. Mr. Henning motioned to allow 5 people to attend this conference and to pay all necessary expenses. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wiedemann said that the Chief asked for 3 people to attend the Public Agency Training Council meeting at Sharonville and the estimated cost will be \$295/each. Mr. Henning motioned to allow 3 people to attend the meeting and to pay all necessary expenses. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wiedemann said that Chief Wylie is concerned that we aren't being notified when events are occurring in our township. One recent example is that Governor Kasich was at Milacron and we weren't notified, but Batavia Township was and our fire department is the one who would be covering Milacron in an emergency. The trustees said that they would ask around. Mr. Wiedemann said that the new pickup truck was being lettered today, but it's still a few weeks out to get the light bar installed, because there is such a backlog.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:20 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman