

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

August 14, 2006

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday August 14, 2006 to transact business. Vice Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. James Danbury and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Earl Whiteman, Deputy John Schaeffer, Adam Balls, Barry Davis and Yvonne Malott.

Mr. Danbury motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting and the August 7 Zoning Hearing. 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: \$7,286.81

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

Total Bills: \$45,110.77

Adam Balls from The Ohio Plan gave a copy of a proposed insurance plan. He said that our insurance policy would change under this plan versus OTARMA's plan to an insurance plan paid by occurrence. He said that we would receive a refund from OTARMA of close to \$12,000. He gave a brief summary of the process involved in withdrawing from OTARMA. He said that the State Auditor is requiring a detail of the insurance coverage to be detailed in all future audits. He shared what the next auditor should have printed in the audit disclosing how OTARMA works and he feels OTARMA's insurance coverage details are very alarming. He said that OTARMA's procedure for providing insurance is unique to insurance carriers and no other insurance carriers conduct business in the way that OTARMA does. He said that the Ohio Plan's premium would be \$18,868/year. Mr. Danbury said that OTARMA's plan was roughly \$24,000 last year. Mr. Balls said that it is a winning situation for the township, because the township could save over \$5,000/year for premiums and we would also get a refund of roughly \$12,000. He said that our general liability is \$4,000,000/occurrence with an annual aggregate of \$6,000,000 and zero deductible whereas OTARMA's deductible is \$500. He said that employer's liability coverage (Ohio stop GAP) is \$4,000,000/occurrence. He said that employee benefits liability coverage is \$1,000,000/incident, whereas OTARMA is \$100,000/incident. He said that public official's liability coverage is \$4,000,000/occurrence and this is very good and hard to find with any other carrier. He said that employment practices are covered under this policy, which is very important. He said that automobile coverage is \$4,000,000/accident and all vehicles are covered at replacement value, not depreciated value. He said that the deductibles, etc are the same for property coverage. He said that flood and earthquake is not included in this, but can be purchased. He said that inland and marine equipment, such as tractors, boats, etc is covered at replacement cost also. He said that crime coverage is provided for any non bonded employee. He said that there is boiler and machinery coverage for all HVAC equipment. Mr. Danbury said that we need to take this proposal and compare it to OTARMA's plan. He said that he is very happy with OTARMA, because they have always settled our claims in a quick manner and been very helpful. Mr. Danbury said that he wants to look into it and make a decision at the next meeting. Mr. Taylor said that he wouldn't have a problem with changing from OTARMA, but he thinks we need to look at it closely. Mr. Balls said that his insurance company provides coverage for some big entities and close entities to us such as Union Township, Williamsburg Village and Clermont County Park District and many others. Mr. Danbury said that we have no outstanding claims that we know of. Mr. Balls said that we could get the money back from OTARMA now and try them on for size and switch back next year if we wanted with no strings attached.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Schaeffer gave a copy of the monthly reports for July. He said that there has been some dumping on Twin Bridges Road and he is patrolling it more regularly. He said that it has been an extremely busy summer.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman gave a copy of the price list that was voted on at the last meeting and wanted to make sure everything was printed correctly before he mailed it to the funeral directors and stone companies. He asked if we wanted to do crack filling of some roads in the township that he received a quote of \$7,000 to do the work. Mr. Danbury said that he talked to Mr. Henning and Mr. Taylor and they agree to not do it this year. Mr. Whiteman said that they need to dig up 53 feet of Elston Hockstock Road and backfill it and he wants to know what to do with getting it covered back over with blacktop. Mr. Danbury suggested checking with the local companies such as Salmons and Nichols. Mr. Taylor agreed that if Mr. Whiteman feels it is a reasonable price, and then gets it done before the weather turns bad. He said that there are two families that want lots in the new section of the cemetery and these people want full lots. He said that he doesn't mind opening the new section up for full lots, but he doesn't want to sell off individual graves yet. Mr. Danbury suggested holding off on selling lots in the new section to the two families for a while. Mr. Whiteman said that they fixed the culvert on Hageman's Crossing.

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Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Davis asked what can be done to stop the traffic coming out of the new subdivision onto Todds Run Foster Road, because he feels the trucks are over limit and he is afraid about what is going to happen with traffic on his road in the future. Mr. Danbury said that the new subdivision is in the village. Mr. Danbury said that the developer told him that the second exit would be out through Coral Court in the village. Mr. Danbury said that he will contact the county engineer about the weight limit on the road. Mr. Danbury said that the subdivision falls under the village regulations, whereas township subdivisions have to obey county regulations. Mr. Davis wants to know who he can talk to, because he feels everyone answers to someone even in government and the trustees are his first step, because they are the local government representatives. He said that he may be forced to talk to the media about the problem of traffic and how dangerous it is going to be, but he doesn't think the township trustees will look very good if he is forced to go down that path. Mr. Danbury said that the new entrance onto Todds Run Foster was supposed to be an emergency exit only. Mr. Danbury said that the township fought this in court for a long time and lost. Mr. Danbury suggested that Mr. Davis talk to the village about this, because it is their subdivision. Mr. Davis said that he would like to see his mother's old house's yard mowed on State Route 133, even though ODOT owns it, it is still a residential house. Mrs. Malott asked if she should have the Hensley stables sign taken down that is attached to a township pole and Mr. Danbury said to give them one more week to take it down and if they don't do it, and then she asked Mr. Whiteman to take it down. Mrs. Malott said that Santoro Engineering wants to put more houses in the Commons of East fork and she has told them the rules and she is making sure that they are adhering to them.

Mr. Danbury said that they met with ODOT, Senator Niehaus and the county engineer and they have agreed to leave McKeever Road open. He said that they are putting up dual stop signs for stopping and looking at the heights of the other signs to make sure they aren't obstructing the view and they want to do some education on safety. He said that ODOT reported only 5 accidents in 2006 so far and 1 involved an animal. They told him that if it went over 12 accidents, then they would look at closing it again. Mr. Danbury said that we received a letter from Time Warner Cable stating that they had taken over for Adelphia Cable and they would continue to honor all franchise agreements. Mr. Danbury said that he received a letter from the County Auditor stating that they will be inspecting houses in the township for appraisal purposes and they gave a list of all of the county employee names, cars that they will be driving and license numbers and assured the township that the employees would have proper badges to identify themselves. Mrs. Malott said that Steve Wharton contacted her about the intersection of Dela Palma and State Route 32 and said that they are going to be doing an environmental impact study about the area as a part of the County's long term plans for State Route 32.

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

Fiscal Officer

Chairman