

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

August 25, 2014

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday August 25, 2014 to transact business. Chairman Henning 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, Jayne Lawrence, Ed Boll, Brian Tatman, Ken Wylie, Richard Malott and Yvonne Malott.

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. Bainum second. All yeas.

Jayne Lawrence said that in 34 years of service, she has never had a situation like this. She said that they had to take someone to the hospital via ambulance, but the wife wanted to go with them, but she weighed about 525 pounds and had to ride in the passenger seat, but couldn't get her seatbelt on. She wanted to know what we should do about it. Should we buy a seat belt extender? Should we tell her she can't ride along with her family member? Mr. Malott said that he thinks that Ford will give us seat belt extenders. The trustees said that we should get some extenders.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Jordan thanked her for helping him put a letter together regarding the fire chief position. He asked her about what Amy Humphrey wanted regarding building a house. Mrs. Malott explained that the parcel had split and she didn't know about it, so they needed to get an address to start the process. She said that she has prepared 3 letters regarding high grass and asked if the trustees wanted her to send them and the trustees asked her to send them.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wylie asked if the township would pay for Jordan Wright to attend a basic EMT course at University of Cincinnati at a cost of \$1,440. Mr. Bainum motioned to pay for Jordan Wright to attend the courses for basic EMT at UC. Mr. Jordan seconded and asked that Mr. Wright tell the trustees what he's going to do with his training for Williamsburg Township. All yeas. Mr. Wylie asked if we would pay for a course for grant writing and to pay all travel expenses at a cost of \$79. Mr. Bainum motioned to pay for the grant writing class for Daniel Knapke at \$79 plus travel expenses. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie gave the trustees a copy of the statistics for fire runs YTD. Mr. Henning said that the township association set the trick or treating night for October 31. Mr. Boll said that he attended the Jackson Township meeting and they said that their EMS runs are up about 16% this year and wanted to know if we were up.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that the air conditioning at the township hall wasn't working properly and was fixed today. He said that the door to the basement is almost rusted through and would like to replace it. Mr. Henning said that if they can do it themselves to do it, but if they need to hire a professional, then to get it done. He said that the salt bids came in and they asked how much we use per year, how much we have on hand, etc. and he sent them the information. Mr. Henning said that the 3 of the salt companies didn't bid and the one company that bid was \$110/ton. He said that we paid \$48/ton last year. He said that there is a low supply on salt and SWOP4G is going to have to do some negotiating. Mr. Jordan said that the county engineer is very concerned about salt supplies and may not be able to help the townships. Mr. Carson said that he had some communication with Rush Enterprises regarding the new International Truck and where to send the invoice and title work. Mr. Tatman said that Kaffenbarger doesn't have all of the equipment in yet to put on the truck when it arrives, but they said it would be 6-8 weeks after they get it. Mr. Carson said that the old truck will be in the Clermont Sun, Brown County Press and New Democrat for advertising for sale. Mr. Jordan asked about the possibility of a spraying system for snow removal. Mr. Henning said that it would be a large investment of equipment to do that v/s what we do now and Mr. Tatman said that the spray is more "preventative" than removal once the snow is down. Mr. Tatman said we could do sand or grit or fly ash or bottom ash, but those are very dirty alternatives. Mr. Henning asked them to stock up on sand or grits in case we get to the point where we have to mix and asked Mr. Tatman to check on pricing and what would work best.

Mr. Carson said that he out data charges for AT&T keep going up due to the increased data usage on the EMS life packs. He said that he asked AT&T about our account to see if they could do better on pricing and we are on their best plan. He said that he checked with Verizon and they have a government plan to offer and it will have unlimited data and the pricing will save us roughly \$75-\$100/month. He said that there would be some upfront charges with Verizon and early termination charges with AT&T and Verizon has offered to give us some bill credits to help offset some of that. Mr. Henning motioned to switch our cell phone service from AT&T to Verizon for the cost savings in the long run. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 for the purposes of discussing hiring of a public employee at approximately 7:45 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Henning motioned to come out of Executive Session at approximately 8:25 pm. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman