

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

August 26, 2013

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday August 26, 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, Kevin Miles, Ken Wylie, Brian Tatman and Rosemary Malott.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Carson presented a financial report, including a comprehensive account of expenditures and receipts and the trustees accepted it.

Mr. Jordan motioned to pay the attached bills. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Rosemary Malott said that she is upset that the yard at the cemetery isn't being mowed very well and she said that she has heard many other residents complaining about the yard also. She said that she doesn't want to complain, but she is here to help find a solution. She thinks we could maybe get some volunteers to do things like blow off the headstones with blowers. She thinks that maybe groups like the boy scouts could help and she is willing to talk to them. She suggested that the Rotary could help or maybe people with Community Service Hours or maybe kids in school that need volunteer hours. Mr. Henning said that he drove through the cemetery tonight and it was recently mowed, but the weeds are getting high. Mr. Bainum said that when Mr. Whiteman retired, we went from 3 staff to 2 staff. Mrs. Malott agreed that this has been an unusual year for growing grass and normally this time of year, the grass isn't growing much, but it's still growing like crazy. Rosemary Malott asked Yvonne Malott what was going on with the old store at the end of Alexander Lane in Afton. Yvonne Malott said that there isn't a lot that can be done from the zoning department. She said that the county hasn't condemned it either.

Judge Kevin Miles introduced himself as the most recently appointed Municipal Court Judge by Governor Kasich, but he needs to run an election in November for the unexpired term. He said that this is his second week on the bench after the appointment. He said that he has been an assistant prosecutor for many years. He said that part of his duties as Judge is to help the other judges control the probation department and would be willing to discuss opportunities for helping out in the cemetery. Mr. Jordan told Judge Miles a little bit about Williamsburg Township and how great it is to live here and the opportunities available with the 32 corridor.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that she contacted Miami University about researching zoning resolutions and she hasn't heard back from them yet. Mr. Bainum said that he has concerns about the junk on David Rice's property and the violations that his neighbor is concerned about. Mrs. Malott said that she is going to talk to the assistant prosecutor about the situation. Mr. Bainum said that he plans to talk to David Rice Jr. about the situation and see if they can't work out a resolution before going to the prosecutor's office.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that they are going to finish weed eating the cemetery this week and start on pipes next week on Cain Run Road, because it doesn't look like they are using it for work on the hike/bike trail. Mr. Tatman said that Southeastern Equipment gave him a quote of \$26,000 on a used 2007 Kobelco mini excavator with about 1,700 hours on it and about \$38,000 on a new one. He said that he needs to ask them what they will give us on trade for the old Farmtrac. The trustees all agreed that this seems like the best used deal that they have seen since they've been looking for the past several months. Mr. Tatman said that he would contact them this week and see if they can demo it for a few days. Mr. Jordan said that he would like to see them blow off the graves every time, because it is a sensitive issue. Judge Miles said that he thinks that the county work crews could do weed eating and blowing off the graves. He said that they probably wouldn't want them using riding mowers, but the smaller equipment is fine. Mr. Jordan said that our assistant prosecutor sent out an email today about do's and don'ts for worker's compensation claims and he said that he forwarded it to the Chief and Sexton.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wylie said that the 2009 life squad has a new transmission paid for by Ford under warranty at Beechmont Ford and it's working good now. He said that the new staff vehicle has been lettered and the lights are on it and the old staff vehicle is ready for use by the roads crew. He thanked Mr. Tatman for his help on a rescue run recently where a horse went down and they had to help get it out with the backhoe, but unfortunately the horse had to be put down after all of that due to his injuries. He said that Daniel Bainum is working on a grant through the OBWC for safety equipment to get a lift for the cots and it will help with potential back injuries. He said that they need to replace 5 sets of turnout gear now that are out of date and the state bid from Vogelpohl is \$11,600 for all 5 sets. Mr. Bainum motioned to purchase 5 sets from Vogelpohl for \$11,600. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that they would like to purchase 10 radios for communication with other departments in Brown County, because the way we communicate currently isn't working and they really aren't able to communicate. He said that he got a couple of quotes and the best quote is from DKC Radio at a cost of \$3,449.79 for 10 radios and accessories. Mr. Jordan motioned to purchase 10 radios and accessories from DKC Radio for a cost of around \$3,449.79. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum said that we received a thank you letter from Harmony Hill thanking us for the donation of gravel and putting information in our newsletter about them.

Mr. Bainum motioned to go into executive session at approximately 8:30 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 for the purposes of investigating complaints about a public employee. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum motioned to come out of executive session at approximately 8:55 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning said that he talked to the county about a grant to help property owner's tear down houses and they said that money is still available and they explained the procedures that we need to follow if we want to do it. The trustees said that they will look around the township at properties that might fall into this category and talk to property owners if they think they might be interested.

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Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:10 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman