

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

September 12, 2005

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday September 12, 2005 to transact business. Chairman Danbury called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. James Danbury, Bari Henning and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Clerk, Gregory W. Carson, Yvonne Malott, Bert Yeary, Ron Goldston and Earl Whiteman.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. 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: \$18,070.68

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

Total Bills: \$42,018.86

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he had a call from Helen Riedell and she said that she is part of the Earhart Family and they have cemetery graves in Clover Cemetery and she wants to be buried on a lot owned by the family. He said that there is room for four graves on what the family owns. He said that the records on these old graves are too old and he isn't sure if they really own it, because we took over Clover Cemetery from the church, but several years ago, the trustees approved the Earhart's owning these graves. Mrs. Riedell wants to be buried on this lot and wants another grave also. Mr. Whiteman and the trustees agree that she can be buried here. Mr. Whiteman said that he read in the Village newsletter that they will pick up 3 tires per village resident if they put them out to the curb during October. Mr. Taylor said that he will check to see if the grant is still available for the township also for the township clean up days in October. Mr. Whiteman said that someone called and asked if they needed to pave or put concrete on the first several feet of their driveway. He said that he told them that it is a county rule. Mr. Henning explained that he talked to Mr. Ely at the County Engineer's office and he said that we can legally take over the rules for driveway permits, etc. if we choose and a couple of other townships do this. Trustees agree that the liability involved would probably be very high since we don't have an engineer on staff, so we should probably leave it with the county. Trustees discussed whether or not we should stop the requirements for the paving or concreting the first several feet and agree that they should look at it on a case by case basis. Mr. Danbury motioned to write a letter to the county engineer's office stating that we are exempting Mark Stevens at 4570 Ireton Road from putting a concrete apron at the end of his driveway. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Taylor said that we need to get an estimate on replacing the pipe on Todds Run and take pictures to send to Progressive to see if they will pay for the damage caused by the traffic accident. Mr. Henning asked Mr. Whiteman to

coordinate putting the sign at the emergency services building advertising the junk days in October.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Danbury said that he received a call from Pat McDonald saying that his neighbor was going to put in a two acre pond on his five acre property, but he was concerned about the buffer zone between his fertilizer and the pond. Mr. Danbury said that the Clermont Soil and Water came out and talked to Mr. McDonald and told him that there needs to be a 30 foot buffer. Mrs. Malott said that she had called the county to find out if they were doing anything with the 32 Corridor Study, because she had been told that we weren't allowed to issue permits to people if they interfered with the land that was going to be constructed for roads in the future and she wanted to know where this land is. She said that they told her that we can't prevent owners from doing anything, because nothing is written in stone as to what they are going to do yet, but the 32 Corridor Committee wants to visit us to explain some of their future plans. Mr. Danbury asked her to find out when they want to meet with us and let us know and to ask if September 26 is available during our normal meeting. Mrs. Malott gave a copy of a fax from Frank Raeon which included a letter from Barrett & Weber, attorneys describing their opinion on what we can legally do with the Amex property and cited court case examples and rules. Barrett & Weber sent this letter to our prosecutor and we received the fax. She said that she talked to our prosecutor and he is going to review the letter and respond appropriately. She said that she is going to set up a workshop meeting with the developer and their attorney. Mr. Henning said that we gave them 60 days to respond, which expired 9/9/05 and he said that they responded and have already had a few workshop meetings. Mr. Yeary suggested that the trustees send a letter to the developer to find out when they plan to submit a final plan. Trustees agree to wait to see what our prosecutor recommends before we make any further decisions. Mrs. Malott said that there is a zoning commission meeting next Thursday to work on some wording issues in the

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zoning resolutions to prevent some “grey” areas. Mrs. Malott plans to clear up the wording of the 15% bonus space with the prosecutor.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Goldston said that Chief Malott and Tom Milewski signed up to help FEMA with the Hurricane Katrina efforts and they went down last week to the gulf coast. He said that Randy Gadzinski and Shawn Caldwell went down this week also. Mr. Goldston gave copies of what our obligations for cost are with sending our fire chief and fireman to the Gulf Coast to help FEMA with the Hurricane Katrina efforts. He said that there is a lot of confusion over whether we pay the employees and FEMA reimburses us or if FEMA pays the employees directly. Mr. Taylor said he will do some research to see if he can find out. Mr. Goldston said that the volunteers are having a boot drive this weekend to send to the hurricane efforts. He said that the boy scouts are collecting stuff to send to the hurricane efforts and they are using the emergency services building as a drop off center. He said that the life squad has always been at the high school football games in case of emergency and now they are going to be at the soccer games also. Mr. Danbury said that Jackson Township is sending a letter to us revising their contract to increase what they are paying us. Mr. Goldston said that Sam Elby was burning yesterday and someone reported it as a house fire, so they dispatched the fire department and they couldn't find a house fire, but they found Mr. Elby's fire and made him put it out, so he came down to the fire house today and applied for a burn permit, but he is irate that someone turned him in for burning and demands to know who it was. Mr. Goldston said that it was called into 911 by a passing car.

Mr. Danbury said that our insurance agent called and the new policy can't go into effect yet, because Ohio Insurance Services Agency is waiting to approve the supplemental insurance, so we are going to have to pay the 19% insurance increase on our current until the supplemental is approved or we may have to change something else. Mr. Henning pointed out that if the supplemental goes into effect, the employees will have a deductible to meet before year end, so he thinks we shouldn't change the insurance until January 1.

Mr. Danbury said that Steve Carico wants to widen Ashton Road approximately 100 feet in each direction from the subdivision he is putting in and he said that he will take care of it. Mr. Henning said that we should contact the engineer's office and find out the specifications, but we should arrange the work ourselves and not allow a public citizen to do work on our roads.

Mr. Carson said that we received the 2006 budget as approved by the Clermont County Budget Commission. Mr. Taylor motioned to pass the resolution approving the official certificate of estimated resources, acceptance of rates and distribution of local government revenue assistance funds for 2006. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

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

Clerk

President