

# The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

October 10, 2005

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday October 10, 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, Tim McCartney, Ron Finkledey, Deputy John Schaefer, Mike Pope, Tim Hershner, Richard Malott and Earl Whiteman.

Mr. Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Henning 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: \$14,672.97

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

Total Bills: \$42,812.63

## **Sheriff Report**

Deputy Schaefer presented a report of the number of runs for August and September. He said that he learned a lot at his training that he attended out of state. Mr. Danbury said that SOS recently purchased the old Fra Mar Tire building and they are having problems with 4-wheelers in their parking lot. He gave the trustees copies of several letters that the Sheriff received about his work in the township from different citizens.

Mr. McCartney from the Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services gave a presentation on the upcoming Children's Services Levy. He said that the levy was originally approved in 1986 and has been renewed every 5 years since then. He said that the money from this levy on provides services for the children that are served by this department and no salaries or administrative expenses are paid from this levy money. He explained the types of children that are served by this levy, such as foster children, children with behavioral problems, abused children, etc. He said that if the levy doesn't pass, then the services that they offer will suffer, because they will be forced to rely on general fund money. He said that the amount of money that they receive from the state of Ohio is minimal. He said that the profile of the children that they serve has been growing worse over the past several years as the population of the county grows. He said that more than 80% of the children in their care are results of drug and alcohol issues with the parents

and caretakers. He said that in 2003, they had about 214 children under their care and now they have about 310 children under their care. He said that they have taken great strides to reduce costs, but the growing number of children under their care inherently increases costs and that is why they are asking for an increase to the current levy. Mr. Taylor said that he used to work in that department and he sees the need for this as this is a very sad department to work in. He said that the cost associated with taking care of these children is very expensive. Mr. Henning motioned to show support of Issue 6 on the November ballot. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

Mr. Hershner said that he is the planning director for Clermont County and he is visiting different townships and villages to gather information on the land use plans and zoning for the different areas, so they can look at the land in the townships and surrounding townships in an effort to work together to put together a county wide comprehensive land use plan. He thanked the trustees for reviewing the plans and gave the trustees his contact information so they could contact him if they have any suggestions.

## **Cemetery and Maintenance Report**

Mr. Whiteman said that the township clean up days went smoothly on Thursday and Friday, but then Friday night, he had a run in with the Milton family. He said that they brought in a couple of huge trailers full of junk and then came back with another load. He said that he told them that they were bringing more than their fair share, but Mr. Milton said he was a tax payer and it was his right to do it and so Mr. Milton brought several more loads on Saturday. The trustees decided to contact the prosecutor to see what can be done in the future about Mr. Whiteman said that someone dumped a bunch of stuff after hours on Saturday, so they had to bring in more dumpsters this morning to clean up. He said that they have approximately 200 tires. He said that he is leaving for vacation tomorrow morning and Mr. Tatman will be handling things in his absence. Mr. Whiteman said that there are about four trees that need to be taken down in the cemetery sometime soon. He said that he will get bids to have the trees taken down and his crew will clean up the debris. Mr. Danbury said that Mr. Malott, Mr. Tatman and Mr. Allison used the fire department's hydraulic equipment to jack up the pipe on Todds Run Road and then bent the pipe back the way it should be and it doesn't even look like it was hit. Mr. Danbury asked if it would be beneficial to get a tank to hold "off road" diesel fuel for the tractors and mowers, etc. He said that it would save about \$0.48/gallon. Mr. Whiteman said that there are benefits to this, but there are added costs, because you have to change the oil twice as much and we only use about 250

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gallons per year. The trustees agree that we wouldn't save that much money with the added expenses and it wouldn't be worth the extra aggravation.

Mr. Pope dropped off the old plans for the fire and emergency services building that his company had in their possession from a bid for work several years ago when they bid some work and didn't get the job.

Mr. Finkledey said that he stopped by to give an update on his subdivision. He said that there are a couple of phases that are at the county are going to be approved soon. He said that things are still moving forward. He said that they hope to get the offsite sewers ran from Half Acre during the off season. He said that he has been working with Ed Boll to possibly develop his property and he said that they have reached a tentative agreement. He said that he has been working with the county on a TIF for some of the infrastructure. He said that the county says that there will be around \$14 million available with a TIF and the township would get about \$10 million of this, but he isn't sure how it all works. Mr. Henning asked what he is doing with the Boll property and Mr. Finkledey said that it will be mostly a commercial development. He said that the TIF money would be used for the sewers and infrastructure. He said that he has been talking with the county about sewers to see where the county wants to run the sewers and he said that the county has an old plan from 1995, but no recent plans. He said that he has been talking with the village about working with them on sewers and the Hathorne property on State Route 133. He said that he is concerned with truck traffic from the mines that will be traveling on Half Acre Road and he wants to make sure they are planning for everything that is happening around these areas and preparing the roads for that traffic. He said that they are purchasing the 136 acre property along State Route 32 behind North Ellis Road. He said that there could be several access points to this property and he has plans for this property.

## **Zoning Report**

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Taylor asked what Mr. Cahall wanted. She said that he is looking for some property in the township that he could buy and have horses on. Mr. Taylor asked where the 25 acres is on Cobb Road where the realtor wants to put a salvage yard. She said that it is in Brown County. She said that she is leaving for vacation this weekend.

## **Fire and Emergency Services Report**

Mr. Malott said that he received a slip of paper from the doctor saying that Mary McCarty can return to work on light duty, but she goes back to the doctor next week, so she is taking the rest of the week off. He said that she is restricted to lifting 25 pounds. He said that he can try to work

with her to send one of the fire fighters with her to do the lifting. He said that he is still working on bids for the roof. Mr. Danbury said that we received a copy of the minutes from Jackson Township saying that they are going to pay us a ten dollar surcharge for fuel on fire and EMS runs temporarily until fuel drops below \$2.00/gallon. Mr. Taylor motioned to approve this fuel surcharge. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Danbury said that our insurance agent called and said that he is sending the life insurance application for Mr. Tatman and Mr. Malott. He said that the agent also said that the proposed insurance changes are still in process and hopefully will be approved by the first of the year.

Mr. Danbury said that the Sheriff revised our contract that we recently signed for Sheriff Services and they reduced what they will be charging us. Mr. Henning motioned to sign the revised contract at the reduced cost. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:15 p.m. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

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Clerk

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President