

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

October 24, 2005

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday October 24, 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, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott, Earl Whiteman and Jim Carter.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Danbury 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: \$65,914.68

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

Total Bills: \$23,114.28

Jim Carter from Child Focus said he was here to discuss Issue 7 on the November election ballot. He said that it's a 0.5 mill replacement levy with a 0.2 mill increase. He said that the level of funding from the state and federal levies have been decreasing with their budget cuts. He said that the levy covers many things including a suicide hot line and other violence, drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention programs for mental health. He said that he would appreciate our support and he left information brochures about the levy.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman gave a copy of a deed to Palmer Frye in 1902. He said that a lady by the name of Fern Mueller questioned why a baby was recently buried on the lot, because she said that the baby should not have been buried here. He said that there was only half a lot left, which was only enough room for a baby or cremation. He said that Mildred Ashmore has the deed to the property, because the original owner is deceased. Mr. Whiteman said that all of the people mentioned are relatives of each other. Fern Mueller wants to have the baby moved to a different grave. Trustees suggested that Fern Mueller attend a meeting to explain the situation and they'll see if something needs to be done. Mr. Whiteman said that the new mower arrived while he was on vacation. He said that the salt bin is full. Mr. Danbury said that the county engineer's sent a letter telling that salt would be available at \$48/ton on November 11, 2005. Mr. Whiteman said that they are mowing the roads for the last time this year.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott said that she had no report, because she was on vacation.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that he has three roof quotes and he is waiting on at least one more. He said that he has an application for a volunteer fire fighter named Josh Brown. Mr. Henning motioned to approve Josh Brown as a volunteer fire fighter with one year probation. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that a fire fighter grant that he applied for to hire employees was rejected. He said that the ISO inspector called and they are having an ISO inspection on November 29. He said that he had a hard time finding an EMT tonight, because everyone he called couldn't do it and Daniel Bainum let his EMT expire and he isn't sure if Mr. Bainum is going to renew it or not. Mr. Malott said that our ISO rating will affect the insurance of the tax payers, especially businesses. He said that they inspect several things including our fire trucks, fire hydrants and many other

things. Mr. Henning asked if the aerial truck will increase our rating and Mr. Malott said that it definitely won't hurt us. Mr. Malott said that he isn't sure all of the village hydrants will pass, because the fire department was testing them on a regular basis and they were finding several bad ones, so the village stopped them from testing them and said that they would test them, but the village hasn't tested any yet. He said that there is discussion by FEMA to require all fire departments in the United States to purchase new SCBA equipment that would be the same as every other department in the nation. He said that it could cost us almost \$100,000 if passed. He said that there are a lot of departments fighting this, because it would be so expensive. Mr. Henning asked if there were some strategic locations to put fire hydrants in the Tate-Monroe Water district, we might be able to get Tate-Monroe Water district to provide reduced costs on hydrants. Mr. Malott said that he will talk to Brown County Rural Water Association also.

Mr. Henning asked everyone to put something together for a newsletter. Mr. Danbury said that he talked to Bob McGee from Union Township about dumpsters. Mr. McGee said that it's hard to regulate and they don't have much abuse. Mr. Danbury said that he talked to Batavia Township Trustee Debbie Clepper and she said the same thing. Mr. Danbury said that they discussed adding two new members to the 911 committee, because of the wireless 911 legislation that is being implemented, so the village has to add one member and the township has to add one member. He

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said that we need to recommend someone from the township to this committee. Mr. Danbury said that we received a letter from ODOT suggesting that they place a median on State Route 32 to block off traffic crossing State Route 32 at McKeever Pike. Mr. Danbury said that social security is offering a 4.1% cost of living raise for next year. He mentioned this as food for thought for employee raises at year end. Mr. Henning said that there are several townships in the county that pay 100% of the health insurance, however a couple of them do not and he is afraid if we start to charge our employees for a portion of the insurance they might leave.

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

Clerk

President