

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

November 14, 2005

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday November 14, 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, Earl Whiteman, Yvonne Malott, Richard Malott and Dave Durham.

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: \$8,848.42

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

Total Bills: \$46,303.34

Mr. Durham asked why the back half of Island Trails Drive is still gravel. Mr. Danbury explained that the back half is a private drive. Mr. Durham asked what they need to do to have the road turned over to the township. Mr. Danbury explained that the road will need to be brought up to county specifications before it can be turned over to the township and he suggested that the residents contact the county engineer to see what those specifications are. Mr. Durham asked if Clermont Mercy hospital offered any type of subsidies to the townships who bring patients to them via ambulance. The trustees did not know for sure, but they did not think we received any type of subsidy. Mr. Durham said that he recently spoke with the medical director at the hospital and asked if the hospital provided training to the township. He said that the medical director said that it is his understanding that the hospital still subsidizes training to a township such as us. Mr. Henning said that he believes that when we take a patient to the hospital, the ambulance documents the supplies that are used and then has them replaced by the hospital and then the hospital will bill the patients. Mr. Durham asked about the interchange of McKeever and State Route 32. Mr. Henning explained that we received a letter from ODOT telling us the number of accidents at that intersection and ODOT wants to close off the median. Mr. Henning said that the trustees replied to ODOT saying that we don't disagree that it would be safer to close it off, but the downside would be that it would increase fire and life squad response time and would increase traffic at Dela Palma Road intersection. The trustees understand that ODOT has the final decision in the matter, but if they choose to shut it down, the trustees would like to create a turning light and lane at Dela Palma. Mr. Durham said that he is very concerned about closing off that intersection, because we would be losing a potential area for growth.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he received quotes for taking down four trees in the cemetery. Lacy Tree quoted \$2,100 and Tree Images quoted \$2,800. Mr. Danbury motioned to hire Lacy Tree to remove the four trees at a cost of \$2,100. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Whiteman said that he received a call about the trees that Cinergy is cutting back along Coon Avenue, but they haven't been there to cut them back yet. He said that he called Nichols Surveying about surveying some of the land at the back of the cemetery and they will be out sometime soon. Mr. Danbury said that he had asked Mr. Whiteman to remove signs at intersections that blocked the view of intersections. Mr. Henning asked about the signs that are stapled to telephone poles. Mrs. Malott said that there is nothing in our zoning regulations about it, because it is covered by the utility companies, because it is illegal. Mr. Danbury said that someone asked about a street light at Clover Road and State Route 133. He explained that it is not a township road, but the trustees would be happy to write a letter to the county asking for a light at the intersection. Mrs. Malott asked if they could fix the standing water in front of the township hall, because she is afraid it is going to freeze. He said that he could put in a new drain. Mr. Henning said that we could raise the sidewalk. Mr. Henning asked if we would ever pave the parking lot again, because we might need to raise the sidewalk even higher. Mr. Danbury said that it was paved in the past 6 or 7 years and it doesn't get much use, so it should last for a long time, but we might want to think about sealing it.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Henning asked what was going on at State Route 32 and county line. Mrs. Malott explained that someone called to say that there were tanks with black stuff all around it and she said that she went out to look at it and there were no tanks, but she did see the black in the grass and it looked like someone painted something. Mr. Danbury said that we received a letter from the county approving zone change ZC1-05 and she explained that it was some wording changes, etc. She said that she received complaints about a house on Twin Bridges Road that had a lot of cars parked in the yard and people were in and out all day long. She said that she drove to the house and it looked like they might be remodeling the house, because there is building materials outside the house. The neighbor that complained about this

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house said that he is concerned that there is going to be a business running out of this property. She said that she will look into it. Mr. Henning said that he received a complaint about a house that had started construction about 2 years ago, but it is wrapped on the outside, but it has never been finished. She said that she had talked to our prosecutor about it a while ago. If the construction is not completed in 1 year then they have to apply for another permit. Mrs. Malott explained that the house he is talking about had caught fire and they have up to two years to improve it, because of insurance, etc. He said that the person that is building this house may be living in a camping trailer at his neighbor's, so she is going to check on it. Mr. Henning asked if she had heard about the Amex property. She said no, but we are still awaiting closure on the zoning case. Trustees agree that we need to get closure this year, so they asked her to send a letter asking for an answer in writing telling us what there plans are by our next trustee meeting, because they are already past the deadline of what we had given them.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that they had to put an alternator went out on truck #11 and they put it on today. Mr. Malott said that one of the computers went bad at the emergency services building and he had it looked at for repair and it isn't worth repairing and he checked on a new Dell computer for around \$761. Mr. Danbury motioned to approve the purchase of the Dell computer. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that they had two grants turned down. He said one was for a fire truck and one was for personnel. Mr. Malott asked if we wanted to try to repair the roof or have it replaced. He said that can probably fix it temporarily. He said that the tin looks good on the roof, but someone told him that the rings around the screws are probably bad and they could replace all of the rings relatively cheap and replace the seams. Mr. Danbury said that the Sterling Township fire contract is up at the end of the year. Mr. Malott said that we haven't had too many runs out there this year. Mr. Danbury said that he will send the contract to them.

Mr. Danbury said that we received a letter asking for recommendations for the Clermont 20/20 Salute to Leaders. Mr. Danbury said that the county is having a meeting tomorrow in regards to TIF's in the county. He said that he talked to Chuck Tilbury with the County Auditor's office and he told him that we couldn't stop a TIF. Mr. Danbury said that even if we can't stop it, he plans to attend the meeting and ask some questions. Mr. Henning said that the cost to add a new fire hydrant in Tate Monroe Water district is \$3,500.

Mr. Danbury motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:35 p.m. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

Clerk

President