

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

May 14, 2018

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday May 14, 2018 to transact business. Chairman Jordan 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, Adele Evans, Ed Boll, Meghan Alley, Jayne Lawrence, Yvonne Malott, Kevin Wiedemann and David Durham.

Mr. Bainum 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.

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

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott said that the Zoning Board finished the work on the Amendments to the Zoning Resolutions and have approved them and recommending approval by the Trustees. David Durham is Chairman of the Zoning Board and thanked Mrs. Malott for her hard work on this project and thanked the county for their help in preparing them. Mrs. Evans said that the county thanked the township for their cooperation and hard work in making these amendments. Mr. Jordan thanked the county and Mrs. Malott on behalf of the trustees for making these amendments which would make them more precise and easier to understand for everyone involved. Mr. Durham said that he wants to make sure that anyone can go to our website and easily look things up. Mr. Henning motioned to accept ZC#1-18 text changes to the Zoning Resolution Book as recommended by the zoning commission. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Jordan asked about the Anthony Fisher property case. She explained that he was fined by the court for his zoning violations, but it doesn't look like he is doing much to clean things up. The trustees suggested continuing to pursue his zoning violations in the courts as the ORC allows until they comply. Mr. Bainum said that he has talked to Nancy Sullivan about the zoning board membership and she has asked for more information so hopefully she will be able to fill the open position. Mr. Jordan asked about address changes on Ashton Road. Mrs. Malott explained how addresses are assigned and explained how complicated that they can be depending on lot sizes and shape of lots and she said that she works with the county on address assignments.

Cemetery & Roads Maintenance Report

Mr. Jordan read Mr. Tatman's report in his absence. Mr. Tatman's report said that blacktopping bids were advertised last week and we haven't received any requests for bid packets as of today. He said that Memorial Day flags will be placed by Wayne Allison by the weekend of May 19. He said that they are working hard to make all headstones in place and the cemetery mowed before Memorial Day.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that there was a fire on Main Street over the weekend and they called in for Mutual Aid and the fire was put out as quick as possible and no one was injured. He gave a copy of the statistics for April 2018 to the trustees. He said that they would like to purchase props for practicing for emergency services training. He said that they can build them much cheaper than buying them. He thinks that he can build them for about \$3,000. Mr. Bainum motioned to spend about \$3,000 to make training props for training. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Jordan said that a couple of years ago, the County Commissioners created a vision for South Afton Industrial Park and we want to give them credit and thank them for this vision. He said that the County Economic Development Department has helped us thru this process. He said that the Township Trustees held a joint public hearing with the Village of Williamsburg regarding the creation of The Williamsburg Joint Economic Development District and details of the contract to be signed by the Township and the Village. Mrs. Evans gave a brief history of the steps leading up to the creation of the JEDD and thanked the Trustees for being such great partners in this process. Mr. Jordan commended the county for all of their help in getting this set up for the future of Williamsburg Township and said that the Trustees and Village and School Board worked together to accomplish such a great project. Mr. Jordan motioned to accept the documents creating the Williamsburg Joint Economic Development District in accordance with Section 715.72 of the Ohio Revised Code in facilitation of the common interest of the Township and Williamsburg Village in economic development and redevelopment to create jobs and employment opportunities for their citizens in accordance with the Joint meeting and public hearing held earlier on this date with respect to the establishment of the District. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Jordan motioned to go into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (8) (a) to consider confidential information related to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance at approximately 7:45 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan motioned to return from executive session at approximately 8:15 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to appoint the Fiscal Officer Greg Carson to serve as the Township Representative of the Williamsburg Joint Economic Development District Board of Directors. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mr. Carson said that Chief Wiedemann came to him a couple of weeks ago describing concerns with our AT&T cell coverage services around the township. Mr. Wiedemann had said that he has Sprint personally and it does well. Mr. Carson said that he has Verizon personally and it does well. Mr. Carson contacted the Sprint Government representative and arranged to have test devices for the EMS and Roads Department to use around the township for about a week to determine if it would meet the needs of the EMS. The Chief and Cemetery Sexton both agreed that Sprint has much better coverage than AT&T and would work well. Mr. Carson talked to the Village Maintenance department and they use Sprint and have pretty good coverage over all around the Village. Mr. Carson said that he received a quote from Sprint and Verizon and compared them with AT&T and said that all 3 are comparable in cost, but Sprint is slightly less than the other 2 carriers. Based on Chief Wiedemann's recommendation of better coverage and Mr. Carson's recommendation of lower costs, the trustees agreed that we should switch to Sprint. Mr. Bainum motioned to switch our cell coverage to Sprint. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:20 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.