

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

July 23, 2018

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday July 23, 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, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott, Meghan Alley, Brian Tatman and Ed Boll.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Carson presented a financial report, including a comprehensive account of expenditures and receipts and the trustees accepted it.

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

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Jordan asked about the rules on forcing residents to mow yards and she said that she researched it with the county prosecutor and he said that we need to make sure that our zoning regulations define our rules and we would follow the rules that we set out in our zoning regulations. Mr. Bainum asked about the property at 4136 Half Acre Road and she said that the property owner died around 3 years ago and the family members are working with an attorney to get the estate settled, but in the meantime the grass needs mowed and some junk cars need to be removed. She said that she has found the Ohio BMV form 4208 allows township trustees to remove vehicles from private property, but we need to research the rules regarding how this form can be used. Mr. Bainum said that there is a junk truck on the old church property at the corner of State Route 133 and Bass Road that has been there for at least a year and a half and would like it removed also. Mrs. Malott said that the property is owned by Kelly Eugene Brown from Goshen, but every certified letter that she sends comes back unsigned. She said that she will contact the Sheriff to run the VIN on the truck at this property to see who owns the truck. Mr. Henning asked what is happening with the Arnold property next to the Boar's Head. She said that he will have to file new permits, because it has been over a year since he applied. She said that he keeps digging dirt holes and filling them in and also moving junk cars around, but they seem to come and go and there are different cars. Mr. Bainum said that he has talked to him and they have told him that they are working on it, but it's a slow process. Mr. Henning asked her to send a letter, because it's been so long and we need to see some progress. Mrs. Malott said that SOS is putting up a fence around their property to comply with the zoning requirements.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that he submitted the approval for Compass Materials to accept their salt pricing. He said that he got a verbal estimate from Brown County Asphalt of around \$65,000 which means that we are over the limit that requires us to bid paving Hageman's Crossing Road. Mr. Tatman said that the county estimate was around \$43,000. Mr. Tatman said that he will call the county engineer to make sure that their estimate is what it should be. Mr. Carson said that he will contact the county prosecutor to see how we should handle it if the engineer says \$43,000 but the bids are in the \$65,000 range. Mr. Tatman said that a tree at the firehouse fell onto Croswell's property but no damage was done. He said that they talked to Croswell and let them know that we will clean it up and take care of any ruts on their property. He said that he talked to Tate Township about them getting a grant to do blacktop work. He said that he wants to do some more research to see if it would be beneficial for us, but he thinks that it could be nice.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Jordan said that Chief Wiedemann was absent due to medical issues. Mr. Wiedemann had submitted a report asking to send 3 people to the Ohio State Firefighter's Association Conference at a cost of around \$1,653 for Registration, Food and Hotel and no mileage due to them driving a township vehicle. Mr. Henning motioned to approve sending 3 people to this conference at a cost of around \$1,653. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wiedemann had submitted a report asking to send Jayne Lawrence to the Southwest Ohio Critical Incident Stress Management Team course at a cost of around \$200 including meals. Mr. Bainum motioned to send Jayne Lawrence to this course at a cost of around \$200. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning said that the county township association met last week to discuss the Local Government Fund formula. They were given a lot of history on the formula and how the townships have always felt that they received an unfair proportion based on the misunderstanding that a City held veto power. He said that Commissioner Painter had the county prosecutor research the issue and according to ORC 5747.53, there is a provision that allows the townships to override the City. The township association said that they would like the townships to approve a 1 year extension so that another alternative formula can be adopted for the future. Mr. Henning motioned to approve Resolution #18-2 authorizing adoption of an alternative method of apportionment of the undivided local government fund for a period of 1 year. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:55 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman