

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

February 8, 2021

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday February 8, 2021 to transact business. Chairperson 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, Brian Tatman, Jayne Lawrence, Kevin Wiedemann, Ernie Ramos, Mark Tekulve, Ed Boll, Bobby Feimster and Dillon Arnett. Kyle Costilow from USDA and Courtney Fulks from Ohio Department of Agriculture joined virtually.

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.

Ernie Ramos, Assistant County Prosecutor introduced his new boss, Mark Tekulve who is the newly elected Clermont County Prosecutor that took office at the beginning of 2021. Mr. Tekulve introduced himself and said that Mr. Ramos is still our go to person for all township legal needs and has confidence that he will continue to serve us well.

Mr. Jordan said that we received a card from Tim & Amanda Boland thanking the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer for their personal donation of food for the funeral of Doris Smith and the use of the Williamsburg Township Emergency Services building during the funeral and honoring Mrs. Smith's service to Williamsburg Township.

Mr. Jordan said that the Ohio Department of Agriculture is going to join us via Microsoft Teams to discuss the Asian Longhorn Beetle situation in Clermont County and Williamsburg Township. He said that the ODA is having problems accessing properties in Williamsburg Township to look at properties to see if the Asian Longhorn Beetle is damaging trees on their property and they are asking us to help get the word out to our residents. Kyle Costilow and Courtney Fulks joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams. Ms. Fulks said that they are looking at the properties on the south side of the township and want to look at the maple trees, but residents are concerned about who they are and what they are doing. She explained the process that they are using to notify residents and making contact with them. She explained how the Asian longhorn beetles spread and why they are looking at the areas surrounding East Fork Lake. She explained the difference between the Emerald Ash Bore and the Asian Longhorn Beetle. She explained the different type of trees that the ALB will infest. Mr. Costilow explained the process once access is granted to the properties. Ms. Fulks explained the timeframe that they are hoping to get all inspections done with in this year. She explained that they have contracted with tree companies to do inspections, but there has been some concern from property owners that they are only there to cut down trees and she said that couldn't be farther from the truth. She said that they are only there to inspect. Mr. Henning said that we are willing to put information on our website and in our next newsletter. Mr. Jordan asked them what they have learned from their inspections of our neighbor Tate Township. Ms. Fulks explained the problems and what they have learned and what challenges still are happening. Mr. Jordan asked if there are any costs associated with tree removal and Mr. Costilow explained that there are no costs to the property owners. Ms. Fulks explained that residents should contact them if they have questions or concerns and gave a phone # of 513-381-7180. Mr. Costilow said that the door hangars that are left on resident's door knobs have all of the information and phone #'s to contact. Ms. Fulks said that inspections have been occurring and will continue as they get residents approval. Mr. Jordan said that we want to support them in their efforts.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. He said that there is zoning hearing on February 11 at the EMS building at 7 p.m. to discuss Music and Food Trucks at 2792 Old State Route 32. He said that Duke Energy assigned an address to their new substation as 4355 Half Acre Road.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that we have had 11 funerals to date with 9 of them happening in January. He said that we have received 2 loads of salt so far this year. He said that he and Mr. Burba have their DOT physicals this week. He said that he spoke with someone at Lebanon Ford about a new truck and if we want an extended cab or crew cab, it couldn't be ordered until mid-March and wouldn't be built until June or available until around September. He said that they have a 2 door in stock and a 4 door dually without a bed in stock and he is waiting on pricing for them. He said that snow is coming tonight and Thursday morning and he'll be in very early to start on the roads. Mr. Jordan said that we received a letter from Driveway Dumpsters asking us to quote them for our next township junk days and he will give Mr. Tatman the information to contact them.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that we have the opportunity to get to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant which is a matching grant up to \$10,000 and we have to pay 50%. He gave a copy of what he plans to purchase with this money and will apply for the grant. Mr. Bainum motioned to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant and to purchase the supplies associated with the grant. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. He said that the village is reviewing the agreement with Kroger for grocery pickup in our community. The village is concerned about the signage that Kroger wants to install. The trustees asked to review the agreement when he gets a copy to see how long they plan to use the parking lot. He said that he received a quote to paint the main areas and bathroom of around \$5,200 from WSB Painting. Mr. Jordan motioned to hire WSB Painting to paint the main areas of the Emergency Services Building at a cost of around \$5,200. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum asked Mr. Wiedemann to get pricing for new tile flooring in the main hallway as it is a trip hazard. Ms. Lawrence said that Chief Wiedemann is doing a fabulous job as Chief. She said that the hallway is a major trip hazard, so thanked Mr. Bainum for bringing it up. She said that the new touchless sinks aren't working properly, because the hot water takes forever to heat up. The trustees asked Mr. Wiedemann to call the plumber back that installed them.

Mr. Jordan motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 to discuss possible discipline of an employee at approximately 8:10. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. The trustees returned from Executive session at 8:40

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:40 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson