

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

November 28, 2016

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday November 28, 2016 to transact business. Chairman Bainum 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, Brian Tatman, Kevin Wiedemann, Paul Braasch, Ed Boll, George Riley and Sheila Riley.

Mr. Jordan 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. Jordan second. All yeas.

Paul Braasch from Adams-Clermont Solid Waste District said that he has worked with other townships to bid out garbage services to get the best price for township residents. He said that one example is that he helped Monroe Township reduce rates for nearly \$25/month to around \$12/month. He said that this also included recycling and large item pickup. He said that it also saved the township money by reducing the # of waste collection trucks on the road by consolidating vendors and it also allowed them to stop having township junk days. He said that he's working with the eastern counties now to go together to get a better rate. He said that a disadvantage is that residents may be upset that the government is "controlling" who they buy services from. Mr. Henning expressed his concern about the control issue, but would be willing to look at the numbers. Mr. Jordan expressed his concern about the control issue and where do you draw the line? Mr. Braasch said that the ORC allows for us to do this for waste collection. Mr. Bainum said that he'd like to sit down with other townships and look at the numbers. Mr. Braasch suggested that we talk to Monroe Township to see how it's going. He said that we collected 16,000 tires in Clermont County in 2015. He said that it's getting to be a bigger and bigger problem. He said that we have used EPA grants to pay for them for years, but it's getting more difficult. He said that the grant is available for 2017, but he keeps predicting that it's going to end eventually, but for now, it's continuing. He said that it's a nationwide problem.

Sheila Riley said that she lives down the street near Eastfork State Park. She said that she is an amateur astronomer and would like to see lights in the Industrial Park face down instead of facing up. She said that she wants to make sure that we don't lose our night sky, because there are a lot of people that come to the park and look at the sky. She gave some information on types of light that they would like to see used. Mr. Bainum said that they would pass the information along to the county CIC that is developing the property.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that she has heard that the McDonald Farm sold, but not sure who bought it as there are a lot of rumors floating out there from developers to farmers, etc. She said that the zoning resolution book is done and it should be going to the attorney to review and that could take a few months.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that the heater coil is out on the backup engine and they are searching for one. Mr. Bainum said that he would like to get quotes on a sound system for the emergency services building for groups that use the building.

Roads and Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that the section at the end of Alexander Lane is fixed where Duke Electric has a junction box and they are scheduled to replace the box next year. He said that they have had 66 funerals this year to date compared to 64 for 2015. Mr. Tatman said that the village asked us to help them out this winter in the event of a snow emergency this winter, because they have had a few staff quit and 1 person on maternity leave and they are hurting for help. He said that he told them that our roads were a priority and they could possibly drop the plows as they drove between our roads, but would have to get our roads done first and then look at the village roads. Mr. Tatman said that it would all depend on the snow event as to whether or not they would have extra time, but would try to help out if possible. The trustees agreed that we are always here to help in the event of an emergency, because we are 1 community, but our roads are definitely the priority. Mr. Jordan said that our trustees and fiscal officer will help out the township employees and drive the trucks in the events of huge emergencies and asked if the village elected officials are doing the same thing.

Mr. Bainum thanked everyone for the nice work on the newsletter. He said that the Trains of Olde Williamsburgh festival will be this Friday night. He said that the County Commissioners sent a letter notifying us that the Ridener property has been approved for annexation on Old State Route 32.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:50 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman