

# The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

**January 24, 2005**

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday January 24, 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, Ron Finkledey, Yvonne Malott, Earl Whiteman and Richard Malott.

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: \$18,902.74

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

Total Bills: \$48,885.48

Mr. Finkledey gave a copy of his concept plan for his proposed subdivision along Mathis Road and State Route 276. He said that he had a meeting with Richard Spoor from Keating, Muething and Klekamp law firm about getting a TIF bond for some of the infrastructure for this subdivision, such as sewers and roads. He said that he has been talking to the homeowners along State Route 276 to keep them in the loop as to what he is doing. He said that he has talked to Ed Boll about doing some sort of commercial development on his property and he is also talking to a church about purchasing some land to build. He said that he is doing research on TIF's. He tried to explain how they work based upon his understanding. He said that he thinks that the township is able to secure bonds to pay for infrastructure and then they are paid back through future taxes. He said that he wants his attorney to meet with the trustees and their attorney to see if this can happen. He said that if the TIF can pay for the infrastructure, then he can provide a higher quality subdivision. He said that he is talking with several builders, but he thinks Inverness homes is the most interested at this point. He said that he thinks he can start this development in the next 3 or 4 months if things keep proceeding as planned. He said that he thinks if we can get 2.5 million dollars in TIF money, then it would pay for the entire infrastructure. He said that he is working out the details of gravity fed sewers v/s forced main sewers. He said that he is working with US Bank to secure the bonds. He said that he doesn't understand all of the details, so he is working with the attorney to find them out. Mr. Taylor said that he will talk to the county auditor to find out more details on how a TIF works. Mr. Henning pointed out that this looks good on paper to benefit Mr. Finkledey, but he doesn't know what the township stands to gain until he finds out more.

### **Cemetery & Maintenance Report**

Mr. Danbury said that we received a check from the insurance company for \$1,439.00 for the stolen trailer. He said that we received a letter and the plat for the roads in the Commons of Eastfork subdivision that they are turning over to the township for maintenance. Mr. Henning said that on a couple of the side roads, they only gave us about 130 feet to maintain and not the full road. Mr. Danbury said that we should put up a sign that says "End of Township Maintenance". Mr. Henning said that it would be more bother to drive partially down the road when plowing snow and back out, so they might as well plow to the end, but only salt on the township portion. Mr. Whitman said that all equipment is up and running.

### **Zoning Report**

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Danbury asked why Roy Abrams called and asked if he had been on the board too long. She explained that he was worried that people might think he's been on the zoning board too long, but she explained that his knowledge is very valuable to the board and she has heard no one complain. She said that Len Koogler, realtor, called to see if he could sell some acreage to a company for a land fill and if the zoning would approve. She said that she called all of the zoning members and asked them and they all told her no on the telephone. She said that she attended the Jackson Township ZBA meeting to see what is happening with the mining development. She said that the ZBA is trying to put some restrictions on the development, so it doesn't disturb the neighbors. She said that the attorneys did all of the talking in the meeting and the ZBA members kept quiet. She said that she thinks they will make a decision at the 2/10/05 meeting. She said that the mining company plans to drill down 800 feet and to have 1 mile of mining under the ground. She said that Frank Raeon is meeting with her on Thursday to review some stuff on the zoning maps.

### **Fire & Emergency Services Report:**

Mr. Malott said that he has an application from Joe Martin to be a firefighter and this is good, because he could volunteer during the day time, where it is often hard to find extra coverage. Mr. Danbury motioned to allow Joe Martin to be a volunteer on 1 year probation as a fire fighter. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that the building passed inspection and we can move in. He said that the windows are still temporary, but they should be replaced by 2/14/05 with the correct windows. He said that they purchased some beds and other furniture and they are already moving some stuff into the addition. Mr. Taylor asked him to coordinate a date for a dedication

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ceremony. Mr. Danbury said that he had talked to the prosecutor about changing ambulance billing companies and the prosecutor said that everything is ok to move, but we have to allow Healthserv to try to collect all open billings that they had billed before the transfer to the new company. Mr. Malott said that Healthserv charges \$20.00/billing regardless if they collect any money or not. Medicount Management charges a percentage that they collect. This may cost a little more, but it gives them more incentive to collect. He said that several other townships in the county use them and are very happy. Mr. Taylor motioned to cancel the contract with Healthserv effective 1/31/05 and to give them 90 days to collect all outstanding billings as required in the contract. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Henning motioned to sign contract with Medicount Management for 2 years effective 2/1/2005. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Danbury said that the law has changed to allow us to collect fees for fire services at car wrecks.

Mr. Danbury said that the county sent a letter saying that they are looking at chronic flooding areas and want suggestions on places to do some sort of study or work. He doesn't know what they are looking for, but the trustees agree that we should have them look at the area around Alexander Lane if that is the type of information that they are looking for. Mr. Danbury said that the Health Department is conducting a training exercise to test their emergency response plans and want people to volunteer and others to observe and the training will be on 2/21/2005 at Milford High School. Mr. Danbury said that we received a letter from the county auditor telling us that House Bill 362 was enacted and he is going to call them to find out more details. Mr. Carson said that the State Auditor sent a contract to sign for them to continue to provide the software and equipment for the UAN system. He said that the fees went up about \$50/quarter from what we are paying now, but he feels the UAN system is a good system. Mr. Taylor motioned to sign contract with the State Auditor to provide UAN services. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Carson said that he feels the township could benefit from purchasing a computer to keep all of the minutes and resolutions and other township files on, because he currently keeps all of the files on his personal computer at his home. He said that he has looked at prices on laptop computers and he feels we could get a nice laptop and equipment for around \$1,500. Mr. Henning motioned to spend up to \$1,500 on a laptop for the township trustees business. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:45 p.m. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

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Clerk

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President