

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

January 24, 2011

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday January 24, 2011 to transact business. Chairman Henning 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, Deputy John Schaeffer, Ken Wylie, Yvonne Malott, Ed Boll and Earl Whiteman.

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

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

Sheriff Report

Deputy John Schaeffer said that there have been a few car break-ins on Alexander Lane. He said that some GPS's have been stolen and other stuff. He said that they don't have any leads. Mr. Carson said that Angela Kendle called him about a light at the intersection of Alexander Lane and Cain Run, because of the robberies in their area. He said that he told her to call the trustees, because they had voted to not install a light due to expense and low traffic in that area. Mr. Henning said that we often install security lights at intersections for safety reasons, but we can't install lights for security near a residence or every resident in the township would want us to install them outside their house and we can't do that.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that all equipment is up and running. He said that we've had several snow falls this year and have used quite a bit of salt, but we're still in good shape. Mr. Henning said that our insurance risk management consultants suggested that we need to do more training on using equipment and we can get training stuff through OTARMA. Mr. Henning thanked the guys for doing such a great job during this last snow fall. He said that the township roads were clear and the state roads that ODOT takes care of looked like they hadn't even been touched.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that a question came up from the 911 dispatch about 2763 Old State Route 32. She said that the residence sits in Williamsburg Township, however Batavia Township had issued permits for the house to be built in 1997 and 2 other permits to build a pool and renovation later. She said that the house is now abandoned.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wylie said that he received an email from Chief Whitworth from Miami Twp about NIMS training saying that the trustees are supposed to have more training on NIMS. He said that we would need this training in order to help with any FEMA grant or other grants. He said that if we purchase the air compressor by March 5, they would reduce the cost to \$28,507. He said that Mr. Carson had checked with the prosecutor about bidding requirements for this and we do not need to bid it. Mr. Henning said that they will look for air compressors at the winter conference. Mr. Wylie gave the trustees copies of pictures of a 1984 Sutphen ladder truck. He said that Sutphen has refurbished this truck with a new engine, tires, added a cab, new paint and lots of other upgrades. He said that the cost would be about \$158,000. Mr. Bainum asked how many times we've used the old truck. He said that he doesn't see a need for this type of truck since we don't have many large buildings in the township. Mr. Henning said that a ladder truck isn't something we use every day, but having one helps with our ISO ratings and it helps the residents with a small discount on insurance. He said that we didn't have a ladder truck when he became a trustee and he wanted to get one, because he feels it would attract new business because anyone wanting to build a big building may not build here if we couldn't provide fire protection. He said that we also have a 3 story high school that it could be used on if there was ever a fire. Mr. Henning said that he read the email from Sutphen that says that Sutphen also has a 1981 ladder truck that doesn't have an enclosed cab for a cost of about \$75,000. Mr. Boll said that he likes to see getting a deal on things and thinks we should shop around for a deal on an air compressor. He said that he feels as a township resident, he feels that we should think for a long time before making decisions to spend this much money. He said that fire departments will probably be closing in other areas of the state soon due to cut backs and we could maybe take advantage of their used equipment. The trustees explained that we have been searching for a compressor for a while and trying to get a deal on one and will look more at the winter convention, but the old one was bought in the 1960's. Mr. Henning said that he feels that the township needs a ladder truck, but since we don't use it that much, he'd like for them to look closer at the \$75,000 unit. He said that it might be a piece of junk, but he thinks it's worth checking into. Mr. Wylie said that they have been looking for a ladder truck for months after he found out that the 1968 ladder truck wasn't working and not repairable, unless we spent a ton of money on it, which might put us in the range of a nice used truck. Mr. Jordan said that he isn't opposed to purchasing one and the township resident's safety is our #1 concern, but he wants to make sure we make an informed decision. Mr. Carson gave a copy of our prosecutor's response and recommendations to the Emergency Services SOG's to the trustees and Chief. Mr. Carson suggested that the trustees and Chief meet with our prosecutor to hear his recommendations in person.

Mr. Jordan said that Mary Ann Lefker called him about when junk days are and wanted to know if we would partner with them on recycling old computers. She told him that this is also a partnership through Clermont 20/20 and the computers would be stored at the old Sunoco station until they could be recycled. The trustees asked Mr. Whiteman to check on June 9-11 and October 6-8 for township junk days. Mr. Jordan said that he was in Washington DC for his employer and he had the opportunity to meet with Congresswoman Schmidt and he talked to her about the 32 Corridor and expressed his concern with her the safety of our citizens of the intersections along State Route 32 and he said that he also talked to her about economic development for our township. He said that it was a tremendous conversation and he said that he wants to coordinate a meeting with her when she's back in our district to talk further about this stuff.

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

Fiscal Officer

Chairman