

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

March 8, 2010

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday March 8, 2010 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, Tom Lefker, Mary Ann Lefker, Michael Gregory, Traci Schueler-Hurst, Brian Tatman, Clyde Arnold, Ken Wylie, Ed Boll, Earl Whiteman and Yvonne Malott.

Mr. Bainum motioned to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2010 meeting. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mr. Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010 meeting. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 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. Henning motioned to pay the attached bills. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mrs. Lefker gave a copy of what the Village Council paid towards fire services for 2009. Those included \$2,500 for the Chief as Fire Marshall, \$350 to PERS, \$36.01 for workers compensation, \$4,700 for a clothing allowance and \$1,665.50 for insurance, which amounted to a total of \$9,251.51. She said that they would like to reduce this for their 2010 budget and would like to give \$5,000 directly to the township trustees rather than to pay the emergency services directly. Mr. Bainum said that when he was on village council, he always supported paying these expenses. He said that when the word on the street gets out, it will sound like the Village is cutting from the fire department. Mr. Henning said that technically the village isn't obligated to give anything for the fire department, but in reality, they are cutting back and the township will have to make up the difference. Mr. Jordan asked if they are doing this as a way of managing their budget. She said that they are doing this as part of their budget planning. She said that some of the village council members think that since they as taxpayers pay for the fire levy, then the village shouldn't have to pay anything towards fire services, because it isn't required by them and they consider it discretionary spending. She said that years and years ago, the village used to split a lot of the costs 50/50 with the township, but over the years things have changed, because the fire department is a township fire department and not a village fire department, even though they are required to provide fire services for the village. She said that they are very thankful for the fire department and all that they do and aren't doing this, because they still support them. She said that when revenues are down they need to look at things like this. Mr. Boll asked if all of the village council was aware of the formula that the village paid half of the fire men's clothing allowance and the township paid the other half. Mr. Henning said that now that the township is responsible for the fire department, because of the fire levy, unlike it was years ago and the village isn't obligated to pay it, but thanked them for paying for it for the past several years.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he got a price for the 36 curve signs that need to be high intensity and the total cost would be about \$2,250. He said that we have until 12-31-12 to get everything replaced. He said that this is about ¼ of the signs and we did about ¼ last year. The trustees suggested that that they should go ahead and do these so that we're on schedule to get ¼ each year until 2012. Mr. Whiteman said that we received about 100 ton of salt from Cargill and we are full, because we have about 160 ton in stock. Mr. Henning asked how much we would need next year, because we are ordering through the SWOP4G program. Mr. Henning asked if about 100 ton would be enough and Mr. Whiteman said that should be fine and we can always get some from the county if we get in a bind. Mr. Whiteman said that he will get some information on crack sealing for the next meeting. Mr. Henning said that he talked to Batavia Township about crack sealing and they told him that they had never done it in the past, but they planned to do it this year, because of budget constraints. Mr. Henning suggested doing the training with Batavia Township.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that the RV that was parked behind the old BP station off of James E. Sauls Sr. Drive is gone because she had contacted the property owner about it. She said that ironically, a few days later, the owner of the RV contacted the Sheriff's office about the RV and said it was stolen. She said that it had been parked there for a few months and the Sheriff had looked at it and found no VIN # on it or no license plates, so everyone assumed that it was abandoned. She said that she doesn't know where it went, but assumed the property owner took care of it. She said that she got quotes for a sign at the township hall to replace the broken one at the township hall. She quoted Kingdom Productions and Dualite, because they are both Williamsburg businesses. The trustees asked her to go back to the companies and get clarification on quotes, because they suggested that we might want to do lettering on the doors rather than just a hanging sign. Mr. Henning said that the 3rd house on the right on Bootjack Corner Road still doesn't have a fence around their pool that she had asked them about last year.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Jordan motioned to hire Ken Wylie as the part time Emergency Services Chief retroactive to March 1 at a salary of \$25,000/year. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Henning said that we had planned to make it \$22,500 plus the \$2,500 from the village as Fire Marshall, but since the village is planning to just give us one lump sum for all of their fire services, then we will just pay the \$25,000. Mr. Bainum said that he feels that there is already bad blood brewing in the fire department, because they heard that the village is cutting the amount that they are giving for fire services, but he wants everyone to know that the village isn't required to give us anything and are thankful that they still want to give \$5,000 in total. Mr. Wylie said that there is a problem with the garage door on the small garage and a new door and opener will be about \$1,200. Mr. Tatman said that they had talked about raising the header on the door to make it taller. The trustees asked what is wrong with the door and Mr. Wylie said that he isn't sure, but he'd find out more details and bring it back later. Mr. Wylie said that Debbie Lantman requested going to training in Wilmington and it will cost about \$100. He said that she only works on the weekends and doesn't volunteer for the department, so he doesn't think we should pay it. The trustees agreed. Mr. Wylie said that Chris & Laura Mullins want to go to and exhibit show in Indianapolis for a weekend. He said that other people are just going on Friday to see the exhibits and he feels that Chris & Laura should only attend the exhibits. He said that he feels we should pay for 6 people to attend the FDIC show in April to see the exhibits on Friday only at a cost of \$35/each. Mr. Henning motioned to pay \$35/each for up to six people to attend the FDIC conference. Mr. Jordan second. Mr. Henning & Mr. Jordan-Yeas. Mr. Bainum-abstained, because his son might be one of the people in attendance. Mr. Wylie said that he

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has checked on prices for a machine that will test fire hoses. He said that the prices vary from around \$1,899 to about \$2,200 and this machine would be used annually to test the hoses. He said that he is waiting on another quote from another company and will bring the recommendation to another meeting. He said that he has been thinking about management staff. He said that Keith Paton has been acting as the EMS liaison, but he is very involved in different departments and often doesn't get around to doing the job very quickly. He said that he has asked Angela Pollitt to take over this position. Mr. Wylie said that we used to pay for this, but he can't remember why we stopped paying for it. Mr. Henning said that we used to pay Keith Paton for this and hasn't been paid since 2006. Mr. Bainum motioned to hire Angela Pollitt as EMS liaison at a salary of \$2,500/year retroactive to March 1. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum said that Chief Malott had talked to us about an air compressor. Mr. Wylie said that he will do some research. He said that he has found a survey that he would like to send out on about every 5th emergency services run to make sure the "customers" are happy with the services that we provide. Mr. Bainum said that the Clermont County Township Association has invited all of the Chief's to the meeting. Mr. Wylie said that the village bridge on Main Street will be out for a couple of weeks this year and he is thinking about options on how they will handle services to the east side of the township, including mutual aid from Bethel. He said that he has "heard" that the bridge might be replaced in a couple of years (maybe 2012) and may be closed for almost a year, so that might take some heavy planning, but we have plenty of time.

Mr. Bainum said that he has a proclamation in support of the Census. Mr. Henning motioned to approve the Proclamation in support of the 2010 Census. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum said that he has had nothing but good comments about Ken Wylie being hired as the new Emergency Services Chief.

Mr. Carson said that he attended the CDBG application session put on by Clermont County. He said that the presenter said that the County Commissioners have said that they probably won't support using CDBG money for any fire equipment or EMS equipment. He thinks that they would like to see brick and mortar. He said that there is only about \$670,000 available this year to support the many applications that they will receive and divide amongst the applicants.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:25 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman