

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

March 24, 2008

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday March 24, 2008 to transact business. Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum, Bari Henning and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Earl Whiteman, Yvonne Malott, Betsy Haddad, Deputy John Schaeffer and Richard Malott.

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

Betsy Haddad from the Clermont County Commissioner's office introduced herself and asked if there is anything that the township would like to ask the Commissioners and to let us know that she is here to observe what is going on in the different townships in the county. Mr. Taylor said that he wants to make sure that we are receiving as much help as possible with the 32 Corridor, because it is very important to our township. Mrs. Haddad said that they met with State Rep Uecker and State Senator Niehaus today about improvements to the State Route 275/State Route 32 interchange. Mrs. Haddad said that her role is very important to Commissioner Croswell and Commissioner Proud, because they want to know what is going on in the communities and they want the communities to know that they are willing to listen to the communities concerns. Mr. Taylor said that he would like to see better communication between the Commissioners and the Township Association. Mr. Henning suggested that Mrs. Haddad attend the Township Association meeting every month to update them on what is going on in the county. Mrs. Haddad said that our State Rep and Senator explained that they are trying to use "pork" money to work on the State Route 125/State Route 32 interchange, but it may or may not be possible, but they are working hard to get it done.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he received information on mobile mats and he said that they could be very beneficial in keeping the cemetery from being destroyed by equipment. He said that they would need about six of the 2 x 8 size and they cost around \$120/each. Mr. Henning motioned to purchase six of the mobile mats per Mr. Whiteman's request. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Whiteman said that he received an estimate from ASAP Construction to build a 24 foot by 24 foot by 18 foot building for salt storage that will hold 150 – 180 tons of salt at a cost of about \$19,367. He also gave a list of how much salt was used by year for the last 10 years. This list was all over the board with a low of 57 tons in 2002 and a high of 220 tons in 2008 with our current salt building holding about 50 tons. He said that there was a huge problem this year in getting salt from the county. Mr. Henning suggested getting a cost of a 12 foot by 24 foot by 18 foot building and also a 12 foot by 30 foot by 18 foot building. He thought this would hold about 100 tons and if our other building holds about 50, then we could keep 150 tons in stock at all times. Mr. Whiteman gave a copy of specs for a new F550 truck on state contract bid from 32 Ford. Mr. Whiteman said that Duke took down a tree on Hibbs Road and Mr. Whiteman's guys will clean up the debris tomorrow. He suggested that Mr. Henning go to 32 Ford with Brian Tatman to review the specs and get a more firm estimate.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Schaeffer gave a copy of his schedule for April. He said that the weather is getting nicer, so speeders are picking up. Mr. Bainum said that he talked to Milacron about stopping at the end of their driveway and he said that the head of security said that they will be watching it more closely.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Henning asked what is going on with a re-plat in the Eastfork Trails Subdivision. She explained that a re-plat was needed, but nothing would be affected by the change and it still meets the requirements of the original plat from 1995. She said that Mr. Stevens has worked a little bit on cleaning up his property, but hasn't made a lot of progress and she is still watching the property. She said that there is a zoning commission meeting on April 10 to work on modifying our zoning resolution for mining, because our current resolution isn't sufficient and we want to be proactive on this issue instead of reactive later. She said that Mrs. Bates got a permit to add a room addition last year and when she had the property surveyed, she realized that she could not do the size addition that she wanted and needed to do a smaller one and Mrs. Malott would like to issue a refund for the difference in fees of a smaller room addition. She said that the neighbor of the Ernest property on Maple Drive is complaining about the noise from a compressor. She said that Mr. Ernest has put in some insulation and put up a fence to try to help, but the neighbor is still complaining. She said that there is nothing that zoning can do about this issue. She said that Mr. Ernest has considered enclosing his overhang on his barn to put the compressor on the other side of the barn, but she said that the enclosure couldn't work because of set back issues. Mr. Bainum asked Deputy Schaeffer about noise rules and Deputy Schaeffer said that noise after dark within reason is the rule. He said that it sounds like this guy has tried to help with the noise issue. Mr. Malott said that he has heard that the neighbor's main complaint is that Mr. Ernest is running a business out of his barn. Mr. Henning said that we have no way of proving that he is running a business. Mr. Henning said that there is nothing that the township can do right now, but the neighbors need to call the police if they feel it is a problem and let them handle the noise issue.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that our service contract for our 12 lead with Medtronic is up and another 3 year contract is about \$3,402/year. Mr. Taylor motioned to renew this contract. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that he has a contract from Jackson Township for renewal of their life squad service effective July 1. Mr. Henning motioned to pass Resolution #2-08 accepting the 2 year renewal contract with Jackson Township. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that a few of the life squad people gave him an idea of using part time people to replace Doris Smith when she retires instead of hiring a full time person. He said that he is worried about scheduling problems in doing this and he is worried about the reports that need to be sent to the state and other jobs that Mrs. Smith currently handles routinely. Mr. Henning said that this idea was given to him and he told them to talk to Mr. Malott. Mr. Henning thought that it might be a good idea if it wasn't a scheduling nightmare, because we could save paying medical insurance. Mr. Henning said that we could maybe try it for a few months to see if it would work and if it doesn't, then we can hire a full time. Mr. Malott asked the trustees to think about it some more and he will check with some more people about the ideas. Mr. Malott said that he received a certified letter from FEMA stating that he hadn't finished his report from 2003 and they told him that we owe about \$138 to

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FEMA, because of calculation errors. Mr. Henning motioned to reimburse FEMA. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that he had to have the emergency siren at the fire house professionally repaired, but he had a small issue with the one at the township hall and he was able to repair it. He said that he talked to Bethel and there are no sirens on our side of State Route 125 and he talked to Jackson Township and they don't have any sirens. He said that he talked to the guy who installed our current sirens to ask his opinion on where we should put some more sirens. Mr. Taylor said that he talked to our county prosecutor about whether our roads crew would be covered under worker's comp if they were injured on a fire run and the prosecutor suggested putting it in their job description.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:15 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman