

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

March 26, 2007

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday March 26, 2007 to transact business. Chairman Taylor 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 Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Pat McDonald, Mike McDonald, Yvonne Malott, Richard Malott, Earl Whiteman and Joe Berger.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Danbury 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. Danbury second. All yeas.

Mr. McDonald showed a plat of the land that the township owns next to his property. He said that the Lung's have put a mound system on their property and part of it is on the township property. He feels that this is a potential liability and wants to know what the township will do. Mr. Danbury said that he talked to the county prosecutor and the township can sell the property "As Is". Mr. Danbury said that the property was appraised at \$3,300. He said that we need to advertise the property for auction. Mr. McDonald said that he is very interested in this property, but he is concerned about the septic mound system. Mr. Danbury suggested contacting his attorney to see what they can do. Mr. Henning said that we don't want to spend the money to advertise and sell it if no one is interested. Mr. McDonald said that he will contact his attorney and then let us know if they are interested. Mr. Danbury requested that they let us know by the next meeting if they are interested.

Joe Berger said that it is his understanding that the township wants to change the zoning on his property. Mr. Taylor said that his property and the surrounding property is currently zoned industrial, but the zoning commission is looking to change the zoning to agricultural, because there isn't a need for industrial zoning in that area. Mr. Berger said that he owns two properties in that area and he is strongly opposed to changing the zoning, because he feels that the county is looking to purchase industrial property. Mr. Taylor said that this needs to go through all of the property zoning channels. Mr. Danbury explained that the zoning board has hearings and makes recommendations to the trustees for final approval. Mr. Berger said that there is no reason for this change and he feels that industrial property is needed to build the tax base, because houses don't "pay the bills". Mr. Henning said that this property isn't prime industrial property, because it's too far away from the highway. He said that it will be easier for the home owners in this area to get stuff done without variances. Mr. Berger said that he is looking to protect his property value, because industrial property is so hard to get. Mr. Berger asked if they had to change the entire township zoning and Mr. Taylor said that changes can be made. Mr. Berger asked if the trustees are for this or against it. Mr. Taylor said that he needs to think about it more, but things have changed since the original intention of the property. Mr. Berger said that Duke is running a huge transmission line down his road. He said that they are destroying the looks of his land. He said that he told Duke that he would sell his land for \$100,000/acre. Mr. Taylor said that he will be notified of any meetings that occur in regards to changing the zoning per ORC. Mr. Berger said that he noticed that the village is trying to annex some land from the township and he is concerned and wants to know what the township is doing about it. Mr. Taylor said that the prosecutor has reviewed the paperwork and all of it is in order and there isn't much we can do about it. Mr. Berger is concerned that the township is losing tax base. Mr. Taylor explained that our tax base doesn't change and the township gets the same tax money, but it costs the property owner more, because they have village taxes to pay, but that is the property owner's choice since they chose to annex it. Mr. Berger said that he is concerned that the Village is trying to create a city and eventually they will create their own fire department, etc and it will really hurt the township. He said that the trustees need to watch out, because it's coming this way. Mr. Berger asked if we bill the village for fire services. Mr. Danbury explained that the village residents are part of the township and they pay the same amount of taxes towards fire protection. Mr. Taylor explained that he thinks that people try to annex so that they can get the services that a village can offer such as 24 hour police protection and sewers, etc.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he checked with Rumpke and May 31, June 1 and 2 are available. He said that he will check with the county about picking up the tires. He said that Danny Bolender is going to work 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. He said that he is flexible and would like to get a part time person for 20-30 hours per week. He wants them mainly to work this summer for mowing, trimming, general maintenance, etc. starting around the first of May. Mr. Taylor said that he will work on an ad for the newspaper. Mr. Henning said that we should look at crack sealing Hibbs and McKeever Schoolhouse and pave a portion of Happy Hollow and Ireton Road. Mr. Whiteman said that they will work on ditching, etc on Todds Run Foster Road. Mr. Whiteman will check with Bob Mount about measuring the roads to get our specs in order to advertise. Mr. Taylor said that he will check with the prosecutor on the wording of the advertisements to make sure the bidders can bid each one separate.

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Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Danbury said that Mr. Hornsby called him and said that there is a fence going up about three feet past the property line. Mr. Danbury said that he suggested contacting an attorney, because the township can't get involved in property disputes. Mrs. Malott said that she took pictures of the Rice property with two Sheriff Deputies. She said that she sent a letter to Sheriff Rodenberg thanking him for sending deputies with her. She said that they will be taking Mr. Rice to court. Mr. Taylor said that the person who has the large antenna on Alexander Lane has built another huge antenna, so we'll have to contact some people again like we did a year or so ago. Mr. Taylor said that the last time we had problems, the owner took it down a couple of days before they came to investigate. She said that the new tower meets our zoning requirements, so we will have to contact the FCC or someone to get them to take care of it, because there are several neighbors complaining.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that the life squad collected over \$9,000 in February and had billed over \$14,000 in January. He said that it takes a while for the insurance companies to pay, but they are usually paying. He said that they need to buy some fire hose for the new truck and it's about \$120/roll and they need about 12 rolls. Mr. Danbury motioned to allow them to purchase the fire hose at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that he has some homemade jacks that they use to stabilize cars when they are on their side or upside down or something. He said that they really need another good set. He said that a new set costs around \$4,500. Mr. Danbury motioned to allow them to purchase the rescue set jack kits for a cost of around \$4,510. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that the volunteers have ordered a Gator and are paying for it out of their funds and it has a medical bed. He said that they are considering buying some AED's and donating them to places such as the Legion and the retirement homes, etc. Mr. Malott said that he placed ads for sealed bids for the 1978 Fire truck and the bids will be opened on 5/14/2007 at the regular township meeting. He said that driving to the hospital yesterday; the amp gauges went crazy on the newer ambulance. He said that they took it to Auto & Truck of Burg today and it turns out that the batteries were bad in the rear of the ambulance.

Mr. Henning said that the village administrator asked if we would pay half of the portalets for June in Olde Willamsburgh. Mr. Henning motioned to pay for 1/2 of the at a cost, which will amount to about \$375 for our half. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:40 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman