

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

May 9, 2016

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday May 9, 2016 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, Kevin Wiedemann, Brian Tatman, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott, Dan Ratusz and Dave Sheshull,

Mr. Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Henning 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.

Dan Ratusz and Dave Sheshull from Aramark Uniform said that they have a service agreement to provide uniforms for the cemetery and maintenance workers. He said that he's only had the account for a couple of months and there have been several people involved. He said that despite the fact that the township doesn't agree that we have a valid contract, Aramark's view is that we have a contract until May 2017. He said that they'd like to continue services with us and would like to come to a reasonable agreement. He said that they sent a breach of contract letter stating that we owe about \$4,532. He said that over the course of time, the prices raised from \$30/week to roughly \$90/week, but would love to lower the prices back to the original amounts and continue until the end of the contract. Mr. Jordan asked what drove the cost from \$30/week to \$90/week. Mr. Ratusz said that he felt that a few things drove that cost increase, which was that the company had gone publicly traded, health insurance costs and water costs. Mr. Jordan said that we have a responsibility to our customers, which are the taxpayers. He said that we need to point out that any negotiated contract needs to be between the trustees and Aramark and not anyone else. He asked for assurance that if we negotiate the new contract and rate then the old contract and breach would go away. Mr. Ratusz said that he wasn't aware that the trustees needed to sign a contract, because Mr. Whiteman had signed contracts back to the early 1990's. Mr. Jordan pointed out that Aramark had breached the contract in our opinion by failure to deliver services for several months. Mr. Henning said that in 2013, we were paying about \$26.90/week and Mr. Jordan asked if they would consider that amount. Mr. Ratusz said that he's not authorized to negotiate that low. He has authorization to go as low as \$34-\$35. Mr. Henning pointed out that with the annual 5% increases, that puts it roughly around the mid \$30's, so that seems reasonable as compared to \$90. Mr. Ratusz said that he would agree to take things to his manager tomorrow morning and agree to the stipulations mentioned regarding voiding the old contract and breach. He said that he'd send it to us tomorrow and see where we go from there.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Henning said that a lady across the street from 4120 West Fork Ridge Drive left a message saying that the grass is high at 4120 and the property is a mess again this year, same as it was last year. Mrs. Malott said that she'd drive by the property and look at it.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann gave a copy of the number of runs for April. He said that he went to the ambulance manufacturer last week and review the specs of the new squad and said that it should go into production soon and should arrive near the end of August. He said that we have approximately \$5,100 left to spend on the EMS grant. He gave a list of items that we need for the new squad, current squads and station which totaled about \$5,000. He explained his plan for how they plan to use the 3rd ambulance once the new squad arrives. He said that the 2009 has some major repairs needed and that will happen when the new squad arrives and they have the 2003 backup. He said that the communications center donated 2 radios to us that would have cost about \$4,000/each and all they have to do is program them. He said that he would like to appoint a Safety Officer. He said that Retired Chief's Malott and Wylie have filled this position in the past, but they have stepped down and he would like to appoint Mike Carey. The trustees agreed that if he felt good about it, then they approve of him being appointed by the Chief. The trustees suggested looking at a backup person in case Mr. Carey is too busy. Mr. Wiedemann said that he is interviewing an assistant chief this week and asked 1 trustee to help him each day. He said that we received a letter from Great Oaks saying that they would like to continue collaboration of classes with us. The trustees agreed that it sounded like a good partnership.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that we have had 27 funerals so far this year and we're 1 behind YTD 2015. He said that the new trimmer is installed and now 3 mowers have the trimmers. He said that the basement flooded this week, but they caught it before it got too deep that it got into the furnaces. He said that he's been getting a lot of calls about junk days and he is telling everyone that we don't accept tires this year. He said that the trimmers help tremendously as it took them about 4 hours to trim the lower part of the cemetery last week and it used to take them about 4 days when doing it by hand.

Mr. Bainum said that he got a call regarding the speed limit of 55 on Tollgate Road and wants to ask the county to review it. Mr. Malott said that there was a company doing a feasibility study for sewers on Dela Palma Road and he asked who was doing that and the trustees said that they had not heard of that, but wondering if it might be the village.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:10 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman