

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

May 11, 2009

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday, May 11, 2009 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. Guy Bainum, Bari Henning and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Kate Hank, Yvonne Malott, Deputy John Schaeffer, Ed Boll, Brian Tatman and Earl Whiteman.

Mr. Bainum 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. Bainum second. All yeas.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Schaeffer said that things have been very quiet. He said that he's been working on speeders in the township, especially around Twin Bridges and State Route 133. He asked when the hike/bike trail would be open. Mr. Bainum said that the village is talking about dedicating the bridge, etc before June in Olde Williamsburgh. Deputy Schaeffer is concerned about who is going to patrol the trail.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that there has been a dispute on a stone at the cemetery. He said that Mr. Spellman is buried in a grave, but his ex wife, Ruth Sanders wants the stone removed from his grave, because the grave is in her name, even though Mr. Spellman is buried there. He said that other family members have called about this also. He said that Mr. Spellman was cremated. Mr. Whiteman isn't sure why she wants it to be removed, but he thinks there must be some family arguments. He said that Mr. Spellman's son paid for the stone. The trustees agreed that we should leave it there until she demands that it should be removed. Mr. Bainum said that if we have to remove it, then she should have to pay the cost. He said that they still have 3 trimmers, but they need to replace them, because they are getting old, plus the ones they bought a few years ago aren't working well. He said that he is trying to find one to buy, but he can't find what he wants. He said that the commercial grade trimmers are too heavy to use around the cemetery. The trustees told him to buy one when he finds one. He said that all of the equipment is up and running. He said that Mr. Burba is getting married this weekend and will be off on Monday and Tuesday. He thinks they'll be OK with grass cutting at the cemetery before the Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Henning said that he received a call about drainage on Maple Drive. He asked Mr. Whiteman to go down and fix the ditch back the way it was, because it was supposed to stop and divert the water through the culvert. He said that the culvert needs to be dug out, because it's plugged up. Mr. Taylor said that someone is riding their horse across Ireton Road and they complained about people driving too fast around the corners and wants a horse crossing sign to be put up. Mr. Bainum thanked the guys for helping the village with moving some gravel. Mr. Whiteman asked if he should start getting gravel from the new gravel pit. Mr. Henning asked him to get a credit application and start using them, because it's a lot closer and we'll save money on fuel. Mr. Henning asked how the cemetery software is going. Mr. Tatman said that it's going a lot slower now, because he's in the older sections and the date of internment isn't as easy to find, but he is slowly moving along.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that Ken Berry's term was up on April 21. Mr. Bainum said that he would contact him. Mrs. Malott said that she got all of the new zoning books printed is recording them in all of the appropriate places around the county such as law library, recorder's office, planning commission, etc. She said that they need to look at zoning regulations for wind mills, so that they can't just be stuck any where. She said that they need to look at outdoor wood burning boilers, etc, because there have been problems in the county with these. She said that Virgil Burroughs is willing to continue another term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Henning motioned to re-appoint Virgil Burroughs to the ZBA for 5 years effective through 4-21-2014. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning reminded everyone that our next meeting is the Tuesday after Memorial Day. Mr. Carson said that he found information about software that other townships use that will print signatures on the checks instead of using a stamp. Hanley Printing sells it for about \$500. He said that it would be used to sign checks and he would continue to show all checks to the trustees as the bills are paid. Mr. Bainum motioned to buy the software from Hanley Printing for about \$500. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum thanked the trustees for attending the fire meeting where Mr. Bainum presented Chief Malott with a Masonic award for his efforts in the community. Mr. Bainum said that the leak on the red ambulance still can't be found, so he thinks we should take it to get repaired. The trustees said that it should be repaired.

Mr. Bainum asked what our current debt schedule is. Mr. Carson said that the fire house is going to be paid off this year and we will only have the big fire truck, but we will need to finance the ambulance that we are getting ready to buy. Mr. Carson asked Mrs. Malott to check with her husband to see if the ambulance company will do the financing, otherwise we need to start checking on interest rates at banks.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:25 p.m. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman