

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

May 29, 2012

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday May 29, 2012 to transact business. Chairman Jordan 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, John Smithers, Deputy John Schaefer, Earl Whiteman, Yvonne Malott, Ed Boll, Jim Weaver and Mayor Mary Ann Lefker.

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 gave a copy of the Sheriff's crime trend by township by type of crime. He said that he caught a burglary in progress at Met Fab in Williamsburg Township a week or so ago. He said that he's been trying to contact the owner of the BP on James Sauls Sr. Drive to notify them that there is an abandoned car on their property, but he can't legally do anything unless the owner contacts the Sheriff.

Mr. Jordan said that Patti Bates emailed a proposed sewer service area map asking the township to approve it. Mary Ann Lefker said that this started because there is a problem with a lift station on Todds Run Foster Road near the apartments. She said that during the process of looking into this problem, a resident of Todds Run Foster Road asked if they could get sewer service from the Village of Williamsburg. She said that OKI needs for the Village to have an established sewer district. She said that it will take a lot of money to create sewer capacity to handle the area around Todds Run Foster Road. She said that they sent a letter to the residents around Todds Run Foster Road asking if the residents would be interested in annexing into the village to get sewers. She said that they are in the process of rebuilding the lift station. Jim Weaver said that they are putting a man hole on both sides of Todds Run Foster Road so that they can plan for future growth on the opposite side of Todds Run Foster Road if the residents ask for it and the residents would obviously have to pay for it. Mr. Henning said that he wants to make sure this is done correctly so that the road isn't chopped up and we can clearly know who owns what section of the road. Mr. Weaver thanked the township for mowing the road down the hike/bike trail and thanked them for making the cemetery look so nice for Memorial Day. Mary Ann said that she thinks we should all push the county economic development department hard to let them know we are here and are interested in development coming our way and not just in the other parts of the county. Mr. Jordan said that he's spoken with them and he didn't get a good sense that they are looking at our area very hard, however he agrees that we need to push the 32 Corridor more and more.

John Smithers said that he knows our zoning department is trying to get him to clean up his property and he said that he is working on it and getting the house trailer moved out. He asked if he could get permits to have semi-tractor trailers for storage and he knows that there are other places in the township that use trailers for storage. He said that he will move them around back and out of site, but he really needs storage. He said that his long term plan is to try to buy the building and expand the size of the building. He said that his business is car repairs and the zoning department is asking him to keep tags on all of the cars even though he is in the process of repairing them so that they can get to the point that they are drivable and taggable. He said that he's willing to move them behind the building to keep them out of site. Mr. Henning said that the property is designated as zoning B-1. Mrs. Malott said that the zoning doesn't allow for semi-trailers and only allows for cars to be there for 30 days. Mr. Henning said that our zoning is very clear, however if he wants to ask for permission to do what he wants, he needs to apply for a zoning variance and allow the zoning board to follow the process. Mr. Smithers said that he is in the process of restoring some of the cars, but some of the cars are his customers. Mrs. Malott said that the property owner needs to apply for the zoning variance and Mr. and Mrs. Lynch own the property and they said that they aren't interested in applying for a variance.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Bainum said that someone called him about the setback requirements for a mobile home at 4183 State Route 133 and he asked Mrs. Malott to call them. Mr. Henning asked if she has sent out any letters for mowing yet and he gave her a couple of addresses. She said that she is going to start working on them.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that we have 480 graves left to sell in land that is surveyed. He said that we have 1,200 graves that can be created if we survey some new land. He said that we sold 78 graves in 2011 and 21 YTD 2012. He said that we still have 14 acres left to develop in the back of the cemetery. He said that Clover Cemetery is sold out and there are 200 graves left in Concord Cemetery. He said that Stonelick Township cemetery is totally sold out and Batavia and Bethel are close to selling out. Mr. Henning said that the costs are \$250/grave for residents and \$650/grave for nonresidents and if we start to see a rash of sales to nonresidents, then we may have to increase the nonresident price in the future. Mr. Whiteman said that about 50% of the deaths now are cremations instead of burials. He said that the funeral directors are struggling because of this new trend. Mr. Whiteman said that they smoked the seal in the ditch mowing mower today and they need to take parts off of the old one and fix the newer one tomorrow so that they can continue to mow ditches.

Mr. Jordan said that all of the SOG's for the emergency services department are revised and a copy was given to each trustee to review the revisions. He said that Chief Wylie wanted to add a Social Media Policy to the SOG's.

Mr. Carson said that we received an updated depository agreement from J. P. Morgan Chase Bank that needs to be renewed for a 5 year period so that we can continue to have money in their bank. Mr. Henning motioned to renew the depository agreement for 5 years. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:30 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman