

# The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees

June 26, 2006

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday June 26, 2006 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. James Danbury, Bari Henning and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, David Burgess, Earl Whiteman, Adam Balls, Richard Malott, Lisa Reed, Jeff Reed and Yvonne Malott.

Mr. Danbury motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Carson presented a financial report, including a comprehensive account of expenditures and receipts and the trustees accepted it.

### Receipts of the meeting:

Total Receipts: \$23,437.06

Mr. Taylor motioned to pay the following bills. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

Total Bills: \$36,121.18

Mr. Burgess asked for an explanation of what is happening at the intersection of McKeever Pike and State Route 32, because a sign was put up by ODOT today saying that it is going to be closed on July 10. Mr. Henning explained that we received a letter from ODOT in October 2005 saying that they plan to close it in 2006. He said that the trustees sent a letter back to ODOT stating that the trustees feel it will hurt emergency services response time if it's closed, but if they choose to close it, then the trustees would like to see a turn lane and light at Dela Palma. He said that we didn't hear anything else until about two weeks ago. He said that he has spoken with State Rep Danny Bubb, State Senator Tom Niehaus and someone at ODOT and told them that the trustees are very concerned about emergency services response time if it's closed and the trustees don't support the closure because of that. He said that an ODOT rep, State Rep Danny Bubb, State Senator Tom Niehaus, Mayor Lefker and the trustees are going to meet to discuss the proposed closure on Tuesday 6/27/06. Mr. Taylor said that we have always had a hard time dealing with ODOT, especially over the flashing lights at Dela Palma, because he said it took years for ODOT to make the light flash like the trustees wanted. Mr. Taylor said that ODOT has confirmed that they plan to put a turn lane and light at Dela Palma. Mrs. Reed said that she spoke with Jay Hamilton from ODOT in December about the rumor that it was going to be closed, but she said that Mr. Hamilton assured her that he knew nothing about it and it wasn't going to be closed. The trustees pointed out that this contradicts the letter that was sent in October. Mr. Danbury said that the trustees notified the township residents in the fall newsletter so that the residents had plenty of time to respond, but the trustees had not received any complaints until recently. Mr. Reed said that he is concerned about emergency service response time also. He said that he is also concerned about the intersections at Dela Palma and Jackson Pike, because now residents will be forced to use those roads and he feels they are just as dangerous. The trustees said that the state reps and state Senators have told them that ODOT is hard to work with.

Adam Balls from the Hylant Group gave a brochure on The Ohio Plan, which is coverage and risk management for Public Entities. He said that he feels that the plan that he offers is much better than OTARMA's plan. He said that companies like his were formed in the 1980's when insurance companies backed away from insuring public entities. He said that the plan is owned by its board members. He explained how insurance companies work with re-insurers and explained that the insurance company that he represents is very solid and secure and feels that there isn't another group out there that is financially as strong. He gave a copy of a letter from a township expressing how wonderful the Ohio Plan is. He said that all of their claims are "occurrence" driven and not claims paid or made driven. He said that there is a cumulative reserve fund in the OTARMA plan that is maximized after six years. He said that we can get that money back from OTARMA if we

leave, because they provide prior acts coverage as part of their plan. He said that their coverage gets better all the time and they are best coverage available in the market today. He explained the process for "leaving" OTARMA. Mr. Balls explained how prior year's coverage works under The Ohio Plan. Mr. Balls gave a copy of a letter to sign to OTARMA that says we are "shopping" for other coverage. He said that this is something we legally have to do based on OTARMA's contract, but this doesn't commit us to leaving. He read a list of several villages and townships that are clients of the Ohio Plan. He said that they have over 200 townships across the State of Ohio. Mr. Taylor said that Denny Begue asked him to look at changing the insurance company also and wants to give us bids. Mr. Henning motioned to sign the letter to send to OTARMA telling them that we are getting quotes and to apply with the OHIO Plan to get an estimate for insurance costs. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

### Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he had some problems with getting dumpsters delivered on time and getting replacements. He said that he plans to visit Rumpke to address this issue so we don't have the same problem in October clean up days. He said that they notified the county about the tires

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that need to be picked up, but they haven't come yet. He said that Nichol's Surveying came out today to survey the lots for a new section of the cemetery. He said that there are a couple of large stones in the cemetery that are sinking, because the graves sunk over the winter and he is going to contact Hirons to have them move the stones so that they can fix the grave and then put the stones back. Mr. Whiteman gave a copy of the rates for a neighboring township and he said that he plans to get more prices to compare. He said that Saturday funerals are becoming very common. He said that they've had about four funerals over the past two weekends. He said that Steve Maham from Maham funeral home requested different rates for Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Mr. Whiteman said that Stonelick Township cemetery is full and Batavia and Bethel are getting close, so he is afraid that the neighboring townships will be forced to bury in Williamsburg. Mr. Henning said that there is a culvert on Todds Run Road in the curve that needs replaced, because of the Bradbury subdivision that is being built near it. Mr. Danbury said that he ordered a 50 feet pipe to replace the 35 foot pipe and explained why this needs to be done. Mr. Danbury said that the pipe and band is going to cost around \$1,292. Mr. Whiteman said that he feels that we should use a commercial backhoe on this project, because our backhoe is too small. He said that we should rent a commercial backhoe, because whenever he tries to hire someone they never come when we need them, because they are usually too busy. Mr. Henning said that the brush needs trimmed on Musgrove Road just past the bridge, because it's hanging too close to the road.

## Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott said that the Planning Commission plans to hear our proposed zoning changes tomorrow night. She said that there is a zoning commission hearing on Wednesday night. Mr. Henning explained that the Fischer Homes site plan meeting got a little hostile between a few people last week, so he warned Mrs. Malott to be prepared for a heated meeting about the proposed zoning change on the property along State Route 32 near Hockstock Road. She said that she took pictures of the Berger property again to take to court. She said that she missed a meeting hosted by the county about zoning changes while she was on vacation, so she is checking with the county to find out information.

## Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott has an application from Cora Whisner as an EMT. He said that he has an application from Dominick Daulton as an EMT. Mr. Henning motioned to accept Cora Whisner and Dominick Daulton as EMT's with standard probationary period. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that he has been contacted by a couple of people about sealing the parking lot at the emergency services building. Mr. Danbury asked Mr. Malott to get the bids and to ask them to bid the roads in the cemetery also. Mr. Malott explained the way soft billing works for EMS. He explained that we can now bill for fire services at a Motor Vehicle Accident. Mr. Danbury wants to see us bill residents for MVA's on a soft billing, so that we can collect insurance money if the insurance company can pay. Mr. Taylor motioned to bill the person at fault for fire services at any type of Motor Vehicle Accident as allowed by the ORC based on the maximum costs allowed by law as of July 1, 2006. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning said that we received a letter from our health insurance company stating that they negotiated with the underwriters for a 9% increase and it's due for renewal in August. Mr. Henning motioned to renew the health insurance with Ohio Insurance Services Agency with at 9% increase. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the tax budget as prepared by the Fiscal officer to file in triplicate with the County Auditor's office. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 10:15 p.m. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

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Fiscal Officer

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Chairman