

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

July 23, 2007

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday July 23, 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 and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Ed Boll, Earl Whiteman Richard Malott 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.

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

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that they purchased the stove for the cemetery building. He said that he is working with Duke Energy to get the gas hooked up. He said that he needs to purchase a safety part for the stove and it will cost around \$87. He said that the tree was cut down in the cemetery and Lacy Tree Service sent the bill for \$450.00. He said that he sent pictures to the trucking company that hit the fence at the cemetery and received a quote to fix the fence from Hartman Fence Company for \$320 and the trucking company is going to pay for the repairs. Mr. Whiteman said that Hartman Fence Company is going to move the fence back several feet to prevent this from happening in the future, however he can't see how the trucking company hit the fence without hitting the telephone pole or stop sign.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mrs. Malott said that the township trustees need to apply for a permit to put up the sign at the end of Dela Palma and State Route 32 that says Welcome to Williamsburg that the Township and Village are splitting the cost. Mr. Danbury motioned to sign the permit for the sign. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mrs. Malott showed the trustees a copy of ORC505.87 which explains the procedure for cleaning up nuisance properties. Mr. Danbury said that he is concerned about the township mowing the properties. He wonders if we should contract the mowing out. Mr. Carson asked if the prosecutor told us that a lien was filed or if they assessed the property owner's taxes and she said that the taxes are assessed by the County Auditor. The trustees asked Mrs. Malott to prepare a letter to the property owner as described in ORC 505.87. Mr. Danbury motioned to send a letter to the property owner of 3135 Old State Route 32, parcel #52-35-10D-028, stating that if the vegetation is not abated within 7 days, the township will enter the property and abate the problem and assess their taxes as described in ORC 505.87. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Danbury said that the ORC allows for us to put an ad in the newspaper describing what is going to happen in an effort to meet the ORC requirements. Mr. Taylor said that when he worked for the Village, they would bill the employee's hourly rates, plus 35% for benefits. Mr. Danbury is concerned about the 7 day rule as described in the ORC. He suggested waiting 10 days after mailing the letter to go above and beyond the 7 day requirement to give the property owner time to fix the problem. Mr. Taylor asked our prosecutor one more time on how to handle this properly to make sure we are doing it correct. Mr. Taylor suggested taking a picture of the property before and after it is mowed to make sure it is handled properly. Mrs. Malott thinks that we should put a notice in the newspaper also, because she doesn't believe that the letter will be opened, because the owner is deceased. The trustees agreed that this should happen. Mrs. Malott said that she talked to the people about the camper at Clover Church on State Route 133 and they told her that the people are remodeling the church for sale. She said that they moved the camper to meet the set back requirements. She said that no one is living in the camper and it is temporary and this is legal. She said that David Durham is searching for information on mining requirements so that we can put them in our zoning regulations. She said that she has received complaints about garbage at 3771 Cobb Road and she is investigating. She said that she is working with Jeanette Nichols from the County Prosecutors office in preparation for the Berger court case. She said that someone complained about the abandoned property at 4106 West Fork Ridge Drive and she called the mortgage company and they took care of cleaning up the property.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that one of the overhead doors at the emergency services building isn't functioning properly, but they have worked on it and made it work, but they continue to have occasional problems with it. The trustees suggested calling a door company to get it fixed. He said that they need weather stripping on the doors, because the old ones are ripped. He said that Steve Hanley applied for the volunteer fire department. Mr. Taylor motioned to approve his application and to put him on the standard probationary period. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas. Mr. Danbury asked if the Village had contacted him about using the ladder truck to do work on the water tower. Mr. Malott said that he was waiting for the Village to contact him. Mr. Malott said that he is going to meet with the Village about inspecting the fire hydrants in the Village, because the Village has asked the fire department to quit inspecting their fire hydrants. He said that the ambulance was scratched by a mailbox yesterday at a scene. He said that he needs to get estimates on getting it fixed and will check with the insurance company.

Mr. Taylor said that we received a letter from Duke Energy describing the revisions to their transmission line at the Eastwood Substation.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:45 p.m. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman