

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

July 25, 2011

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday July 25, 2011 to transact business. Chairman Henning 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, Randy Gadzinski, Yvonne Malott, Brian Tatman, Ken Wylie, Kevin Wiedemann and Ed Boll.

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

Mr. Jordan motioned to pay the attached bills. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that there is a parcel next to the exit ramp at State Route 32 and Half Acre Road that is going to be auctioned. She said that she isn't sure what can happen with the property, because it's a panhandle and the county may not allow much. Mr. Bainum asked if she had looked at 3978 Sally Drive for violations. She said that she looked at it and it appears to be a neighborly dispute. She said that the cars that are parked there are all licensed and the property was mowed nicely. She said that everything appears to be in compliance. She said that she plans to visit again in the next couple of weeks to verify. She said that she needs to visit Joe Berger's property with the trustees in the near future. She said that she visited Wayne Allison's property and she said that she physically measured the distance of the buildings from the property line. She said that only the dog house is too close to the property line and Mr. Allison plans to move it. She said that he has a wrecked car in the front yard with license, but Mr. Allison said that they are trying to decide what they want to do with it and it will be gone in the future. She said that she has 5 properties that need to be mowed and she plans to run the appropriate ads in the newspapers.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wylie said that we've had several sections of hose fail over the past few years. He said that we need to purchase about \$5,700 worth of hose to replace the bad hose and this will put all of the trucks in compliance. He said that they want to purchase a K-12 supervac saw for the ladder truck and it will cost around \$1,966. He said that they currently use regular chain saws to cut through a roof, but then it's not good to cut trees. Mr. Jordan motioned to buy the hose that is needed for about \$5,700. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Henning motioned to purchase the K-12 saw for around \$1,966. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that he's looked at used SUV's to replace the Chief's SUV and it would probably cost between \$25,000 and \$35,000 just for the vehicle. Mr. Wiedemann said that state bid price on a 2011 Ford Expedition is around \$26,300. He said that the cost on a 2011 Chevy Tahoe would be around \$28,700. He said that if equipped with light bars, extra battery and a few other options, it would be around \$30,000 for the Tahoe. He said that he has the staff car working without air conditioning right now until a decision is made what to do. Mr. Wiedemann said that the staff car is used daily for different things, because it gets better fuel economy than taking a fire truck. Mr. Henning asked if they could use a car instead of an SUV or pickup truck for one of these vehicles. Mr. Wiedemann said that the cost to replace the motor in the 1998 Yukon, plus tires, etc. is about \$2,571 from NAPA plus labor if we take it to get repaired. Mr. Wiedemann said that we need a big tow vehicle, because we tow a trailer from time to time. He said that we currently use the mini pumper to do some towing, but the mini pumper isn't really designed to do a lot of heavy towing, because the hitch has been welded on. Mr. Jordan asked if we can survive for a few more weeks before making a decision and Mr. Wylie said they are OK for now. He said that they might be able to get by with staff car instead of a staff SUV. The trustees agreed to wait for a couple of weeks to talk about different options. Mr. Wylie said that Daniel Bainum is going to be starting medic school soon and he is recommending that we pay for the class as we have for others in the past. Mr. Wylie asked if they have used the ladder truck that we recently purchased and Mr. Wylie said that it's been out several times and it's working out really well. He said that we don't have any offers on the old truck. Mr. Wiedemann said that we can list it on govdeals.com to sell it. He said that we can get about \$5,000 for scrap. Mr. Henning said that we shouldn't take any less than \$5,000 or else we'll just scrap it.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Henning asked Mr. Tatman if they had time to mow the yards with mowing problems per zoning. He said that they are really busy trying to get roads done. Mr. Henning said that if have our guys do it, then we don't have to pay the expense and wait for the money to come back when the taxes are assessed. Mr. Tatman said that they need a new chain saw at a cost of \$379 and repairing it would be about \$223. The trustees agreed that we should buy a new one rather than repair the old one, because it's really old.

Mr. Henning said that he met with OTARMA with Mr. Carson about the renewal of the property insurance. Mr. Henning said that the cost is \$23,105, but we get a refund of \$4,716 with OTARMA. Mr. Henning said that OTARMA specializes in insurance for townships and is concerned that another insurance company may not provide the kind of coverage that we need. Mr. Jordan motioned to maintain our insurance with OTARMA. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning said that the Sheriff contract is due 8-27-2011 and he got a new 3 year contract with basically the same terms, but adjusted for inflation. Mr. Henning said that he thinks the sheriff's contract is good for the township, however our general fund is dwindling and several sources of funds are going away with changes in the law. He said that he talked to the Sheriff about doing a 1 year contract, but they recommended keeping the 3 year contract and using the termination clause if needed a year from now. Mr. Carson pointed out that we pay for this out of the general fund and unfortunately the general fund is being hurt by loss of estate tax, local government funds, phase out of deregulation and phase out of TPP. He thinks we are OK this year, but need to look long and hard long term with this, because the only way to generate additional revenue for the general fund is general fund property taxes through new construction. Mr. Wiedemann said that he has talked to Chief Gregory from the village and they have talked about providing more coverage for less money than the Sheriff's office, but doesn't know any details other than their private conversations.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:00 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman