

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

August 8, 2011

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday August 8, 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, Daniel Bainum, George Pattison, Becky McClatchey, Rosemary Malott, Yvonne Malott, Earl Whiteman, Deputy John Schaefer, Jim Maynard, Lori Maynard, Mike Hoh, Brian Tatman, Ed Boll, Kevin Wiedemann, Richard Malott, Jayne Lawrence and Randy Gadzinski.

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

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

Becky McClatchey presented information on the Balanced Growth initiative for the Middle East Fork Watershed. She said that this is a draft. She said that the townships are working together to develop this to create land use plans for the areas of the townships. She said that this is voluntary and non regulatory. She asked the trustees to review the plan that she gave them and get back with her with any concerns or questions. Mr. Jordan said that he has sat in on a few of the meetings with her about this and he thinks that it is good information.

George Pattison said that he is running for municipal court judge and gave a brief biography and asked everyone for their support.

Sheriff Report

Deputy John Schaefer gave a copy of his schedule for August. He said that there was a robbery on Alexander Lane during the middle of the day and mostly jewelry was stolen. He said that he hopes that residents of the township will report any solicitation that is going on around the township so that they can check it out. Mr. Henning said that the trustees reviewed the Sheriff contract after the last meeting. He said that we are concerned with a 3 year contract, because of the impact of loss of revenue to the general fund upcoming with many cuts at the state. He said that he asked the Sheriff's office about a 1 year contract and they said that they didn't want to do that, because there is a 30 day clause in the contract where we can cancel with 30 days notice in the future. He said that they do a great job and think it's an important thing to offer for our residents, but with the concerns on revenue it may not be possible in the future. Mr. Henning motioned to sign the contract with the Sheriff's office for a 3 year term effective 8-27-11. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum asked him to patrol Todds Run, because he's noticed that some kids have been squealing tires on the new pavement.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman reported that Todds Run Road has been paved. He said that all of the roads have been mowed.

Lori Maynard said that Mr. Allison's building still hasn't been moved. She said that Mr. Allison had a water heater in his front yard for 3 weeks and was moved recently to the side yard, but is still on the property. Mrs. Malott said that the building still needs to be moved by 1 ½ feet. Jim Maynard said that he needs to mow the weeds behind that shed also. Mr. Henning said that he understands their frustration, but Mr. Allison is in compliance with the 30 day rule. Mrs. Malott said that she was out there today and saw the water heater and another one on the trailer.

Rosemary Malott said that the neighbor across the street from her hasn't mowed again this year. She thinks that it's ridiculous that we can't do anything about it. She said that there is a shack attached to their outbuilding that she can't believe ever got approved by the building department. She said that there was a cat trapped in this building and she called the Humane Society and they came and said that it's disgusting in that building as people have used the rest room on the floor and other broken stuff inside. She is concerned that kids are playing in this building. Mr. Henning explained that the state law says that we can only require that it be mowed twice a year. He said that we have to follow certain procedures to get the property mowed. Mr. Bainum said that unfortunately the law is very silly in regards to this, but our hands are tied with the way the law works for townships. Mrs. Yvonne Malott said that she put the appropriate notice on the five properties in question today and she has sent all of the appropriate letters per ORC. Mr. Tatman said that he looked at all of the properties, except the one on Bootjack Road. Mr. Whiteman said that he should be able to get them next week, because he wants to get the cemetery done this week. Mr. Henning motioned to enter the 5 following properties and take care of the mowing and debris as allowed by ORC and to assess their taxes as allowed. These properties include: 3471 Bootjack Rd., 4272 N Ellis Rd, 2905 Old St. Rt. 32, 2879 Old St. Rt. 32 and 4133 Ole Way. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Jordan asked about the fence that was taken around the pool at 4211 West Fork Hills Drive. She said that the property owners took the fence and took the garage down when they deserted the property. She said that she has notified the bank about the fence and the grass and they took care of the grass, but still haven't taken care of the pool. She said that she will contact them again and send a certified letter. Mr. Jordan asked if the township has liability since we know of the problem and the owner isn't taking care of it. He asked if we should put an orange temporary fence around it. Mr. Bainum said that we should start the paperwork and follow procedures. Mr. Jordan wants to know if we should notify the health department and get them to put some pressure on the property owners as well.

Mike Hoh said that he met with his advisor at UC and he is having problems with his financial aid and he wants to have the township pay for his medic classes that we agreed to pay for in 2006. Mr. Malott said that if he remembers correctly we paid for his books and for his test, but decided not to pay for the classes, because he was having financial aid take care of it. He said that he's a medic now and passed on the first time. He said that if he can get reimbursed for this it would free up more financial aid for the classes that he wants to take to complete his college degree. Mr. Henning said that he would like to think about this a little further and talk about it at a future meeting. The other trustees agreed. Mr. Hoh said that it would be \$4,542.

Daniel Bainum said that at the last meeting Chief Wylie said that he recommended that the township pay for his medic school and he brought the cost of \$1,678/quarter for 3 quarters and approximately \$500 for books. Mr. Henning asked if he has been doing runs for the township. Mr. Bainum said that he wasn't an EMT for about 2 years, but he's been doing runs

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against since 2009. He said that he isn't on a volunteer crew, but is doing misc shifts. Mr. Jordan asked what his commitment would be to the township if we agreed to pay for this. Mr. Malott said that the rule has always been a commitment of 2 years after graduation or we could ask for the money back. Mr. Bainum said that he plans to commit to this plus more. He said that he is working with Chief Wylie on what volunteer crew he can work with. Mr. Jordan motioned to pay for Daniel Bainum's medic class for 3 quarters plus books for approximately \$5,500. Mr. Henning second. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Henning – yeas. Mr. Bainum abstained. Mr. Gadzinski asked for a clarification on the 2 year commitment. Mr. Jordan explained that he feels that it's a matter of integrity and honor to commit to this. Mr. Henning said that he was on squad 25 years ago when it was purely volunteer unpaid time and the commitment was for 2 years of volunteer time. He said that he believes that if we pay for this for anyone, they should commit to 2 years of a volunteer crew.

Mr. Gadzinski gave copies of 2 additional bids for repairs for the Chief's car, because he thinks we only got 1 bid at the last meeting. One was about \$3,700 and the other was about \$3,800. He asked if people are covered if someone is towing township property with your personal vehicle.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that he feels we should just put a used engine in the Chief's vehicle and put new tires on it. He said that we should fix the a/c in the staff car and new tires also. He said that this is all cheaper than 2 new vehicles. Jayne Lawrence, Michael Hoh and Randy Gadzinski agree. Daniel Bainum asked what the Chief thinks. He said that it still leaks in the rear from when it was wrecked a couple of years ago. Mr. Wiedemann said that he thinks that due to the economy and as a taxpayer he thinks we should just fix what we have. Mr. Henning said that at the last meeting, they proposed buying a new Chief car, new staff car and put the current chief car in service as a 3rd vehicle. He said that he's confused now, because what they are saying now is a complete turn from what they wanted at the last meeting. Mr. Henning said that we're looking at about \$5,000 for repairs and wonders if we are throwing good money after bad. He said that he researched used vehicles and based on what he saw, he thinks that it would be better to go with state bid on a new one if the trustees decide to go that route. Mr. Jordan said that we need to think about it further, because we've spent a lot of money this year. Mr. Bainum said that he was thinking about a new chief car this year and a new staff car in the future. Mr. Malott said that he thinks we should repair the chief car and use it as the staff car and get a new chief car to replace it. Michael Hoh agrees with Mr. Malott. Mr. Gadzinski suggested repairing everything that we have, but go with Mr. Malott's plan next year. Jayne Lawrence said that we should fix what we have. Mr. Henning said that we should get the Chief's car fixed right now. Mr. Gadzinski said that he found out that the warranty on a commercial engine is only 1 year instead of the standard 3 years. Mr. Henning said that he'd like to see what type of engine Auto & Truck use and what the warranty is. Mr. Henning motioned to replace the motor in the Chief Car with the best bid after checking on the motor type and warranty and we will use it either as a Chief car or staff car at the next meeting. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that there are 2 generators at the fire house that don't work and he thinks he can get them fixed with a new circuit board. Mr. Henning suggested getting them fixed if the cost is reasonable. Mr. Jordan asked if Mr. Hoh is done with medic school. Mr. Hoh said that he has ran lots of runs for the past five years. Mr. Malott said that he has more than fulfilled his requirements.

On September 6-8, the NATAT is having a conference in Washington DC. He said that there are some valuable leadership courses that are needed and this will complete his courses for the National leadership academy. Mr. Henning motioned to pay the registration fees of \$249, 2 nights of hotels, meals and travel expenses associated with this trip. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum said that his credit card was stolen and around \$3,600 in charges were placed on the card. He said that the trustees filed charges and the matter has been turned over to the Sheriff's office. He said that the money was reimbursed for the charges placed on the credit card and the township was not out any money.

Mr. Jordan motioned to adjourn at approximately 10:30 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman