

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

September 12, 2011

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday September 12, 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, Earl Whiteman, Ken Wylie, Brian Tatman, Ed Boll, Yvonne Malott and David Burgess.

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

Mr. Burgess said that he is here on behalf of the Williamsburg Junior Athletic Association asking to annex their property into the village. He said that he had filed the paperwork for annexation and our assistant prosecutor Dave Frey suggested that we use the expedited forms, however he said that he's never seen a township and village agree to it, but there's always a first. He said that WJAA needs the sewers so they need this annexation. Mr. Bainum said that he is a big supporter of WJAA and thinks that the sewers are a good benefit, but they could also benefit from the village police protection. Mr. Jordan said that this is a great thing to help build a future for them. Mr. Burgess showed them a map of the property which amounts to a little over 23 acres. Mr. Henning said that he is happy that the WJAA can benefit from this and had hoped this could have happened years ago when he was President of WJAA. He said that he is willing to support the fast track on this one. He said that he would probably look deeper on other properties, but this one makes sense without questioning it. Mr. Jordan motioned to sign the agreement to annex the WJAA property into the village pending our prosecutor's approval. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that Chris Schuster on Ole Way is making some progress, but isn't move as fast as he should be and she's keeping on top of him. She said that Wayne Allison has moved the building that he was supposed to move. She said that she is working with the Bank to clean up the stuff at 4211 Eastfork Hills Drive and they are working on some stuff and attempted to board up the swimming pool.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that all equipment is running OK. He said that they have been hammered with funeral over the past several weeks. He gave a list of the cemetery grave and other fees for the surrounding townships. He said that we are on the cheapest side. He said that a lot of the neighboring townships are almost sold out on graves, so it could become a problem for us in the future. He said that they are caught up on mowing finally. He said that it's been a hard year to keep up with all of the rainy weather and they have had 58 funerals to date this year and an average year is about 60 for the entire year.

Mr. Jordan said that he attended the National Association of Towns and Townships conference in Washington DC. He said that it was well worth the trip because the content was so good.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wylie said that he is checking with the county health district about flu shots and he would like to see us give the shots to all of our members. Mr. Henning motioned to provide flu shots to all of the members of the department. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that he is signed up for a training class at Miami Township for 6 days of management for \$100. Mr. Jordan motioned to pay for this training class. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that UC Clermont is having a medic refresher class at a cost of \$250/each. He said that there are 3 people that want to attend this. Mr. Jordan motioned to send the 3 people to this class. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wylie said that he has promoted Perry Bennett from Captain to Assistant Chief and has promoted Daniel Bainum from Lieutenant to Captain and this leaves some Lieutenant positions open to fill. Mr. Henning asked what Mr. Wylie thinks about vehicle replacements. Mr. Wylie said that the current Chief's vehicle is running great now that the engine is replaced. Mr. Bainum said that he thinks we should replace the Chief's vehicle now and use the current Chief's vehicle as the staff car, because he thinks we will need a new ambulance next year and doesn't want to have to buy both next year. Mr. Wylie thinks that the current chief car will last longer with the new engine if only the same person drives it constantly and thinks we should buy another staff car now to tow with, because we have nothing at the station now to tow the gator with. The trustees suggested that Mr. Wylie think about what he needs a little more to bring back to a future meeting. Mr. Bainum thinks we should look at it this year and Mr. Jordan thinks we should look at 2012, but is willing to consider talking about it for this year. Mr. Henning said that there isn't a sense of urgency for this year. Mr. Bainum said that he heard that the staff car has an axle problem and doesn't want anyone driving anything that could be dangerous. Mr. Wylie said that he needs to check on this. Mr. Jordan thanked the members for their service to our community and is very proud of them, especially on the anniversary of 9/11. Mr. Bainum thanked them for participating in the video that the Williamsburg United Methodist Church did with volunteers for their 9/11 service at church on Sunday.

Mr. Bainum said that the prosecutor asked who we wanted to be the spokesperson for the theft case with the credit card. Mr. Henning said that we received a letter from the prosecutor asking us to call them and Mr. Henning said that since he's the chairman he will field the phone calls. Mr. Henning said that he feels all three of the trustees should attend the hearings since it involved the township.

Mr. Bainum said that there is a gentleman in the community that has cancer. He said that several years ago there was a fire at the farm bureau and something was burning that the state fire marshal said that the people around it should be checked out at the hospital, because it could be bad. He said that it seems odd that a lot of the people at this fire have turned up with cancer. Mr. Jordan said that he would support Mr. Bainum's investigation into this.

Mr. Henning motioned to pass a resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

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

Fiscal Officer

Chairman