

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

September 28, 2009

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday September 28, 2009 to transact business. Vice Chairman Bainum called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum and Bari Henning answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Richard Malott, Earl Whiteman, Ed Boll, Yvonne Malott and Jim Sherrill. Mr. Taylor arrived around 7:40 p.m.

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

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

Jim Sherrill said that they bought eight graves a couple of years ago and hasn't used them. He said that he would like to trade them for lots in the section that just opened which is closer to his parents. He said that he is willing to pay the transfer fees. The trustees didn't see a problem with this. Mr. Bainum motioned to allow the graves to be transferred for the \$50 transfer fee. Mr. Henning second. Both yeas.

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Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that he received a call from Pamela Lane about a lot for Dewey Gibson. She said that the only living heir is Dewey's son and he wants to sell the remaining five graves. Mr. Henning said that he could do whatever he wants with them and we could transfer them if he pays the transfer fees. Mr. Whiteman said that Maham Funeral Home has about 50 graves in their name and is trying to get them straightened out now that Sam Maham is deceased, so some transfers will be coming through with transfer fees over time. The trustees said that they are willing to work with Steve Maham to try to get this straightened out. Mr. Whiteman said that Cliff Boggs' driveway washed out again over the weekend with all of the heavy rain. He said that he is working with Mr. Boggs on the ditch to see what can be done to prevent this. He said that the dumpster's will be here this week for the junk days for this weekend. Mr. Taylor said that we received a letter from Duke Energy about street lights saying that they have a new form system for reporting street light outages. He gave it to Mr. Whiteman to file for when future lights go out.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Taylor said that there were phone problems with people being called and 911 being called from our phone #. He said that Cincinnati Bell Telephone came out and said that there were some problems and it caused the #'s to be called, so they repaired it and it seems to be working fine. Mr. Bainum asked about the house at 628 East Main Street that has trash everywhere. She said that they are working with the Health Department to get it cleaned up. Mr. Bainum asked about who was running electric on the Gene Wilson property. She said that they had called and she had told them to talk to the trustees. Mr. Henning said that it sounds like trespassing and the Wilson's should contact someone to see if there is an easement. Mr. Bainum motioned to set Halloween trick or treating as October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Henning asked about the calls about the barking dogs. She said that she will make a copy of the barking dog ordinance for the trustees. Mr. Taylor said that it's hard to enforce, because the Sheriff's Deputy has to hear them barking. Mr. Henning asked Mrs. Malott to let him know when the next meeting is with Juwi Solar, because he would like to meet with them. She said that she is trying to get all of the zoning boards together with Juwi Solar on October 29. She said that they have to be here in January when they apply for the conditional use plan for the land. Mr. Henning motioned to have a zoning hearing for ZC2-09 on November 9 at 7:00 p.m. with the trustee meeting immediately following. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Henning thanked her for getting the information from the prosecutor about making sure there is a license on RV's and campers. He asked her to check on the Concord Hennings Mill property that he mentioned to her. Mrs. Malott said that she needs to get some name plates for new zoning members. Mrs. Malott said that she sent a letter to Mr. Burger and the meeting is set up for October 12 for a site visit. She said that he is conducting a business on that property and it's not the correct zoning. He is advertising on the internet of his business as proof. Mr. Henning asked if it's ever been a problem in the past that zoning terms might expire at the same time. She said that it's never been a problem in the past, but we'd have to stagger expiration dates when they come due the next time. Mr. Henning suggested starting this as new people come aboard and to have all dates expire on 12-31.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that he had a call Saturday night from Bethel's fire chief, because they were having lots of ambulance problems and asked to borrow our old white life squad. All 3 of Bethel's ambulances were broken down and they only have ours until one of theirs is fixed. He said that he has an application from Matt Wendell as a firefighter and EMS to be a volunteer. Mr. Henning motioned to accept Matt Wendell with standard probationary period. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that he has an application from Jamie Williams as a firefighter and EMS to be a volunteer. Mr. Henning motioned to accept Jamie Williams with standard probationary period. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that he had taken some pictures of the white squad to try to sell, but hasn't heard anything from Mt. Orab yet as to whether or not they want to buy it. Mr. Malott said that Goshen Township hired at fire chief at a salary of \$76,000 and they interviewed five people for the position. Mr. Bainum congratulated Mr. Malott for being selected as the grand marshal of the Homecoming parade on October 9. Mr. Malott said that he is still having lots of computer problems. He said that the computers are about 8 years old and probably need to be replaced. Mr. Bainum said that Jerry Hurst is a village resident and works on the village computers and suggested that they should call him. He said that he's been pricing computers to replace the old ones. Mr. Henning said that he had talked to Jerry Hurst as well and he charges \$49.50/hour. Mr. Henning said that Mr. Hurst builds computers also. Mr. Henning motioned to allow Mr. Malott to buy the computer equipment that he needs. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that there is an open house for his retirement on December 13 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bainum asked if there is a speaker system at the fire house and Mr. Malott said that the one they have is old and cracks a lot.

Mr. Henning said that it's time to start working on the biennial newsletter and asked the departments to get some information together. Mr. Taylor said that nominations for Clermont 20/20's Salute to Leader's dinner are due in December, so we need to think of nominations very soon. Mr. Taylor said that we received the letter from Duke about joining the consortium with the other townships that would give us a 22% discount for the remainder of 2009 and 15% discount in 2010 and 10% in 2011.

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Mr. Taylor is going to give copies to the other trustees to take home and review. Mr. Taylor said that he represented Williamsburg Township on Friday at the Soil and Water Conservation meeting asking us to agree to have a balanced growth plan near our foreign trade zone around Half Acre Road and to the west. Mr. Taylor said that he will work on a resolution for the next meeting.

Mr. Henning motioned to go into executive session at around 9:25 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to come out of executive session at around 10:00 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 10:00 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman