

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

October 13, 2008

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday October 13, 2008 to transact business. Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum, Bari Henning and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Yvonne Malott, Brian Tatman, Earl Whiteman, Deputy John Schaefer, Ed Boll and Mark Helphenstine.

Mr. Bainum 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. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Helphenstine from Von Lehman Technologies gave a proposal for a network and server. He said that he is a township resident and Von Lehman Technologies has 2 locations in the Cincinnati area and has 7 dedicated support staff that is available at almost any hour. He said that he is always available via cell phone until bed time every night and his company would be an advantage to us, because he lives here in town. His quote is for 2 servers and all of the Microsoft applications, spam and virus software, backup drives, labor and everything else needed to set up a good server to meet the needs of our township and allow for growth. His quote was a cost of \$13,290. Mr. Carson noted that this could change a little as we work out details and find things we may need once we start this project, because the # of hours needed for a project like this isn't always easy to quote exact figures as if you were just buying a piece of equipment or something. If they run into problems the # of labor hours could increase, but this was the best guess based on Mr. Carson's description of what we needed. He said that we received a quote from American Help Desk.net for a total cost of around \$30,035 with all equipment and labor. He said that the setup that they quoted is a lot different and it isn't an apples to apples comparison, but this is way more than we need at this time. He said that we could probably get an apples to apples comparison on equipment if we requested it, but American Help Desk.net's hourly labor rate is \$125/hour, whereas Von Lehman's is \$100/hour for non profit organizations. The hourly labor rate is the biggest difference, because most of these companies pass on the cost of the equipment and software at cost and they make their money on their labor. He said that we received another quote from DAK Technologies for a price of \$9,680. He said that this is cheaper than Von Lehman Technologies, because it only includes 1 server and it doesn't include the cost for Microsoft Office software. He said that if you add the extra server and the software into the cost, it would take the quote to about \$14,245 assuming they bought the same equipment. Mr. Carson said that DAK and Von Lehman are the most apples to apples comparison in the scope of work. He noted that DAK didn't quote their hourly rate for work to be completed, but he had requested it and hadn't received the information. He said that he feels that we should go with Von Lehman, because it would be slightly cheaper, but the biggest advantage would be a fairly large support staff available if we need them, but also a township resident that would probably go the extra mile if we ever needed him in a crisis situation. He said that he feels that DAK is a good quote also, but the company is a one guy company that does servers as a side job and even though we would have one point of contact, we may not have the support staff that we need in a crisis situation. He said that American Help Desk.net seemed like a nice company with a good support staff, but their hourly rate was higher in comparison. Mr. Taylor motioned to hire Von Lehman Technologies to install a network with servers at a cost of around \$13,290. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Schaefer gave a copy of his schedule for the month. He said that things are fairly quiet right now. Mr. Henning asked him to provide some extra patrolling at the WJAA Haunted Woods. Deputy Schaefer said that they caught the guys who stole the air conditioning at the YMCA.

Roads and Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that they used 8 dumpsters and 1 compactor truck for clean up days. He said that ODOT paved Old State Route 133. He said that the owner of 4301 North Ellis Road put in a pipe for their driveway, but they used the cheapest pipe and only put dirt as fill, so he's certain that it will not hold up well and will probably back up the neighbor's property. He said that they have a meeting at the County Engineer's office late this month to discuss the salt situation. He said that he has heard that the county is talking about turning over three roads in the Commons of Eastfork Subdivision to the township, but he thinks that they are required to pave them within two years of turning them over and it's been almost five years since they were paved. He said that there are a lot of problems with drainage, etc on these roads and he doesn't think that they are fixed. Mr. Tatman said that he is making great progress on entering data into the cemetery software. Mr. Henning said that WJAA asked if we could bring a backhoe to the ball fields to dump some brush into their dumpster as a favor. Mr. Taylor said that it's a tough call, because they are a good organization in the township. Mr. Henning said that he will call them and ask exactly what they need and if it's a quick favor when they are in the neighborhood, he'll tell them to do it.

Mr. Henning asked everyone to turn in information to him by the next meeting for the next newsletter.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that she's had some major complaints from a resident on Alexander Lane about their neighbor. The resident said that the neighbor starts his diesel truck before he goes to work in the morning and lets it run and warm up. Mrs. Malott said that she talked to our township prosecutor about this and he said that there isn't much that can be done, because it's a licensed vehicle and running a vehicle doesn't necessarily fall under the nuisance law. The trustees said that it sounds like a neighborly dispute and there isn't anything that the township can do other than call the Sheriff's office to report it and they can do something about it. Mrs. Malott said that the pest control guy wants us to trim the bushes in front of the township hall so that he can spray better. She said that she will be on vacation from 10-25-08 to 11-03-08 and Mrs. Mueller will be checking the messages for the zoning. She said that there is a zoning commission work session on October 23 at 7:00 p.m. to update general text for the zoning resolution book.

Mr. Henning said that he received a letter from TSF, Inc. saying that we can use free bottom ash for ice this winter if needed, but the trustees all agreed that we aren't that desperate yet. He said that we received a letter from Duke Energy thanking the township for their help during the Hurricane that went through Ohio. He said that we received a letter from the County Commissioners thanking the Village and Township for hosting the joint Commissioner's meeting.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:15 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

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Fiscal Officer

Chairman