

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

November 26, 2007

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday November 26, 2007 to transact business. Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. James Danbury, Bari Henning and Jim Taylor answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Earl Whiteman, Richard Malott, Ed Boll and Yvonne Malott.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Taylor second. All yeas, except Mr. Danbury abstained. 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. Danbury second. All yeas.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Whiteman said that the guy from Alabama that is going to work on the lowering device at the cemetery should be here this week. He said that the starter went out on the Ford F550 and Auto & Truck of Williamsburg towed it to their place and worked on it. He said that the starter was replaced in October and it was under warranty, but the labor is not. He said that the County is still working on the roads in the Commons of Eastfork Subdivision, because the road is still dug up and there are steel plates covering the holes. He said that he wanted to remind the trustees that in 1992, he had 212 days of sick time grandfathered in, because Mr. Danbury was the only person on the board that remembers this and he is going off of the trustees at the end of the year. He said that it was discussed again in 1996 while Mr. Danbury was on the trustees. Mr. Danbury motioned that Mr. Whiteman is entitled to 212 sick days that were grandfathered in as of 12/31/1992. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Danbury said that the current employee handbook says that if a person retires, then he is paid 25% of unused time. He said that he feels that he should be paid 100% of the 212 sick days and only 25% of the amount accumulated since the rules were revised. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Henning said that they want to think about the 100% v/s 25% rule for Mr. Whiteman and will discuss it at a later meeting.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Taylor said that we received a letter from the attorney for Holiday Homes about the retention ponds at the Commons of Eastfork Subdivision which shows copies of letters sent to the homeowner's telling them that the property owners know that they are responsible for the retention ponds, because the ponds are part of their property. Mrs. Malott said that business is typically very slow at the end of the year, so she asked if the office could be closed from 12-24-07 to 1-2-08. The trustees said that this would be fine. She said that she will check her voicemail and if there is an emergency, then she will return phone calls and handle them appropriately. Mrs. Malott said that David Durham has tried to check about the rules on explosives with the State Agency that handles the rules to incorporate into our zoning rules; however he hasn't had much luck in getting any information from the State Agency. She said that we could hire a professional advisor to help us with this, but we can look at that later. She said that we also need to decide about the set back requirements for McKeever Pike and Dela Palma, however whenever she asks ODOT about this issue, they won't give her any rules, however she said that they complain that Schumacher Homes is too close, but won't tell her what it should have been.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Malott said that there is a tool that can tell whether or not an electric wire is "live" or not and the tool is about \$276/each and he feels that we should buy 1 or 2, because these would come in handy during a storm or something. Mr. Danbury thinks that we need at least 3. Mr. Danbury motioned to allow him to buy 3 of these "hot sticks". Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that they would like to purchase a generator for the bus and the cost is about \$1,250 and the ladies fire auxiliary has offered to pay 1/2 of the cost. Mr. Danbury motioned to buy a generator. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Malott said that the Emergency Services Christmas Party is December 9. He said that they are having their "members" dinner on December 15. He said that they had their drivers training course last weekend and it takes about 100 cones in order to set up the course and they had to borrow most of them. He said that we can buy plain orange cones for \$9.00/each. He said that everyone took this course except for 2 people and he said that they can not drive the equipment until they get this training. He said that Sterling Township has agreed to the same contract price as this year for 2008; however we need to get the contract signed. He said that we did not have many runs in Sterling Township this year. Mr. Taylor motioned to sign the contract to provide fire services for Sterling Township for \$20,000 for 2008. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Taylor said that we received a notice from ODOT about a public meeting on 12-13-07 for State Route 32 improvements. He said that we received a letter from State Senator Niehaus asking if we have any projects that we want to see in the State's Capital Budget, but we have until February to respond. Mr. Danbury motioned to buy a staff and stand for the Clermont County Flag to go by the Ohio State Flag. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Danbury said that we had made a motion at a prior meeting to set aside \$2,500 to go with the County to hire a consultant for a study about a Lodge at Eastfork State Park, however he noted that since that motion, they have decided to not hire this consultant, so we do not need to keep money set aside for this project. Mr. Danbury said that we need to respond to the company that did a risk management assessment for the township, because we have complied with their requests with the exception of a risk management policy. Mr. Taylor motioned to adopt a risk management policy as presented. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

Mr. Taylor motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:00 p.m. Mr. Danbury second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman