

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

April 23, 2018

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday April 23, 2018 to transact business. Chairman Jordan 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, Yvonne Malott, Richard Malott, Kevin Wiedemann, Joe Garrett and Ed Boll.

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

Joe Garrett from Trebel, Energy Services said that they are a large electric and natural gas supplier who work with energy aggregation. He said that he has a unique perspective, because he is also a township trustee in Delaware County. He said that they have successfully helped communities set up an opt out program. He described some personal scenarios with his experience in doing electric, natural gas and trash aggregation in his township and the success rates. He said that they did lots of surveys of residents before doing this so that they knew that the community supported it before they decided to take it to the ballot. He explained how their program works. Mr. Jordan explained that he struggles with this because government is too involved in our lives and feels that this is one more way of government controlling residents and he feels that it takes away competitive edge, because the residents are forced to use the same supplier. Mr. Henning said that if rates go up and the township was to do this aggregation, then the township looks good, but if the rates go down and the rates are locked, then the township looks bad. Mr. Garrett explained how the program works and the advantages and the ability to opt out and then opt back in to try to help the township understand it better.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Jordan asked what Jay Johnson plans to do with the Abrams Airstrip since he called about developing/building helicopters. Mrs. Malott said that she checked with the county prosecutor and determined the variances that he would need since its agricultural zoning. She said that she thinks that he wants to build four large buildings to put his parts inside. She said that the property across the street is zoned industrial and there are storage units next to it so a zoning variance would fit into the area. Mr. Wiedemann said that Mr. Johnson stopped and talked to him about continuing to allow air care to land on his site since we use it now. He said that Mr. Johnson explained his intentions of having 2 seater helicopters that fly about 2 ½ hours. Mr. Henning said that someone called about the road washing away their pond along Henning's Mill Road. He explained that he talked to Mr. Tatman about it because the township increased the length of this pipe years ago and it's causing the problem so they came up with a plan to change things to help the water flow on the road and keep it from eroding the pond on the property. Mrs. Malott said that she is still working with John Arnold regarding the junk cars on the property next to the Boar's Head. She said that she has to attend the planning commission meeting tomorrow. She said that there is a zoning meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman was out for EMT training but submitted a report. His report said that the new mower was delivered, but they had to order a weed eater attachment. He said that he got an email from a resident named Ms. Kerr with concerns over her grave decorations disappearing and he said that he contacted her and explained the rules. He said that the rules are on the gates, but the signs are fading and he will have them replaced soon. He said that they are aggressively mowing and seeding grass on graves. He said that we finally received the salt delivery. He recommends paving Hageman's Crossing Road this year as all pipes have been replaced under the road and the road is in the poorest condition of all roads in the township. He said that he does believe that we have a possum or raccoon under the building. Mr. Jordan suggested buying a trap to try to capture it before we hire someone. Mr. Henning said that he talked to the county engineer about piggybacking onto paving with the county, but the county can't help us so we are on our own. He said that there is a small section of village road near the end and Mr. Tatman was going to talk to the village to see if they wanted to do that also. Mr. Henning motioned to advertise for bids of Hageman's Crossing Road for approximately 0.73 miles at 16 feet wide and to handle all bidding per ORC. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Carson said that it's been almost 7 years since we bid a road on our own, because we have been piggybacking with the county engineer for the last several roads so he will work with the county prosecutor on the bid packet.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that the emergency sirens have been repaired by Clayt Werden Electric. Mr. Henning said that we went to a partially paid EMS department in the 1980's. He said that the other hours were covered by PPR. He said that several years ago, we added hours to cover the weekends since volunteers were harder and harder to find. He said that we knew that the day would come when we'd have to cover 24/7 with a paramedic and EMT, because it's harder and harder to find volunteers. He said that our Emergency Services Chief has covered these shifts numerous times and never complains. He said that we need to cover the remaining hours with paid staff. He said that we will save money on the clothing allowance for EMS and PPR, but would still need some PPR for the 2nd squad and "assists" when needed, but it would save some of that money, yet cost more for the paid hours. We are one of the last departments with the volunteer set up. Retired Chief Malott said that he thought we would have done this several years ago and thankful we survived this long without doing this, but he agrees that the time has finally arrived. Mr. Henning asked if Chief Wiedemann could have this implement by July 1. Chief Wiedemann said that he thinks that we could be converted by that time. Mr. Bainum and Mr. Jordan agreed. Mr. Henning motioned to hire staff to cover the additional hours needed during the week to provide paid staff for EMS 24/7 and cut down on PPR hours unless assists are needed. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:25 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.