

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

August 27, 2018

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday August 27, 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, Ed Boll, Hannah Lubbers and Paul Braasch.

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.

Paul Braasch said that he is here to talk about franchising trash collection. He said that 5 other townships went together to bid trash collection, but they ended up rejecting the bids. He said that they were preparing to go back out to bid, but Rumpke came and said that they would lower the resident's costs and include recycling if they didn't go back out to bid so the 5 townships accepted that. He said that Batavia Township went out to bid and Republic Services came in a lot lower than Rumpke. He said that Ohio Township went out to bid and Republic Services declined to bid, but Rumpke bid a reasonable rate. He said that the nice thing about bidding out the services is that the costs could be lower and usually increased services and if we don't like the bids, then we can reject them. He provided a draft of the bid packet that they would send out if we decide to bid out services. He said that a typical contract would be for 5 years, but we can bid it however we want, but the longer the contract, the better the terms. Mr. Henning said that he has had Republic Services for 30 years and he was informed by them that they are no longer servicing his road and other parts of the township. He said that he's always been against doing this in the past, because the residents already had choices, but since Republic is discontinuing service, the residents no longer have choice and if we bid it, it will help the residents get better rates rather than Rumpke having a monopoly without Republic servicing. The trustees agree that we should move forward and try to help save the residents some money. Mr. Jordan said that he still fundamentally believes that the government should not be doing this, but since Republic Services is discontinuing services, we have no choice so that our residents have the opportunity to avoid a monopoly situation. Mr. Henning asked if we could ask for a 3 year and a 5 year bid and Mr. Braasch said that we could ask for both. Mr. Braasch said that they are in the process of revising the solid waste plans and the township association has a representative involved in the process. He said that they would be back sometime in early 2019 to have it approved by the township otherwise the EPA will give everyone their plan and townships typically don't like it, so it would be in every township's best interest to approve the plan as presented. He said that he will work on a bid packet tomorrow and have it ready for our next meeting.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that she had a strange call from Construction Communication asking if Duke Realty had gotten a permit and she said yes and that's all that they wanted.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that he talked to the school about a contract and they weren't interested so we are making our squad available at all football games, unless they are called out on a run and it will have to leave. He said that the school didn't get advice on an emergency lane for the squad and they don't have much room to turn around, but they are doing the best that they can do without destroying the yard. He said that he is going to be working with the school district on the parking situation and trying to avoid issuing citations for violations of overcrowding and access in and out. He said that he's still working on assembling the burn car.

Cemetery & Roads Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman sent a report saying that they are having a hard time doing road work because the grass at the cemetery is still growing like crazy, but they hope to finish all cold patching tomorrow. He noted that they are working on installing headstones in the cemetery, but it's been hard to do between all of the rain. He noted that they had to replace the brakes and rotors on the F550 last week. He noted that they haven't had any complaints about tree limbs hitting the buses, but they need to do some boom mowing on McKeever Schoolhouse Road as soon as they can get to it.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:15 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairman