

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

February 25, 2019

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday February 25, 2019 to transact business. Chairperson Bainum 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, Adele Evans, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott, Kevin Wiedemann, Brian Tatman and Ed Boll.

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

Mrs. Evans said that she sent an email to the trustees over the weekend asking for a letter of support for the county to work with ODOT to apply for the INFA grant for \$47 million dollars to finish taking out the three traffic lights on State Route 32 in the Eastgate area. She said that there are other funds involved in this project to bring the total cost to around \$95 million dollars, but this grant would be a huge grant to provide the remaining funding for this project. She said that they are gathering letters of support from entities all along the 32 corridor and beyond, because 32 goes from Cincinnati to West Virginia. The trustees all agreed that they would support this letter, because it would remove the congestion at Eastgate to provide better flow to businesses in our township and also the residents of our township. Mr. Henning motioned to sign the letter of support for the INFA grant. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. She said that Mr. Tatman is working with her on learning how the zoning department works. Mrs. Evans thanked Mrs. Malott, Mr. Tatman and Mr. Wiedemann for attending a prospect meeting with a company for South Afton Project. She said that they did a great job and the prospective company was impressed. She said that she filled out a census for annexations today and will show Mr. Tatman how to do it. Mr. Bainum asked about the abandoned house on Twin Bridges Road that was broken in to and to see if she contacted the property owner about boarding up the window that was broken. She said that the Sheriff was looking to contact the owner.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that he received a letter from ODOT asking for a preliminary meeting regarding State Route 276 paving project and he plans to attend if the trustees want him to attend. He gave a copy of the proposed local gas tax revenues from 2020 to 2024. He said that we received an invitation to apply for a sign grant from ODOT up to \$50,000 to bring all of the signs in our township up to the current standards except signs like Deer Crossing, etc. He said that he is planning to attend the required meetings and will work on the application. He said that this could include signs in the village if they choose to participate with us, so Mr. Tatman said that he will ask them if they are interested. The trustees said that it's a good idea to work together with them. Mr. Henning asked if we had received all of the salt that we requested. He said that we can take the required amount that we ordered to fill the stockpile.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann asked if we could put Michael Smith on the department as a Paramedic. Mr. Henning motioned to put Michael Smith on the department with the standard probationary period. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wiedemann said that if the prospective company decides to move to South Afton, we'll have to upgrade our Hazmat gear.

Mr. Bainum said that we made a recommendation of Yvonne Malott to be the Salute to Leaders recipient for Williamsburg Township. He said that the Clermont County Township Association Banquet is May 2. He said that we received an email from the Village of Williamsburg notifying us that they are going to apply for annexation for all of the parcels of land that are within an island of the Village.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:50 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson