

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

May 28, 2019

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday May 28, 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 and Gary Jordan answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Richard Malott, Yvonne Malott, Kevin Wiedemann, Ed Boll, David Painter, Dale Malott and Brian Tatman.

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

Mr. Painter said that he is here to ask if the township needs anything from the County Commissioners. Mr. Jordan thanked them for their partnership on South Afton Industrial Park. Mr. Painter said that he got a chance to promote Williamsburg Township at the Home Builder's Association. He said that the county has invited townships, cities and villages to attend a commissioner's meeting to talk about the great things happening in their community. He said that he went to Washington DC to talk about an infrastructure grant to pay for State Route 32 improvements to relieve the congestion and we should know something later this year. He said that the increased license plate fees and the increased gas tax has allowed them to increase the pavement projects for 2019 from around \$500,000 to over \$2.3 million. Mr. Jordan said that we need to pay attention to the intersections of McKeever Pike and Dela Palma Road because of the # of accidents and the increase traffic will only increase those accidents. Mr. Jordan said that we are having problems in the Commons of Eastfork Subdivision due to the county turning over roads to the township, yet it didn't have the proper asphalt base and asked for the Commissioner's support in fixing this issue that the county engineer caused for us many years ago. Mr. Bainum said that he heard that some people have been hired from Clermont County to work at Designs Within Reach and he is happy to know that they have hired local people.

Dale Malott said that he has concerns with the zoning issues around the township, especially in Afton. He said that he has a copy of the zoning resolution book and examined it and feels like the rules aren't being enforced. He said that he was recently hired from Designs Within Reach and knows that their HR department is targeting local people. Mr. Bainum said that we try to enforce zoning regulations, but some of the major issues have been taken to court and the court gives them a small fine and then nothing ever happens, because the court isn't putting enough "teeth" behind the punishments. Mr. Malott is frustrated and wants to know what we can do. Mr. Bainum said that we are constantly working on it and he thinks that higher court fines would help with the issue. Mr. Malott said that his neighbor just brought in some chickens and yet the zoning doesn't allow it. He said that the old Gold Star Chili needs to be mowed. He said that the old Eve and Earl's Market has violations. Mr. Jordan said that we will look at all of the issues that he has brought to our attention. He said that we have been working on these issues already and we are following what the ORC allows us to do. Mr. Jordan explained the process for getting high grass mowed. Mr. Malott said that he supports freedom, but when the neighborhood issues affect the property values of the neighborhood in a negative way, they should be addressed.

Zoning Report

Mrs. Malott presented a zoning report. Mr. Jordan asked her who would order supplies for cleaning the township hall once she retires and she said that Mr. Tatman would continue to order them. Mrs. Malott said that she has been sending a bunch of letters regarding high grass and other zoning violations. She said that she has a letter for the trustees to sign to start the process for forcing grass cutting or we'll cut it for them. Mr. Bainum asked if she knew anything about the Rumpke recycling for Mr. Miller and she said that she thinks that the issue may be solved, but Mr. Bainum said that he would stop and ask him if the problem is solved. Mrs. Malott said that she has had a complaint about Mr. Smithers and he said that he has had health problems. Mr. Jordan said that there were a few Rumpke issues, but he feels that they are all being addressed as the problems arise, but overall, there were very few issues and most people are very pleased with the service. Mr. Painter said that he hears it from all over the county that townships, villages, etc. have tons of problems. He said that he has heard that some counties are dedicating a housing court to deal with these issues and suggests that the townships band together and make this suggestion to the county commissioners.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that they asked for salt estimates for this coming winter so that they could get bids. He said that he contacted 3 companies to get quotes on seal coating and crack filling the township hall parking lot and the only quote that he got back was from Houck Asphalt at a cost of around \$2,932. Mr. Jordan motioned to hire Houck Asphalt to seal coat, crack fill and stripe the parking lot at a cost of around \$2,932. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum said that Mr. Tatman also got a quote from Houck Asphalt to do the culvert repairs that we discussed at the last meeting and the cost is around \$6,586. Mr. Bainum motioned to hire Houck Asphalt to do the culvert repairs at a cost of around \$6,586. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Tatman said that he would like to hire Elijah Mann as a part time cemetery worker for the summer. Mr. Bainum motioned to hire Elijah Mann as a part time cemetery worker at an hourly rate of \$12.25 pending background checks, etc. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan asked if we had ordered the speed signs to place on roads and Mr. Tatman said that it has been ordered, but it is on backorder, but should be here in the next couple of months. Mr. Jordan thanked Mr. Tatman for coordinating junk days next weekend.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that the ice maker stopped working over the weekend and they hope to buy a new one for between \$1,500 and \$2,000. He said that the 2009 ambulance was taken to Auto & Truck of Williamsburg for more repairs. He thanked the Commissioner's for meeting with the Fire Chief's and lowering the fees. Mr. Bainum asked him to get a map of the changes for Jackson Township Emergency Services contract.

Mr. Boll asked if anything is going on in South Afton Industrial Park since they aren't farming the left side of the road across from Designs Within Reach. Mr. Painter confirmed that there is something going on, but that's all he can say at this moment. Mr. Boll asked what was going on with the sewer meeting with the Commissioner's tomorrow. Mr. Bainum said that he talked to the Mayor about it, but wasn't sure what they had planned other than closing some loopholes with "island" properties around the village.

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Mr. Carson said that Microsoft will be discontinuing support of Windows 7 in 2019 so we need to upgrade the old computers to Windows 10 that can be upgraded and to replace the old ones that needs to be replaced. He said that we should be able to do all of this for under \$5,500. Mr. Bainum motioned to purchase and upgrade the necessary computer equipment for a cost not to exceed \$5,500. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

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

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson