

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

February 10, 2020

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday February 10, 2020 to transact business. Chairperson Henning 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, Kevin Wiedemann, Ed Boll 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.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann gave a copy of the runs for January. He said that we need to purchase 5 sets of bunker gear to stay on track with replacement terms at a cost of \$14,980.80 on state pricing. Mr. Jordan motioned to purchase 5 sets of bunker gear at a cost of \$14,980.80 on state bid. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Henning said that he had asked Mr. Wiedemann to get the wage rates for all of the surrounding fire and EMS companies in surrounding areas and the analysis shows that we are paying way under the neighbors, which is making it incredibly hard to us to attract people to work for us. Mr. Henning said that he would like to recommend paying EMT/Fire \$14.50/hour, EMT/Advance \$15.00/hour and Paramedic \$16.00/hour. He said that this makes us more competitive, but realize that we are still under a few neighbors. Mr. Jordan said that it's the right thing to do and agrees that we should create 3 rates for the 3 types of employees. The trustees discussed sending a letter to all staff telling them why they are getting a raise, but also setting expectations higher on what they will do while on duty and not on any EMS/Fire runs. Mr. Henning motioned to create a new category for EMT/Advance and to pay them \$15.00/hour and to increase EMT/Firefighter to \$14.50/hour and to increase Paramedic/Firefighter to \$16.00/hour effective next pay period. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Wiedemann thanked the trustees for supporting him in attending the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and said that he learned quite a bit.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. He noted in his report that there are a few members of the boards expiring. Mr. Jordan motioned to renew Virgil Burroughs to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Henning motioned to renew Don Frodge to the Zoning Commission for a 5-year term. Mr. Bainum Second. All yeas. Mr. Bainum motioned to renew Lucy Snell as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 2-year term. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Henning said that David Durham has been a great member of the Zoning Commission, however he now lives in the village and our bylaws state that members have to live in the unincorporated area of the township, so Mr. Durham said that he would resign, but thanked us for his years of service. Mr. Henning motioned to appoint Yvonne Malott to fill the unexpired term of David Durham ending 12-31-2023. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan said that he has someone in mind to fill the vacant seat as an alternate and will talk to them and bring their name to a future meeting.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman presented a cemetery & maintenance report. Mr. Bainum said that he brought back information on the Dura Patcher from the salesman at the winter conference. Mr. Tatman said that Tate Township is still interested in going in on half of the costs, but the maintenance guy needs to get the trustees to confirm before we can commit. Mr. Henning said that he talked to one of the Tate Township Trustees who spoke with the prosecutor about making sure that we can legally divide the cost and the prosecutor said that it's legal. Mr. Henning said that the Tate Township Trustee is concerned about the practicality of sharing a piece of equipment, but Mr. Henning said that he thinks that we can work together on an arrangement. The 1 Tate Township Trustee plans to talk to the other 2 trustees at their next meeting, so then we'll have a better idea on which direction to go. Mr. Jordan motioned to pay ½ of the cost of a Dura Patcher from Leader Machinery Company, LTD. contingent upon Tate Township's approval at a total cost of around \$66,258. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Tatman thanked the trustees for sending him to the winter conference and he learned quite a bit, especially looking at grant opportunities.

Mr. Jordan said that he reached out to the prosecutor about legally donating money in Deputy Bill Brewer's memory and the county prosecutor gave us some suggestions on what could be done legally. He said that he plans to talk to him more about it before making a recommendation. Mr. Henning said that he received a call from the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation notifying him that they are putting in an off channel wetland near where they took the damn out behind the cemetery and they want to know if we'd be interested in doing something like that on our property near that area also. He said that this land was donated for a future cemetery and doesn't think that we should do what she is proposing due to the donation purposes. The other trustees agreed. Mr. Boll asked how the storage bins were working out for the Emergency Services and Mr. Wiedemann said that they are doing well. Mr. Bainum said that the Afton sign is missing and asked Mr. Tatman to check with the county about getting it replaced. Mr. Boll said that there is graffiti on the overpass of State Route 32 going over State Route 276 and he would like to clean it. The trustees suggested contacting ODOT.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:00 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson