

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

March 9, 2020

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday March 9, 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, Lou & Lynn Helsel, Ed Boll, Brian Tatman and Kevin Wiedemann.

Mr. Bainum motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Jordan second. Mr. Bainum & Mr. Jordan-Yea. Mr. Henning-abstain. Mr. Carson presented a financial report, including a comprehensive account of expenditures and receipts and the trustees accepted it.

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

Mr. Helsel said that he lives on Half Acre Road and there is an abandoned house next to him. Mr. Tatman said that there is a letter going out this week to the property owner asking them to clean up the property. Mr. Henning explained the process for how zoning will work and how lengthy the process may be. He also suggested calling the Clermont County Board of Health for the rodent concerns, etc.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. He said that he had a call over the weekend about a barn falling down on Musgrove Road and he called the complainant back to find out more information, but didn't get a return call. He said that Charlie Ward called about a homeowner's association on Dela Palma Farms and he explained that the township has no authority over a homeowner's association and no knowledge of the existence of one and suggested calling his neighbors. Mr. Jordan said that Ruby Wilson called him and asked how many cell towers are allowed in an area. Mr. Henning explained that this issue is going to the Zoning Board of Appeals and has not and will not appear before the trustees. Mr. Bainum said that Ruby Wilson also asked about the sign for Afton that is missing and Mr. Tatman said that he has called the County asking for a replacement. Mr. Bainum said that there is a For Sale sign at the old Gold Star Chili at Half Acre Road and St. Rt. 32 and it's blocking the view. Mr. Tatman said that he's received some complaints also and will measure the distance and notify the real estate agent and the property owner. Mr. Tatman said that Mrs. Wiedemann is interested in being a zoning commission alternate. Mr. Henning motioned to appoint Jodi Wiedemann to the zoning commission alternate with an expiration of 12-31-21. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman said that the Durapatcher is ordered and should be here in the next 2-4 weeks. He said that he's planning to practice on the driveway at the Emergency Services building parking lot. Mr. Jordan asked Mr. Tatman to look at hiring part time help for the summer. Mr. Tatman said that he will put out feelers and also contact the schools to see if anyone is interested in summer work. He said that he is moving the radar speed sign to Musgrove this week. He gave a copy of the ORC for fence rules to the trustees to review because of the questions about the Yeager property and the railroad.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann gave a copy of the runs for February. He gave a copy of the rate comparison for billing rates for all of the surrounding townships and we are billing about the average rate, so the trustees suggested leaving the rates alone for now. Mr. Wiedemann gave a copy of the addresses that we are receiving a lot of false fire alarms for and is trying to figure out a way to prevent these false alarms. Mr. Wiedemann said that we should receive the new life squad in about 14 weeks. He said that the 2009 life squad is back at Auto & Truck of Williamsburg again for a power module that is on back order. He said that we just spent \$4,000 on it and it was only driven back to the station and it's not working again. Mr. Bainum asked if it is the auto shop that is not able to work on it properly and Mr. Wiedemann said that he is looking at other shops to see who works on these types of vehicles. He said that staff are happy about the raises and we have applications for some new staff because of the raises. Mr. Wiedemann said that the communications center is developing a pre-screening plan for help with the Corona Virus. He said that there is a problem with Union Township and Clermont County testing the Emergency Sirens. Mr. Henning suggested that the Fire Chief's Association work on the issue. Mr. Henning asked what is included in a set of bunker gear and Mr. Wiedemann explained what it includes. Mr. Henning said that he had spoken with a trustee in a township in Warren County and was comparing prices and we get more than they do and he thinks that the prices are comparable. Mr. Wiedemann said that we switched brands a while back to get better quality, but they cost a little more and it's worth it. He said that they are purchased on the state bid contract.

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

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson