

# Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

## September 14, 2020

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday September 14, 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, Ernie Ramos, Tom & Pat Fisher, Kevin Wiedemann, David Painter, Vince Faris, Ed Boll, Brian Tatman, Bobby Feimster & Dillon Arnett.

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. Henning second. All yeas.

### **Emergency Services Report**

Mr. Wiedemann gave a copy of the # of Covid-19 cases by Township and Village. 17 have been in the township with 5 still active and 8 have been in the village with 2 still active. He said that the portion of Jackson Township that we cover has had 4 cases with 2 still active. He said that Tiffany Durkin has applied to be an advanced EMT and Kathy Smith wants to be a volunteer when needed and she is a paramedic and good asset, but she doesn't want to work. Mr. Henning motioned to put Tiffany Durkin and Kathy Smith on the department with the standard probationary periods. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Henning said that Mr. Wiedemann expressed concern about helping direct traffic during Halloween, because the members of the department are refusing to help because of health concerns with Covid-19. Mr. Jordan is very concerned for our staff as well and doesn't want to put our employees in harm's way so that they can continue to do their duty to provide emergency services to the township residents. He said that he would support them if they want to put vehicles at the intersections with lights flashing and our employees inside the vehicles. Mr. Henning said that he had asked Mr. Wiedemann to do a poll of employees to see who would be willing to volunteer and there were very few that wanted to do it. Mr. Bainum thinks that we can get enough volunteers to do it and is willing to volunteer. Mr. Wiedemann said that he will put out the question again.

Mr. Carson said that the county budget commission approved the tax budget for 2021 and needs us to approve a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Mr. Jordan motioned to approve a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning said that there is a possible buyer for the remaining property at South Afton from the Clermont County CIC and we need to pass a resolution TO AUTHORIZE ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF WILLIAMSBURG TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH NESTLE PURINA PETCARE COMPANY AND CLERMONT COUNTY FOR A TAX EXEMPTION OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS ON THE INCREASE IN THE ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY. Mr. Henning explained that the school board is still negotiating with the buyer for tax abatements. Mr. Henning motioned TO AUTHORIZE ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF WILLIAMSBURG TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN OHIO ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT WITH NESTLE PURINA PETCARE COMPANY AND CLERMONT COUNTY FOR A TAX EXEMPTION OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN (15) YEARS ON THE INCREASE IN THE ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mr. Carson said that the State Auditor has finished the 2018-2019 audit and there were no findings.

Mr. Bainum asked if we should go ahead and set the date for Halloween as October 31, because the township association has left it up to each individual township to set their own dates. Dillon said that if we asked businesses, maybe they would be willing to volunteer to work. Mr. Henning said that it would be up to the village if the police department wants to allow that since trick or treating is in the village.

Mr. Bainum said that there is a township association meeting on Thursday with the County Engineer via Zoom and said that he can't attend and asked if the other trustees can do it and Mr. Jordan and Mr. Henning said that they plan to attend.

Mr. Bainum said that the Shouse family called and thanked the township for the tremendous service provided by our cemetery staff during a family funeral during the horrible rain storms last week.

Mr. Painter said that there are grants available to businesses to help during the Covid-19 crisis. He said that the rebound on county revenue has exceeded expectations and recovered in about 2 months and should finish the year strong. He said that the county has been able to do a lot more paving with the license plate taxes and gas tax and the roads are in much better shape than they've been in for years. He gave numerous compliments to our new county engineer and the great job that he is doing.

### **Zoning Report**

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. Mr. Bainum said that the family has been working diligently to clean up the Davis property on Half Acre Road. Mr. Henning said that he had talked to Mr. Tatman about the property at the corner of Hageman's Crossing and Cobb Road and Mr. Tatman is dealing with it. Mr. Wiedemann asked as a township resident what could be done about the speed limit on Hageman's Crossing. Mr. Henning explained the process for reducing the speed limit, but doubts that it would be changed.

Mr. motioned to adjourn at approximately p.m. Mr. second. All yeas.

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Fiscal Officer

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Chairperson