

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

March 8, 2021

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday March 8, 2021 to transact business. Chairperson Jordan 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,

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Jordan second. Mr. Henning & Mr. Jordan – yeas, Mr. Bainum - abstain. 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.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. He said that a company that makes gutter accessories is looking at property that is for sale on State Route 133 and he is checking to make sure that it's zoned correctly. He said that there is a property on Bethel Concord Road that has a dumpster that is being emptied at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday and the neighbor isn't happy. Mr. Tatman is checking to see if there is anything that they can do about it.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. Mr. Bainum asked when he would like to hire the part time summer help. Mr. Tatman said that he would like to have 3 part time people if he could have them, but it's hard to find the summer help, but he'd like to try. The trustees agreed that it would be great to have 3 part time staff working in the cemeteries mowing so that Mark and Brian could concentrate on the roads and ditches. Mr. Tatman said that we have had 18 funerals YTD and another 2 or 3 coming this week. He said that a couple of weeks ago, the electric went out and we couldn't get into the buildings, so Fastech Alarms is installing battery backups for all of the buildings.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann presented statistics for February. He presented the Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Henning motioned to pass Resolution #1-21 Mutual Aid Agreement. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. He presented the Clermont County Fire Chief's Hazard Zone Management Plan. Mr. Bainum motioned to approve the Clermont County Fire Chief's Hazard Zone Management Plan. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan said that we have seen a large drop in volunteers over the last several years and the competitive wages for paid staff across other departments is causing this decline. He asked the Chief to look at the #'s and said that we're going to have to talk about a long-term plan in the coming months as the volunteer departments are disappearing and we can't rely on volunteers forever and will need to look at fully paid staff in the foreseeable future. Mr. Henning said that we are one of the last departments in the county to rely on volunteers. Mr. Bainum said that the new LED sign looks great, but asked them to slow down the script so that it's easier to read as you're driving past.

Mr. Jordan said that we had talked about sending a letter to the Governor about the increased traffic along State Route 32 especially at the intersections of Dela Palma Road and McKeever Pike. He drafted a letter for the trustees to review and they agreed that it looked good and agreed to sign. He said that we received notification from the Clermont County Health Department saying that the annual meeting with the township association is on March 18 and he will attend as our voting member. Mr. Bainum said that he talked to the county prosecutor about the cemetery bequests and Mr. Ramos has some ideas on how we could bill the bequest for maintenance of the graves since the inception of the bequests which date back many years to draw down the money since it's been sitting there for many years and never spent.

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

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson