

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

April 12, 2021

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday April 12, 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, Brian Tatman, Kevin Wiedemann and Ed Boll.

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

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

Mr. Jordan said that we need to pass the annual Local Government Fund Resolution as proposed by the Clermont County Township Association. Mr. Henning motioned to pass Resolution #2-21 Local Government Fund Resolution. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan said that we need to fill the open spot on the Zoning Board of Appeals left open by Phil Hess. Mr. Jordan motioned to appoint Traci Ortman to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending 12/31/2025. Mr. Henning second. Mr. Tatman said that we need to re-appoint Kevin Thomas as an alternate. Mr. Bainum motioned to re-appoint Kevin Thomas as an alternate for term ending 12/31/2022. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan said that the Williamsburg Community Mission asked us to put an article in the next newsletter for them and the trustees agreed that we would do that when we print the next newsletter.

Rhonda Whitaker Hurtt and Chad Shaffer from Duke Energy joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams. They gave an update on their work with the Purina plant and the gas lines that will be coming to support the plant and surrounding areas. They said public hearings will occur to get input on the gas lines. They gave an update on the Half Acre Road substation that was already planned, but has now been expedited due to the Purina plant. Mr. Jordan asked if they have reviewed gas and electric capacity issues for future growth and Duke said that they are prepared for many years to come and plenty of future growth. Mr. Jordan asked about the route for the gas line that is coming to the plant. Duke said that they have prepared 2 routes and the Ohio Power Board will decide which route and will take into consideration the public hearings and all information presented by Duke. They said that they plan to have this new gas line in service by November 2023 if things go the way that they have planned. Mr. Jordan asked if this timeline works for Purina and Duke said that Purina is happy with this timeline and will work well with their plans for operations. Mr. Jordan said that he would like for them to provide some information to us so that we can put it into our newsletter. Mr. Henning thanked them for coming forward and meeting the needs for Purina, because if we couldn't meet the gas needs, then Purina would have never come to Williamsburg Township and gas needs actually cost us the prior project, because Duke couldn't provide the needs at that point, so we are very grateful that they came to the table on this project.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. He said that there would be ZBA meeting at the end of April for a pole barn variance on Musgrove Road. He said that someone has complained about unregistered cars, junk in yards and trash all over the place on Alexander Lane. Mr. Bainum and Mr. Jordan said that they drove down Alexander Lane before the meeting and didn't notice any zoning violations that stood out. Discussion took place over the un-mowed properties on State Route 32 and others in the township and how we need to hold them to our zoning rules of 12 inches. Suggestion was made to Mr. Tatman to find someone to mow it and we can pay a contractor and then assess the property owner's taxes.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. He said that they are going to replace the pipe on McKeever Schoolhouse road this week and the one on Alexander Lane soon. He said that he has 2 students interested in mowing this summer. He said that Seth Howard worked for us last summer and is interested and his friend Connor May. He said that he is still interested in having one more once school lets out. Mr. Bainum motioned to hire Seth Howard and Connor May as part time cemetery workers for the summer and to be paid per the schedule set at year end. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Tatman said that he talked to Driveway Dumpsters and Rumpke about junk days. He said that Driveway Dumpsters can't supply the rear load trucks. He recommends using Rumpke and they are available June 10-12. Mr. Henning motioned to hire Rumpke for Junk Days at a cost of \$150/hour for rear load truck plus \$35/ton and \$400 per roll off load and \$50 delivery fees for June 10 and 11 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and June 12 8 a.m. To 4 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann gave a copy of the # of runs for March. He said that the county had problems with the emergency sirens last week so they are sounding them again this Wednesday at noon. He said that he is meeting with Purina once a month. He said that they are having problems with Design Within Reach employees parking along the road and smoking in their cars since they aren't allowed to smoke on their property. He said that he is researching fire codes to see if they can enforce any issues with road safety, because the county isn't willing to put up any No Parking signs. He said that he has lost 4 paramedics recently due to various reasons such as injury, retirement, full time employment, etc. He said that we are having a problem hiring paramedics and other departments are having the same problem. Discussion ensued over the issues with staff.

Mr. Jordan motioned to support the Williamsburg Harmony Hill Association with a donation of \$2,500 for the betterment of the community with the understanding that we are doing this one time due to Covid and will evaluate it annually. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Jordan said that he has been communicating with Purina and they are excited that they are putting the University of Purina on the additional 84 acres that they bought recently and they are going to help us put some information on their project in our newsletter.

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Mr. Jordan said that we need to nominate someone for The Clermont Chamber Foundation Salute to Leaders. Mr. Bainum motioned to select Tom Lefker as our Salute to Leaders nominee for this year's award. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:25 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson