

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

July 12, 2021

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday July 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, Rex Watkins, Dillon Arnett, Bobby Feimster, Kimberly Bowan, Ed Boll and Kevin Wiedemann.

Mr. Bainum motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. 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.

Rex Watkins said that he and his neighbors have some concerns and have been very actively complaining on Next Door Neighbor app. He said that there are a lot of speeders on Alexander Lane and Cain Run Road. Mr. Jordan explained the role of the township and the role of the Sheriff and how they are the legal enforcement for the township. He said that he had an email from another resident on the road complaining and he said that he explained the same thing to that person. He encouraged all of the residents to communicate their concerns with the Sheriff's office. He said that we would move our radar sign onto the road as we move it around the township. Mr. Watkins asked if we could legally put a speed bump onto the road and Mr. Tatman said that he doesn't think that we can put one on the road. Mr. Henning explained that the ORC doesn't allow a township to legally set speed limits on the road and there is a process that needs to occur with traffic studies thru the County Engineer. Mr. Jordan committed to calling the Sheriff's Office on behalf of the Township, but thinks that the residents cumulatively calling also will help shine spotlight on the issue. Mr. Henning asked how many times the Sheriff has been called and Mr. Watkins says that it's been several times. Mr. Watkins asked what is happening at Clear Mountain Food Park and is concerned about all of the traffic that it's going to create and how the alcohol sales are going to create problems. Mr. Henning said that there was a restaurant in that location for years that sold alcohol and it wasn't a problem, so we won't know the extent of the problems until they open. Mr. Jordan said that there was a zoning hearing about the property and some of those concerns were brought up and the zoning board approved it. Mr. Watkins asked if there are things in place to protect the traffic flow. Mr. Jordan explained that Old State Route 32 and Half Acre Road are both county roads and they will have to assess the traffic flow. Mr. Watkins said that he is concerned about music, because his website says that music goes until midnight. Mr. Tatman said that he'll look it up to confirm, but he doesn't think that the zoning rule said it would go that long. Mr. Boll said that one concern that came up in the zoning meeting was two entrances/exits onto Half Acre and concerns about traffic.

Kimberly Bowan said that she lives on the corner of Twin Bridges and Bethel Concord Road and would like to see a vapor light at the corner by the entrance to the State Park to draw attention to the intersection. She said that she has called the wildlife officer several times and there has been more patrolling by the Sheriff's office in that area. She said that there is a ton of traffic into the park and can only assume it's drug activity, etc. Mr. Henning said that it's a County Road and encouraged her to call the Engineer's Office and express her concerns. Mr. Tatman said that the County Engineer should put up a stop sign even though it's coming out of a state park onto a county road.

Dillon Arnett said that he has talked to someone about fireworks show by a professional pyro technician and asked if there are zoning rules about fireworks and Mr. Tatman said that he doesn't know of any rules regarding fireworks.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. Mr. Tatman said that an application was filed for a zoning variance at 3181 Old State Route 32 and he is planning to have the meeting around the first week of August if everyone is available. Mr. Jordan said that Mr. Centers is complaining about our zoning rules regarding mowing grass on his property and has made a lot of accusations. He said that we need to keep pursuing this issue with the county prosecutor. Mr. Bainum said that Mr. Centers came to his house last week to complain about being harassed by zoning and Mr. Bainum explained that we are going to do what the law allows.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman presented a report, which included 41 funerals for the year and 8 funerals for June. Mr. Jordan said that Mr. Ogden from Concord Henning's Mill Road complained about removal of the flags from Concord and Clover Cemeteries. He said that we always remove them after Memorial Day to mow and have to continue that practice in order to mow the cemeteries. Mr. Bainum said that Mr. Ogden contacted him about the problem and he said that he contacted the old cemetery sexton Earl Whiteman to get the history on the issue and Mr. Whiteman is a Veteran and he confirmed that we have always removed the flags after Memorial Day to mow for as long as he could remember. Mr. Jordan said that the grass is getting high on the property near Alexander Lane along State Route 32 and it's time to address that issue again. He said that we have already addressed the issue regarding roadside stands along State Route 32 and County Roads and currently the produce stands are within zoning. Mr. Tatman said that the old Eve and Earl's property and Mr. Estep's property have gone thru probate court and the new owners are talking about tearing down the old Eve and Earl's building and cleaning up the property. Mr. Bainum said that once we feel comfortable that the speeding radar sign is working on Alexander Lane, then we need to move it to Bass Road because there are some residents concerned about speeding on that road. Mr. Tatman said that the SWOP4G cooperative pricing this year is with Morton Salt at a cost of \$66.36/ton whereas last year it was with Compass Minerals at a cost of \$56.11/ton. He said that he plans to order 200 ton. He gave an analysis on how many hours it takes to just trim the cemeteries and it's close to 57-man hours just for trimming. He said that he received an application for Brayden Kelly for cemetery mowing. He said that Skylar Gries is going to college in late August and has vacation scheduled between now and then. He said that Connor Mays is still out on leave, so he needs to hire someone. Mr. Henning motioned to hire Brayden Kelly as a part time cemetery worker for the rest of the summer. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Boll said that the cost of salt is a huge increase. Mr. Henning explained that the new cost is the lowest bid and the other alternatives are to pay more or not buy any salt at all.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that the tower truck finally came back after 7 months. He said that Mr. Kiskaden is retiring in October from the County. He said that the County Fire Chief's Association met with the County Commissioners to request that they

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are allowed to be part of the hiring process in Mr. Kiskaden's replacement as that position has a ton of interactions with the Emergency Services.

Mr. Jordan said that we received a letter from Clermont County notifying us that they approved a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan regarding Water Resources and showing the rehab planned on Half Acre Road elevated tank. He said that the County coordinated a meeting with Purina and invited us to their meeting if we were available, but he said that we need to be the ones coordinating meetings like that since all of us have full time jobs to work around and would like to coordinate a meeting in the future. Mr. Bainum said that he attended the meeting and didn't learn much new, but it was mostly just a meet and greet.

Mr. Bainum asked if we have any concerns over the executive session rulings that have occurred recently and Mr. Jordan said that he feels that we are in compliance with the law and will consult with the County Prosecutor if necessary.

Mr. Jordan motioned to go into Executive Session in accordance to ORC 121.22 regarding consecutive bidding at approximately 8:25 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Executive Session ended around 8:45

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:45 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson