

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

October 11, 2021

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday October 11, 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, Brian Shrive, Kevin Wiedemann, Ed Boll, Bobby Feimster, Dylan Arnett, Tom Obermeyer, Chad Shaffer, Ted Drake and Lisa Drake.

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.

Mr. Jordan said that we have been working with the Prosecutor's Office about a noise ordinance to handle loud noise in the township. Assistant Prosecutor Brian Shrive said that one of his attorney's Julia Carney has been working with Brian Tatman to see what we want and they have presented a draft resolution for the trustees to discuss. The trustees asked several questions about what would be prohibited and what could be exempt. They asked where it would apply and where it wouldn't apply in the township zoned areas. Mr. Shrive went thru the resolution and said that we will have to work with Ms. Carney to finalize the language. Mr. Boll asked about the noise at Clear Mountain Food Park and how we handle taking care of that. Mr. Jordan explained that paperwork has been served to the owner regarding non-compliance with the variance and the process is taking longer than anyone would like. Mr. Henning said that the property owner's attorney has advised him that he's within his legal rights to do what he's doing, but we feel differently, so it's going to take legal advice to figure out where everything stands. Mr. Jordan said that doing this noise resolution would be one more legal way to fix that issue to coincide with the zoning variance non-compliance. Mr. Henning said that he wants for Clear Mountain Food Truck Park to be very successful, but we can't have that loud music in a residential area. Mr. Drake said that the disc jockeys that are at the Food Truck Park are louder than the music and the profanity is really bad.

Mr. Jordan asked Mr. Shrive about an Opioid Resolution that was presented by the Prosecutor's office for townships. Mr. Shrive explained that the drug companies were sued and the township can get a settlement from the drug companies if we file this resolution. He suggested that we pass this resolution as it's money available to the township and it's as simple as passing this resolution.

Mr. Shaffer, Government and Community Relations Manager for Duke Energy said that they have developed a milestone document to keep everyone on track to meet the energy/gas requirements for South Afton. He said that they meet regularly with Purina regarding their timeframe. He said that they keep them informed on the gas pipeline that is coming this direction from the Ohio River to service the area. He said that everything is on time. He said that they are starting to work on the Half Acre Road substation that is being built and that will add a lot of capacity for our growing needs. He said that the substation should be up and running around the fall of 2022. He said that everything is in place for the gas pipeline that is coming to the area and will be a great improvement not only for South Afton, but also all of Clermont County. He said that there have been several power outages in the area recently on the Eastwood 51 circuit. He said that they have occurred during the new pole installation around the area. He said that this has been made a top priority and they are working with the sub-contractor to fix the problem and as of October 7, the reconductor project is complete, so the problem should be fixed. He said that they are installing self-healing teams with the improvements so that power outages can be sectionalized instead of the entire circuit going out and this is a game changer to power outages.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. He said that he received the zone changes for the additional parcels that have been purchased by Purina and he forwarded them to the county and he said that there will be some upcoming zoning meetings. He said that the property at the corner of Half Acre Road and James E. Sauls Sr. Drive has been approved by Zoning and Planning Commission and will come to the trustees at the next meeting. He said that he sent the non-compliance zoning variance letter to Mr. David. He said that he's waiting on an answer from the Prosecutor's Office on what our next steps will be in the process. He said that he sent a few more zoning violation letters to some residents about junk cars and high grass.

Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman presented a report. He said that Eli Mann will be starting on October 25 and he has ordered uniforms for him. He said that all of the newly paved roads have been striped and painted. He said that the final step is to seal the edges of the roads and that will occur soon. He said that YTD have been 62 funerals. He said that they have had 3 Saturday funerals over the last 4 weeks. He said that the grass is still growing and the part time crews are still busy with that work. He said that he has some ditch work to do once Mr. Mann starts to help him. Mr. Henning said that we need to notify the county on the amount that we want to spend on roads for 2022 and he is suggesting around \$100,000 again next year. Mr. Henning motioned to notify the County Engineer that we want to spend roughly \$100,000 on road resurfacing for 2022. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan asked if Mr. Tatman had gotten the No Parking signs for the Commons of Eastfork Subdivision and Mr. Tatman said that he has the signs and will put them out very soon.

Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann gave a copy of the run reports for last month. He said that he found out today that the county is holding the dispatch costs the same as last year instead of the increases that they had proposed. He asked if the full-time employees could switch Veteran's Day with the day after Thanksgiving again this year and the trustees agreed that it was OK to do this. He said that he would like to pay the active members to work the intersections on Halloween Night for Trick or Treating and the trustees said that would be fine to pay them to get more of them to work. Mr. Bainum said that the VFW would like to volunteer to help them that night also and Mr. Wiedemann said if they show up, they will put them to work. Mr. Bainum motioned to pay our volunteers one run for each hour worked on Halloween night. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Wiedemann said that they would like to purchase 3 new Sawzall's at a cost of around \$1,400. Mr. Bainum motioned to purchase the 3 new Sawzall's at a cost of around \$1,400. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. Mr. Wiedemann said that he is complaining as a resident that Rumpke is picking up trash around 2:30 a.m. and it is waking him up and his neighbors. Mr. Jordan said that he has talked to Rumpke again and the contract says they will start at 6:00 a.m. and they have agreed to try to rectify the situation.

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Mr. Jordan presented the Opioid Resolution proposed by the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Jordan motioned to accept Resolution#4-21 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONEOHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONEOHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning asked everyone to get items together for the newsletter.

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

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson