

# Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

## October 25, 2021

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday October 25, 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 and Bari Henning answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Gregory W. Carson, Rich Tittermary, DJ Patel, Kevin Wiedemann, Brian Tatman, Adam Bird, Julia Carney, Tom Obermeyer, Chad Shaffer, Ed Boll, Deputy Singleton, Dylan Arnett, Stephanie Jones, Brittany Jones, Bobby Feimster and Tom Gooch.

Mr. Bainum said that Mr. Jordan had an emergency at work and was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Mr. Henning 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.

Deputy Singleton said that the Sheriff's office gave a report on the number of calls for Williamsburg Township for the month of September. He said that overall, this is a great place to live, because the number of calls is very low in comparison into the rest of the county.

Adam Bird gave an update on some of the things going on in Columbus. He said that one thing that they are working on is trying to get State Route 32 converted into a highway as an extension of Interstate 74. He said that they worked on American Rescue Fund dollars to be allocated to townships, because the federal government left townships out of their formulas. He said that vaccine mandates are a hot topic in Columbus and they are continuing to work on regulations around that. He said that they passed a bill regarding municipal taxes being paid when working at home. He said that he sends out a weekly update newsletter to constituents and whoever wants to sign up.

Rich Tittermary said that he is a realtor and they his client DJ Patel has purchased the property across from Design Within Reach and they intend to put a hotel on that property and 2 restaurants. He said that they would like to have additional parking on the 2.634 acres. They are asking for parcel #5235081110 to be converted from A-1 Agricultural and R2-One family and two-family residence district to B-2 General business. He said that they intend to have the entrance off of James E. Saul's Sr. Drive and not Half Acre Road. He said that with all of the new development in the area, a hotel and restaurants would service the area well. Mr. Henning said that they bought 10 acres adjacent to this 2.63 acres and the 10 acres is already zoned B-2. He said that a public hearing already occurred and approved by the Zoning Commission. He said that the Clermont County Planning Commission approved the change. Mr. Henning motioned to adopt the zone change of ZC 2-21, Parcel #52-35-08I-110 2.634 acres from R-2 – One Family and Two-Family Residence District & A-1 – Agricultural to B-2 General Business. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Chad Shaffer from Duke Energy gave an update on the power outages in the area and said that they discovered the problems and have addressed those issues and there have been no outages since. Tom Gooch said that the temporary work along Half Acre Road is completed. He said that the contractor has addressed their issues and the issues shouldn't happen again as they continue their work. He said that they are working on segmented outages so that entire areas won't lose power if a problem occurs. This is part of their smart grid and self-healing devices projects that are being installed.

Julia Carney from the Clermont County Prosecutor's office said that she had prepared the noise ordinance and was wanting feedback on changes needed before the ordinance was passed. The trustees asked several questions regarding exceptions to the noise ordinance and she said that there are some automatic exceptions, but we can add others that we want to add. She said that she would work on revisions and have it ready for the next trustee meeting.

### Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman presented a zoning report. He said that the planning commission asked for a more specific site plan before they approved any changes to the newly purchased Purina property. He said that Purina pulled the request from the county in order for more time to develop their site plan. He said that he has received several phone calls regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and he said that he provides the zoning information and they understand that it's not permitted. He said that there is a zoning workshop at the County Engineer's office on November 30 and he plans to attend. He said that Arbor Homes would like to attend a meeting in November and would like to have a zoning meeting the same night since they are coming from Indiana, but he's not sure if the timing is going to work out.

### Cemetery & Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman presented a report. He said that they have had 69 funerals YTD. He said that Eli Mann started work today. He said that he's ordered uniforms for him. He said that he hopes to finish mowing Clover and Concord Cemeteries this week or next. He said that there is a storm water permit class this week at the county and he plans to attend. Mr. Carson asked him if they could use the Durapatcher to fix the two larger holes at the first corner on North Ellis Road. He said that the part time workers are still mowing in the cemeteries

### Emergency Services Report

Mr. Wiedemann said that they would like to send Keith Paton to an ACLS instructor class and the cost would be \$150 plus meals. Mr. Henning motioned to send Keith Paton to an ACLS instructor class at a cost of \$150 plus meals. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Stephanie and Brittany Jones asked questions about the proposed subdivision from Arbor Homes and Mr. Tatman explained the procedures needed to have it approved. They asked about the horrible smell that they anticipate coming from the Purina plant and the trustees explained that they feel that there won't be any smell due to the EPA regulations and this is the first plant built since 1975 with up-to-date current standards. They said that they are very upset with all of the things moving into this area such as manufacturing plants, hotels, subdivisions, etc. and don't want it to happen in this area.

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Mr. Carson said that Harmony Hill requested a letter of support for their application for Capital Bill 2022. Mr. Henning motioned to write a letter of support for Harmony Hill's application for grant money from Capital Bill 2022. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum read a letter from George Seip stating that he is resigning as janitor for the township hall effective October 25, 2021. Mr. Bainum motioned to accept George Seip's resignation. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Henning motioned to adjourn at approximately 8:15 p.m. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

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Fiscal Officer

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Chairperson