

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

September 26, 2022

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 26, 2022 to transact business. Chairperson Bainum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., 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, Doug Lefferson, Maintenance Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Brian Tatman, Emergency Services Chief Kevin Wiedemann, Bobby Feimster, Dylan Arnett, Patrick Woodside, and Ed Boll.

Mr. Henning motioned to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 special meeting. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas. Mr. Jordan motioned to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Mr. Lefferson 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. Jordan second. All yeas.

Patrick Woodside, Attorney, Frost Brown Todd LLC, provided an update on the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Contract Amendment regarding additional land purchased by Nestle' Purina. This amendment had been discussed at previous Township meetings including a public hearing. Mr. Henning asked a question about timing. Mr. Woodside indicated all parties involved in this amendment were progressing toward execution of the contract on schedule. Mr. Henning asked if the JEDD Board was up to date on attorney fees. Mr. Woodside indicated he attended the recent JEDD Board Meeting and provided an update. Mr. Henning motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-13 authorizing the Trustees to execute the JEDD Contract Amendment. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman provided a report. Taylor Corbett, Clermont Economic Development, will attend a Township Meeting on October 24th to discuss solar farms. The plan is to invite our Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning Commission members. Mr. Jordan said part of the discussion involves preparing proper zoning to create the right opportunities for businesses that create a better tax base. Mr. Tatman stated that there is a meeting at the County regarding ZC 2-22 which is the zone change for the old Schumacher Model Homes property. Once they make their recommendation it will come back to the Township. A couple more letters have been sent for properties in need of mowing and cleanup. Mr. Henning mentioned a property in need of mowing. Mr. Jordan wants to set expectations for starting out next year. Mr. Bainum reiterated Mr. Jordan's points. Mr. Tatman said he would follow up.

Cemetery and Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman provided a report. All mowers are up and running again. The cemeteries are being trimmed again. Clover and Concord are done. Expectations are that this is the last trimming of the year. We are out mowing along roads again. Around the bridge on Musgrove has been cut back with the boom mower, may need some more work with a pole saw. This will be accomplished in the next couple weeks. There have been 5 funerals in September including a Sunday funeral. There are two more this week. Mr. Tatman indicated he sent an email to the County letting them know we wanted to participate in the blacktopping project for next year. Mr. Jordan asked how our outstanding grant request would fit in to the normal blacktopping schedule. Mr. Tatman and Mr. Lefferson indicated they would follow up with the County Engineer's Office to make sure we were all in sync.

There was some discussion around Township recognition of holidays. Mr. Lefferson will follow up with the Ohio Township Association for further information. Mr. Tatman asked if full-time employees could switch Veteran's Day with the day after Thanksgiving again this year and the Trustees agreed it was ok to do this. Clermont County has released October 31st as the official Trick or Treat night.

Emergency Services Report

Chief Wiedemann (retiring September 29th) thanked the Township for the opportunity to serve them. All Trustees and the Fiscal Officer stated words of appreciation for Mr. Wiedemann's service.

Mr. Boll had a question regarding what property was included in the JEDD Amendment. Mr. Woodside and Mr. Henning referenced the maps and parcels listed in the Contract Amendment. Mr. Boll was glad to see the Trustees were seeking a position on Solar Farms. The Trustees indicated we will learn more at the October 24th Meeting.

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Mr. Jordan motioned to go into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) for the purpose of discussion of the compensation of a public employee at approximately 7:38 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas. The Trustees came out of Executive Session at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:57 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson