

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

January 23, 2023

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 23, 2023 to transact business. Chairperson Henning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum and Bari Henning answered the roll call, Mr. Jordan was absent due to illness. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Doug Lefferson, Maintenance Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Brian Tatman, Emergency Services Chief Jason McCarthy, Michael Madsen, Bobby Feimster, Dylan Arnett, Isabel Drake, Ed Boll, and Deputy Singleton (for his report).

Approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Meeting was held over to the next meeting due to Mr. Jordan's absence.

Mr. Lefferson 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.

Clermont County Sheriff Deputy Singleton gave a report on December Township activity. There were 20 incident calls, 9 report calls, and one arrest. Deputy Singleton indicated these were low numbers given the Township size.

Mr. Madsen inquired about pot hole repair, in particular one sizable one on Ireton Road. Mr. Tatman said Maintenance was aware of it and would address when ground temperatures were appropriate for a patch.

Mrs. Drake asked for any updates on Clear Mountain Food Park. Mr. Henning stated that the Township's efforts to address the issues were ongoing and that a liquor license hearing regarding the park was currently scheduled for February.

Zoning Report

Mr. Tatman provided a report. One zoning certificate was issued. He has received a call regarding junk cars on Dixie Lane, which is being looked into.

Cemetery and Maintenance Report

Mr. Tatman provided a report. Maintenance has ordered 25 tons of salt. They need to replace the fittings on the salt spreader on the one-ton truck.

Emergency Services Report

Chief McCarthy provided a report. There is a need to replace the station linens and they are working on pricing at this time. Our department hosted a multi-department training with Gray Construction and Purina at the Purina site. Training was on fire ground operations that included water shuttles and relay pumping. Stonelick Township and Sardinia were also able to attend. Mr. McCarthy stated the Department was planning a CPR class in February for all students at the High School, also planning a class for teachers. Mr. McCarthy stated Jayne Lawrence has submitted her retirement/resignation from Emergency Services effective January 20, 2023 and he recommends the Trustees accept it. Mr. McCarthy reported that the Department received a MARCS equipment grant from the State Fire Marshals Office in the amount of \$10,978.20 for updated radio parts.

Mr. Henning motioned to accept Jayne Lawrence's retirement/resignation effective January 20, 2023. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas. Mr. Henning and Mr. Bainum said the Trustees recognize and appreciate Ms. Lawrence's service over 43 years.

The Trustees and Fiscal Officer congratulated Chief McCarthy for winning the firefighter of the year award at the recent Deputy Bill Brewer Gala.

Mr. Lefferson presented the Board with the 2023 permanent appropriations. Mr. Henning motioned to accept the 2023 permanent appropriations. Mr. Bainum second. All yeas.

Mr. Bainum provided an update on the recent Clermont County Township Association Meeting he attended. The Clermont County Coroner spoke on available services if an indigent person passes away. Mr. Tatman said he would research our process and reach out to Maham Funeral Home. Mr. Bainum also presented information on a Clermont County internet survey discussed at the Association Meeting in an effort to promote reliable and affordable internet. Solar Farms were also a topic and the Trustees agreed they need to continue to follow up in this area.

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Mr. Bainum provided a reminder that the deadline for nominees for Salute to Leaders was February 10th. He also stated that a handful of our Trustees and Township staff would be attending the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference this week.

Mr. Arnett asked if there were events or other ways of recognizing recent retirees with long years of service. Chief McCarthy said that they were exploring ways to do that. Mr. Arnett also inquired about fund raisers. Chief McCarthy responded that there had not been many in recent years due to the impact of the pandemic, but this year they are looking at a potential 5k/10k and Kids Safety Day.

Mr. Boll asked about a portion of State Route 32 being named after Deputy Bill Brewer. The Trustees were not directly aware, but others in the room felt it had been approved. Mr. Boll inquired about what could be done with the Wendy's access road in Afton due to its poor condition. Mr. Henning stated that this was a private road and not in the Township's direct road purview. Mr. Boll mentioned Clermont County Commissioner Painter's recent appointment to the US EPA Local Government Advisory Committee and how that might impact the topic of solar farms. Mr. Henning said Commissioner Painter will have input and we may have some input. Mr. Boll said there is a Clermont County Economic Development Forum set for January 30th and that he planned to attend. Fiscal Officer Lefferson stated that he and/or a Trustee have typically attended these types of meetings and would note for the calendar.

Mr. Bainum motioned to adjourn at approximately 7:29 p.m. Mr. Henning second. All yeas.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson