

Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees Minutes

May 1, 2026

The Williamsburg Township Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Friday, May 1, 2026 at the Williamsburg Township Hall. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss emergency repairs to the 2007 SPH Ladder Truck, and all other matters that may come before the Board. Mr. Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Guy Bainum, Charlie Maklem, and Gary Jordan answered the roll call. Also present were Fiscal Officer Doug Lefferson, Emergency Services Chief Jason McCarthy, Maintenance Supervisor/Zoning Administrator Brian Tatman, William Heitker, Thomas Kirker, Ethan Watren, Aaron Adams, and Aaron Whaley.

There was no public participation.

Chief McCarthy discussed the need for repair to Tower 73 (2007 SPH Ladder Truck). One of the main hydraulic cylinders that extends the ladder is leaking. The Chief indicated the timing of the repair is critical not only for the functioning of Tower 73 but because repairs are in process or needed on both the 2006 fire engine and the 1993. Heritage Fire Equipment has provided two options for repairing the ladder truck: Option 1 – rebuild both cylinders at a cost of \$21,231.84, this does not include any additional issues they may find; Option 2 – replace both cylinders with brand new ones pulled right off the assembly line at a cost of \$33,477.84, with a better warranty and 4-week quicker lead time. Chief McCarthy indicated the annual preventative maintenance and annual ladder testing would be performed while Tower 73 was there. Fiscal Officer Lefferson said the annual preventative maintenance and ladder testing will fall under routine expenses that were already appropriated. The Trustees discussed the options and considering the remaining useful life of the ladder truck, the shorter lead time, and warranty, thought Option 2 of replacing both cylinders with new was the best option. Mr. Maklem asked Fiscal Officer Lefferson if the funds for this repair were available. Mr. Lefferson said yes, and that the Village of Williamsburg recently informed him of an additional JEDD payment of approximately \$88,000 which was good timing. Mr. Maklem motioned to approve Heritage Fire Equipment, Columbus, Ohio to replace both hydraulic cylinders on the 2007 SPH Ladder Truck at a cost of \$33,477.84. Mr. Bainum second. Mr. Bainum - yea, Mr. Maklem - yea, and Mr. Jordan - yea.

Mr. Jordan expressed the Township's appreciation to the Firefighters in attendance for everything they do. He read two cards recently received by residents conveying their gratitude to Emergency Services. Mr. Jordan said this is a reflection of what you do.

There being no further business, Mr. Maklem motioned to adjourn at approximately 9:08 p.m. Mr. Jordan second. Mr. Bainum - yea, Mr. Maklem - yea, and Mr. Jordan - yea.

Fiscal Officer

Chairperson