

**Williamstown Township
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019**

Call to Order

The Williamstown Township Board of Trustees convened a meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Rd., Williamston, Michigan. Supervisor Bloomquist called the meeting to order and reviewed the Agenda. Supervisor Bloomquist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Bloomquist, Trustee Eyster, Trustee Kane, Trustee Williams, Clerk Steinberg and Treasurer Cutshaw.

Absent: Trustee Duffy.

Public Comment for agenda and non- agenda items

Opened at 7:04 pm

None.

Closed at 7:04 pm

Consent Agenda

Trustee Williams moved the consent agenda consisting of:

- Approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 Board meeting
 - Approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 PC meeting
 - General Fund Accounts Payable Paid, check numbers 22803-22818, for a total of \$4,781.78.
 - April Payroll Paid check numbers 44914, 44921-44963, and EFTs 599-604, for a total of \$22,609.29 (physical check amount)
 - March Payroll Paid check numbers 44878-44913 and 44915-44920 and EFTs 593-598 for a total of \$30,765.30 (physical check amount)
 - General Funds Accounts Payable for Approval, check numbers 22819-22831 for a total of \$10,370.29, and check numbers 22832-22836 for a total of \$1,785.72
 - Police Report
 - Revenue and Expenditure report ending April 30, 2019
 - April Revenue activity report (GL activity)
 - Building inspector's report
 - Litigation Report
 - Acknowledge receipt of April Treasurer's Report and corrected March Treasurer's report
- Seconded by Clerk Steinberg

Discussion: None.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee Eyster, Clerk Steinberg, Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustee Williams, Supervisor Bloomquist.

Nays: Trustee Kane.

Motion Passed.

Planning Commission

Trustee Eyster entertained questions from the Board regarding the Annual Report. The PC is considering making a by-laws amendment to require ongoing education for PC members. They are also planning to host an education event, tentatively on October 23, 2019, that could be shared with other communities to help defray costs. Board of Trustees and ZBA members would also be encouraged to attend.

Prime Housing Group Restricted Donation

Clerk Steinberg moved the Williamstown Township Board approve the restricted donation from the Prime Housing Group, with \$3000 for the artists' restricted playground equipment and \$3000 restricted for the Township Park.

Seconded by Trustee Williams

Discussion: None.

Motion Passed.

Firework Ordinance Revisions

Trustee Williams moved the Williamstown Township Board adopt the Fireworks Ordinance Revisions as presented.

Seconded by Treasurer Cutshaw

Discussion: None.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustee Williams, Trustee Kane, Supervisor Bloomquist, Trustee Eyster, Clerk Steinberg

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

7:26 p.m.: Treasurer Cutshaw left the room to make copies of the Renewable Energy Resolution for Board members. Returned at 7:28 p.m.

Renewable Energy Assessments

Clerk Steinberg moved the Williamstown Township Board Approve the Renewable Energy Resolution to be submitted to our State and County legislature. Seconded by Trustee Eyster

Discussion: The draft Resolution was adjusted to satisfy Board members' concerns.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Trustee Williams, Trustee Kane, Supervisor Bloomquist, Trustee Eyster, Clerk Steinberg, Treasurer Cutshaw

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

Reports – Departments and Committees

River Trail Grant: Public forum is being planned to outline plans for the future of the river, is tentatively scheduled for June 13, 2019. County officials will present information at this event. This will be open to all residents, and residents who live along the river will get an invitation. A river clean-up training is tentatively planned at a resident’s property for July 9, 2019. There are four tentative dates set for clean-up. Supervisor Bloomquist presented information on MGrow, Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds. She feels that it would be advantageous for the Township to become members of MGrow to gain and share knowledge.

Cemetery: The Sexton’s report was presented regarding the activities of the cemeteries. The Cemetery Committee met today and they are looking to update the Ordinance to allow “green burials,” about which some residents have inquired. They are considering replacing one of the mowers, and when they have the pertinent information, it will come to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Park: The Civil War Re-enactment is this weekend, beginning on Friday, May 17 at the Township park. It will conclude on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

NIESA: NIESA had their Board meeting last week. They are working on policy with regards to the adoption of the National Fire Code. Local municipalities are encouraged to adopt the National Fire Code. They still have grant money available for fire alarms and CO2 detectors. They have installed over 250 alarms and detectors for local residents so far.

Mitchell Rd.: The County will be performing the speed study before and after school is finished in June.

Public comment for agenda and non-agenda items

Opened at 8:08 pm.

Frans Wilbrink, 4701 Zimmer Rd., Williamston: regarding the idea of eliminating the use of fossil fuels.

Closed at 8:10 pm.

Adjournment and Review

Clerk Steinberg moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Trustee Eyster.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

_____ **Date**

Wanda Bloomquist, Township Supervisor

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Mark Steinberg, Township Clerk