

**Williamstown Township
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2017**

Call to Order

The Williamstown Township Board of Trustees convened 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 Kane, Treasurer Cutshaw, Clerk Steinberg and Trustee Williams and Trustee Eyster.

Absent: Trustee Duffy

Also Present: Lisa Dalton 710 N Putnam, Lois Kill 5085 Barton Rd, Chris Scott 1102 Cobblestone, Jerry Eidt 4115 Vanneter, Andrew Brieschke Director of Operations CATA, Bradley Funkhouser Deputy CEO of CATA, Nancy Williams of 131 Bismark and Carolyn Burt/ Deputy Clerk.

Public Comment for agenda and non agenda items

Chris Scott, 1102 Cobblestone, President of the Williamston Soccer Club commented on the excellent care of the Township soccer fields.

Public comment closed at 7:04

CATA Presentation

- Andrew Brieschke presented the new proposal to provide services to Williamston, Williamstown Township and Webberville in response to Feedback from residents.
- Proposed service will have 3 services, a designated Williamston/Webberville Connector.to Meridian Mall and Meijer with 7½ trips M-F and 5 on Saturday, The 48 Passenger Limited bus to run from Webberville-Lansing in am and return in pm, and a CATA Rural Service to operate service to the Township.
- Input will be gathered from CATA Stakeholders, the Marketing dept. will publish routes and times
- Service would begin 45 days after approval at the Ingham County Commissioners level

Consent Agenda

Trustee Williams moved to approve the consent agenda

Approve the Minutes of 2/08/17 and 03/08/17 Township board meeting

General Fund Accounts Payable paid, checks 21903 to 21927 for a total of \$16,047.98

Payroll Checks paid checks 43973 through 44014 and EFT 445-450 for a total of \$32,301.88

General Account Payable checks to approve 21928 through 21944 for a total of \$13,798.65

Police paid check number 1081 for \$57,817.76

Revenue and expenditure report 3/31/2017

Treasurer's Report, January (revised), February (revised) and March 2017

Building Inspector's Report

Litigation

Police Report

Seconded by Trustee Eyster

- Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Williams, Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustee Eyster, Clerk Steinberg and Supervisor Bloomquist

Nays: Trustee Kane

Absent: Trustee Duffy

Motion passed

Police Report

Chief Hall reported the following:

- Department lost 2 recent recruits
- Officer recently recognized for valor
- Just graduated 9 from Youth Academy
- May 18 will be the second Quarter neighborhood leader meeting
- Williamston will provide the Honor Guard at the MTA meeting next week

Planning Commission

Gerald Eidt, Chair discussed the recommendations of the planning commission re: Signs and Fireworks Ordinances

- Received a range of citizen comments re: fireworks and plan to present to Board after an April Planning Commission meeting for consideration at its June meeting.
- Signs: Balloons, searchlights and inflatables were added.
- Legal non conforming signs are grandfathered until need to replace. A variance can be requested.
- Digital signs were eliminated due to driver distraction.

Trustee Williams moved the Williamstown Township Board approve Planning Commission appointment of Rob Sanford.

Seconded by Clerk Steinberg

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance

- Chris Thelen Consumers Representative presented information:
- The Michigan Constitution requires a Franchise agreement
- The Old Ordinance is dated 1987 and is due to expire.
- Mr. Thelen saw no problem in deferring until the May Board meeting to allow the Township Attorney to review

Clerk Steinberg moved the Township Board table until May 10,2017 Board meeting, Ordinance No 30 C.P.-2017, Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance.

Seconded by Trustee Williams

Motion passed

Election Equipment Resolutions

Trustee Eyster moved the Township Board approve Resolution 115-2017, Application to the Secretary of State to Purchase Election Equipment.

Seconded by Clerk Steinberg

Discussion:

- Replacement equipment needed for 15year old tabulators.
- Federal and State funds will cover the costs
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Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Eyster, Treasurer Cutshaw, Supervisor Bloomquist, Trustee Kane, Clerk Steinberg and Trustee Williams.

Absent: Trustee Duffy

Motion passed

River Trail Committee

Trustee Williams moved the Williamston Township Board approve working with Meridian Township to apply for an Ingham County Grant to create a Red Cedar River Trail with the Board to have final approval of the grant application before submittal.

Seconded by Clerk Steinberg

Discussion: Committee to make grant proposal due in October

Art Tour Donation

Clerk Steinberg moved the Township accept the donated funds in the amount of \$3000. To be placed in 101-751-884.001 Art tour playground restricted funds, revenue account.

Seconded by Treasurer Cutshaw

Discussion:

- These monies must be put in a revenue account
- Donations to the Township in excess of \$1000. Must be approved by the Board

OLD BUSINESS

Sign Ordinance

Trustee Eyster moved the Board table the revisions to the Sign Ordinance until the May Board Meeting.

Seconded by Trustee Kane

Discussion: none

Motion passed

Cemetery

Treasurer Cutshaw moved the Township Board accept the bid from Redwood Landscaping to complete the water expansion at Summit Cemetery, provided the applicant provide proof of liability insurance, Workers Comp, a valid license and provision # 4 be deleted.

Seconded by Trustee Eyster

Discussion:

- Provisions above added to the motion
- Expanded water lines will facilitate watering of plants

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Eyster, Supervisor Bloomquist, Treasurer Cutshaw, Trustee Kane, Trustee Williams, and Clerk Steinberg

Absent: Trustee Duffy

Motion passed

Trustee Williams left meeting 8:25, returned at 8:30

Reports:

Departments and Committees:

NIESA: Wanda met with Mike Yantz

- NIESA to do Eco burn
- Considering multiple filling stations with "Dry Hydrants"
- Collaboration on emergency response plan
- Burn Ordinance to allow NIESA to be reimbursed for burn

Parks:

- River Trail is priority
- Williamston Schools Triathlon is scheduled in Township April 22
- Art Tour is May 5th and 6th
- Spring cleanup is May 13th cost of some items ie., motor oil, Electronics and tires yet to be determined

Historical:

- Plan to apply for National Historic Designation

Public Comment for Agenda and non-agenda items

None closed at 9:28 pm

Clerk Steinberg moved to adjourn the Board Meeting

Seconded by Treasurer Cutshaw

Supervisor Bloomquist adjourned the meeting at 9:29 pm

Minutes approved by:

Wanda Bloomquist, Township Supervisor

Date

Mark Steinberg, Township Clerk

Date

Carolyn Burt Recording Secretary