

January 9, 2024

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on January 9, 2024 in regular session at the Salem Township Fire Station Conference Room for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. Trustee Susan Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Trustee Ralph Blanton present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Chariman Susan Ramsey turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer for the following motions:

Election of officers for 2024

Fiscal Officer Vicky VonHolle opened the nominations for **2024 Chairman of the Board...**

Mr. Blanton nominated Mrs. Ramsey for the Chairman. Mrs. Ramsey second the nomination.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

Nominations were then open for **2024 Vice-Chairman of the Board...**

Mrs. Ramsey nominated Mr. Blanton for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Blanton second the nomination.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

2024 Mileage reimbursement – Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to increase current mileage rate of \$.50 per mile to \$.67 per mile. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

2024 Meeting dates – Mr. Blanton made a motion to keep the current meeting dates and times. 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7pm. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion, however would like at possibly changing them in the future to be able to attend other Tuesday night meetings in the area. Mr. Blanton agreed.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

Mr Blanton made a motion for **2024 to keep allowing Trustees to sign checks outside of meetings.** Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

Fiscal Officer Vicky VonHolle turned the meeting over to Chairman Mrs. Ramsey

Meeting Minutes:

- The trustees read the minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion. *note – there was no meeting on 12/26/2023.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

Fire Department: Asst Fire Chief Moenster reported:

- Current Clinton-Warren Fire Chief Wysong passed away. Trustees asked him to share our condolences with the family.
- New Tanker update – may receive as early as May 2024. Shared some pictures of the Tanker being built.
- Current Tanker is out of service. Repairs should be able to be done in house.
- Presented resignation of James Montgomery. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion accept resignation of James Montgomery. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

Guest comments: None at this time

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Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mike Yetter reported:

- Completed 3 permits from 2023
 - Brian Raush – property development across from Ashley Fence
 - Steve Spencer – Parcel split that expired after 5 months has to be re-done to be recorded. Spoke with WC Regional Planning to confirm split can still be done. Confirmed it can.
 - Vicky Hild – neighbor’s chicken in their yard. Worried about their dog getting to them. Nothing in our zoning to keep neighbor’s chickens out. Confirmed with legal counsel. They agreed.

Trustee Heath Kilburn Reported – Absent

Trustee Ralph Blanton Reported:

- Ward Rd. Update – No update at this time. Weather an issue to start.
- Shadow Lawn Culvert update – No update at this time.
- New Township Building update: Building permit has been approved for changes on construction. Mr. Blanton made a motion to get quotes using basic bid specs for underground utilities and concrete for office and restroom area. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

- 2024 Asphalt projects: Mr. Blanton made a motion to submit the following to the Engineers office: Lake, Salem, Washington Way, Traude, Ray and Brook. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey – yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

Trustee Susan Ramsey Reported:

- Received call from 5036 Salem Rd. regarding a tree that is in the wires and ready to fall. Mr. Blanton said that he looked at the tree very late in the day and he does not know if it’s ours. Mrs. Ramsey said that she will get the pole number and contact Duke.
- Received a notice from WC Commissioners regarding Rules and Regulations of the WC Water and Sewer Dept. Relative to increase in water and sewer fees and other fees and charges for 2024,2025 and 2026.

Cemetery updates: None at this time

Fiscal Business: Vicky VonHolle, Fiscal Officer

- Presented the trustees with payroll and bills that are ready for payment. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the payroll and to pay the bills as presented. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey - yea Mr. Kilburn – absent

Adjournment:

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea Mrs. Ramsey - yea Mr. Kilburn – absent