

January 12, 2021

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on January 12, 2021 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.

Others present: Greg Gatman, Theresa & Ron Paynter, Drew Newport and Chris Cooper

Meeting Minutes: The trustees read the minutes from the December 22, 2020 meeting. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Fire Department: Chief Harrison presented:

- Reviewed the December Monthly Run Report
- Asked the Trustees to accept the resignation of Rodney Stewart. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept the resignation of Rodney Stewart. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

• Add three part-timers: Donald Books, Joshua Lewis and James Plummer. Mr. Blanton made a motion to Approve the hire of three part-timers: Donald Books, Joshua Lewis and James Plummer. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- Reported that they responded Monday night to a Dumpster Fire. Had issues with the 1991 Tanker. He wants to start getting quotes to replace that one. Salem Township covers 49 square miles and only 12% of that area has Hydrants. The Trustees agree to start looking for quotes to purchase a new one.

Zoning:

Trustee Susan Ramsey informed everyone present that 202-01 Zoning Case hearing for the old barber shop has been postponed until the next meeting.

Zoning Inspector, Mike Yetter informed the trustees that Drew Newport was at the meeting tonight to present the following:

- Fencing – he gave them a picture of what he has done instead of the 5 gallon buckets. He has used cinder blocks and post to make the fence.
- Proposed signage – he gave them a picture of the proposed sign

The trustees reviewed what he presented. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the proposed fencing and signage. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Ramsey asked Mr. Yetter for an update of the Alvin Bishop Property. Mr. Yetter said that his next step is to see that he has vacated the property. He will report back.

Guest comments:

- Greg Gatman asked if they look at the streetlight that is out on his street – Mr. Blanton said called it in and reported it.
- Theresa Paynter asked about the following:
 - a) Street light is out on Ward Rd. Mr. Blanton said that he called that one in as well.
 - b) Vacant house on St. Rt. 22/3 – is anyone living there? Mr. Yetter said that no one is living there – the bank bought the house back at foreclosure auction. They have started cleaning it out.
 - c) The burnt house on St. Rt. 22/3 – They did a nice job cleaning that up.

Cemetery updates: None

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Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Presented quote for 2021 from Schneider's Lawn Care Service of \$42,450.00 Mrs. Ramsey commented that she thought they did a great job last year. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept the Quote of \$42,450.00 for their service for the 2021 year. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- Presented the 2021 Salt Prices from the WC Engineers office. Mr. Blanton made a motion that we do not order any this year – we still have plenty from 2020. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- The bed on the Road crews #1 truck needs repaired. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to repair the bed on the #1 road crew truck as needed. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

- Presented Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing Contract with the WC Engineers Office for Warren County 2021 Resurfacing Project and Warren County Chip Seal Project. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-01 Authorizing Contract with the WC Engineers Office for Warren County 2021 Resurfacing Project and Warren County Chip Seal Project. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- Reported that the road crew has been cleaning up along Halls Creek and Trovillo Rd. people have been dumping trash such as bed, fridge and trash. Mr. Blanton is going to contact Warren County Solid Waste Department and see if they can help us with all the trash.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Looking into a cemetery in the Bellbrook area to go see one that has Niches. Mr. Blanton agrees and would like to go see it as well. He is waiting to hear form from Maynards of a place that they have installed one – to go look at it.

President Susan Ramsey turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer for the election of officers for 2021.

Vicky VonHolle opened the nominations for Chairman of the Board...

- Mr. Blanton nominated Susan Ramsey for the Chairman. Susan Ramsey second the nomination.

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

- Nominations were then open for Vice-Chairman of the Board...Mrs. Ramsey nominated Mr. Kilburn for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Blanton second the nomination.

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

Fiscal Business: Mrs. VonHolle, Fiscal Officer:

- Presented the trustees with bills that are ready for payment. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve 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 7:35pm. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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