

February 8, 2022

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on February 8, 2022 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 Trustees Ralph Blanton and Heath Kilburn present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Meeting Minutes:

- The trustees read the minutes from the January 25, 2022 meeting. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Fire Department: Fire Chief Harrison reported:

- Received resignation from Full Time Employee John French. We want to keep him on as part time. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept resignation from Full Time Employee John French and keep him on as part time. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

- Visited the company today that is building the tanker. This is the first of many visits to get this done.

Zoning: Update

Mrs. Ramsey reported for Zoning Inspector Ms. Austin, she could not make it to the meeting tonight.

- Received letter from WCRPC saying that they recommend approval of the proposed updates to the Salem Township Zoning Code with a unanimous vote. Salem Township Zoning Commission is scheduled to meet on February 17, 2022 at 6:30pm to vote.
- Ron Brinkman agreed to be an alternant for Zoning Commission. Mrs. Ramsey swore in him at this time.
- Guest Ron Brinkman asked if there is an update on the building on 22/3 (next door to old Pappa's – was an old gas station) They started cleaning it up but it seems to have stopped. Mrs. Ramsey talked to the owner and assured her that they are working on cleaning it up. He asked if they would just give them some time. Mr. Kilburn talked to the owner's wife and she said the same thing. Mrs. Ramsey is going to ask Ms. Austin to keep an eye on it.
- Mr. Kilburn asked if anyone knows if the McQuitty property has sold? MR. Blanton will see what he can find out about it.

Guest comments:

- Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims attended tonight's meeting to share the WC Sheriff's Office 2021 Year in review. They moved into the new jail in October 2021. Several guests thanked the Sheriff's Department for all they do for our Township. The trustees agreed and thanked him for coming tonight.

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Suggested at the next meeting we go over the Cemetery rules and any updates that they may need.
- Talked about the pavement is bad on the two bottom bridges on Halls Creek. Asked if it's too late to get a quote from the WC Engineers office to tar and chip it. Mr. Blanton will call and ask if we can get a quote.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Let the other trustees know that she called the road crew to go out after receiving several calls from property owners complaining that their roads need more salt.

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Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Reported that we initially ordered 200 tons of salt, but he suggests we order 300 tons. Mr. Kilburn asked if he thought that was enough? Can we hold more than 300 ton? He thinks the price is just going to be more expensive later in the year. Mr. Blanton said that we could hold up to 400 tons. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to purchase 400 tons of salt form the WC Engineers office. Mr. Blanton second the motion. Mr. Blanton will let the Engineers office know.

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

- Update on the fence at the end of Ward Rd. Blanchester Fence will may be able to get to it next week. He will see if the road crew can get it staked out.
- Road crew has been working hard. A lot of long hours with this past ice storm we had. Mrs. Ramsey asked if he has received and complaints from the trucks. Mr. Blanton said just one so far that a mailbox was knocked down. He went out and looked at it and talked to the property owner. They all agreed that the post was rotted. Owner will get a new one and we agreed to install it.
- Road crew has been busy at the cemetery with funerals as well.
- The ditch on Shadow Lawn needs looked at. It is caving in – for sure needs riprap put in. Mr. Kilburn and Mrs. Ramsey said they will go out and take a look at it.

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. Kilburn made a motion to approve the payroll and to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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