

**April 26, 2022**

**Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room**

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on April 26, 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 April 12, 2022 meeting. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

**Fire Department: Asst Fire Chief Moenster reported:**

- Local Fireman passed away this week. Ronnie Poe was with West Union Fire Department. Captain Oeder took one of our trucks to represent Salem Township.
- We assisted Turtlecreek Township and Union Township in structure fires this week. Our guys did a great job.
- Want to look at a 6-year lease option for the tanker. Vicky will follow up with State Auditor for clarification of what is allowed on leasing.

**Zoning Update: Zoning Inspector Stephanie Austin reported:**

- Met with Adam Nice Friday April 22, 2022 – Topics for discussion:
  - Declaring a nuisance (Cruse House) ?
  - Non-conforming section
  - Any open violations
  - Sign code
  - Fee schedule
  - Text amendment to discuss solar farms
- 4-26-2022 Sent:
  - Violation notice to Morris for Lebanon address
  - Violation 10-day notice to mortgage Co. (McQuitty)
- Need to add conditional use fee to schedule
- Working on all applications so they have current code sections
- Have changes would like to discuss - example: Building use form, etc.
- Issued permits for:
  - 5474 Brant Rd. SFD - remodel
  - 5298 Larue Dr. - Deck
  - 2485 Ireland Rd. - Pool
  - 6164 Rt 22/3 – SFD
- Will be on vacation the week of may 8<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>

**Guest comments:**

- **Mr. Gary Paynter** – Reported that the street light is still out on Ward Rd. Mrs. Ramsey called and reported it. She said she will follow up with them again.  
Mr. Blanton reported he received the quote for a new street light at the end of Ward Rd. The Cost is \$1,374.00 plus usage fees. There is an option to break the payment down on years. He is going to check with sewer and water and see if they will help with the purchase price since they have a pump station there.
- **Mr. Jerry Martin** – Reported that gravel is needed at Moore-Saur Rd.

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**Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:**

- Reported that the Geo-Thermal was done over the Veteran's area in the cemetery. They confirmed that there are 14 vacant. The VFW with deed back to us the two that they have.
- Jerry Mays footer has been fixed.
- Received Application for Road Crew position. Mr. Blanton made a motion to hire Kevin Crowe. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- Attended the Salem Township Library Board Meeting and introduced Sherry Monroe. We are now looking for one more – since another resigned. Again – the Salem Township Trustees responsibility to the Salem Township Library is to appoint their board of three members.
- Will attend the pre-construction meeting on April 28, 2022 at 9am Vicky will get him the Purchase Order.
- Need Purchase Order for Salt order - Asked Vicky to follow up with Engineers office for vendor information.

**Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:**

- Not opposed to the light at Ward Rd.

**Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:**

- Reminder about culverts at Thornberry and that Morrow Meadows are the same way. We need to come up with a solution.
- Little Miami History Connection - Would like to sign up Salem Township with a \$100 membership. Mr. Blanton is going to follow up with legal council to confirm if we can do this.

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

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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