

**May 12, 2026**

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

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on May 12, 2026 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 were present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- The trustees read the minutes from the April 14, 2026 meeting. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

**Fire Department - Chief Moenster reported:**

- Happy to announce that the fire levy passed. They are very thankful for everyone who helped this happen
- Steady month on runs
- Hosted a county training exercise today
- Received resignation from part-time FF/EMT Hayden Roberts effective 05/01/2026. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept resignation from part-time FF/EMT Hayden Roberts effective 05/01/2026. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

- Received resignation from Full-time Lieutenant Cody Bauer effective 05/21/2026. He would like to remain on as a part-time FF/Paramedic. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept resignation from Full-time Lieutenant Cody Bauer effective 05/21/2026 and keep him as Part-time FF/Paramedic. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

- Would like to promote part-time FF/Paramedic Alexander Beltran to full-time FF/Paramedic pending successful completion of his pension physical. Mr. Blanton made a motion to promote part-time FF/Paramedic Alexander Beltran to full-time FF/Paramedic pending successful completion of his pension physical. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

**Administrator/Public Safety Director – Mr. Harrison reported:**

- Presented updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations – the trustees agreed to table the discussion.
- Presented quotes to remove house on 4414 Mason Morrow Milgrove Rd. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept bid from Chuckwood Enterprises LLC – Option 2 in the amount of \$12,200.00. Also asked Fiscal Officer to send to the Auditor's office to be added as an assessment to the property. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

- Have received many inquiries regarding the electric aggregation program. Called and talked with our representative with Treble. He said there is a place on PUCO website where residents can go to and opt out permanently. <https://puco.ohio.gov/utilities/electricity/resources/government-aggregation> and phone #800-686-7826, The He will post the link on our website so they have the information. Everyone agreed.

**Zoning – Mr. Blanton reported for Mr. Yetter who is on vacation:**

- BZA conditional use hearing passed on Rauch property on 22/3 for used car lot.
- Looking for BZA Board Members.
- Recommend increasing pay for both Zoning committees from \$25 to \$50 per meeting/hearing. Mr. Blanton made a motion to increase pay for both Zoning Committees from \$25 to \$50 per meeting/hearing. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

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**Guest:** Jared Lykins, Barry Riley, Steve and Lori Cook, Roger Gibb, John Laws, Brian Phillips, Troy O'Brown, Dan Blumberg and Kathleen Applegate

**Guest Comments:**

- Sheriff Riley attended tonight's meeting to share 2025 Highlights and Insights of the Warren County Sheriff's Office.
- Roger Gibb with the Gallop Poll requesting the Township Trustees to adopt a resolution to have Article #5 on the ballot. Article 5 is to have common sense amendments to our constitution. Mr. Gibb said other Townships in our area have done so. Mr. Blanton requested more time to review and understand the request. Everyone agreed. Mr. Gibb said they understand and will come back to our next meeting scheduled for June 9, 2026.

**Trustee Heath Kilburn**

- Asked Administrator to add mowing Rossburg Rd to the to do list for the road crew. He said he would.
- The Village of Morrow needs to replace their Weather Warning Siren. It is old and outdated. This is a benefit to Salem Township residents as well. He is asking if the Trustees would share in the cost for this replacement. An estimated price is in the range of \$39,000.00. The trustees think it's a good idea. Concerns on where to best place the new siren for all Township and Village residents. Fire Chief Moenster said he will get information and report back. Mr. Kilburn agreed and asked that we table it until next meeting.

**Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:** Nothing at this time

**Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:**

- Received a phone call stating that someone is living in a tent at 5291 Salem Rd. She let Zoning know and he is going to contact the homeowner.

**Cemetery updates:**

**April 2026 Cemetery**

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|----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| 04/14/26 | Nancy G. Combs     | Sec 4 Lot 110 | SE Corner | Stines |
| 04/14/26 | Norman J. Kreimer  | Sec 5 Lot 145 | NE #2     | Vales  |
| 04/14/26 | Shirley Moe Morris | Sec 5 Lot 124 | NE #2     | Muller |

**Fiscal Business Vicky VonHolle, Fiscal Officer reported:**

- Presented Financials - Reviewed and approval. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the financials as presented. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

**Adjournment:**

- With no further business to come before the board, Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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