

June 22, 2021

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on June 22, 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 and Trustee 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 June 8, 2021 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: Chief Harrison reported:

- 1996 Utility Truck needs replaced. Received a quote for a 2022 Chevy Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab Pickup in the amount of \$38,621.00. Mr. Kilburn asked if he has the funds to do so? Chief Harrison said he does. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve the purchase of new 2022 Chevy Silverado 2500HD Crew Cab Pickup. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

- Sent out the bid packet for the new tanker truck.
- Wants to move Moenster from hourly to Salary moving him to days with a salary of \$76,000.00. He will move to days starting July 23, 2021. Mrs. Ramsey asked how long has he been with us? He started part-time in 2003 and went to full time in 2008. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve moving Moenster from Hourly to Salary with an increase to \$76,000.00 Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

- Today we assisted Clinton County with a geo-thermal flash fire. Air care flew two people out.

Zoning:

- 3584 Fosters Maineville Rd. – Received an email from a neighbor with concerns of the an elderly lady living there by herself. Only thing he saw was that we can do anything about is that the lawn needs mowed. Fire chief reported that he has heard that community services has been called and they are looking into her not being able to take care of herself. Mr. Kilburn asked that we wait another month and see where it ends up with them involved.
- Mrs. Ramsey asked about the property on Morrow Rossburg Rd that we needs mowed. He said he will look into it.
- Mrs. Ramsey asked for an update on the property next to the old Papa’s restaurant. Mr. Yetter reported that the update is that they are working on it and making progress. They used the old blacktop for the parking lot in the back.
- Mr. Blanton said that he received a complaint about a property owner on Pinecrest Dr. having goats. Mr. Yetter said that he will look into it, but what he does know if it has to be 85 feet from the property line. Mr. Blanton said he will check out the property as well.
- Mr. Blanton asked about the properties on 4994, 5054, & 5068 on Salem Rd. The all three have tall grass. He said he will look into them.
- Mr. Yetter wanted to remind everyone that here is a Board of Zoning Appeals scheduled for June 23, 2021 at 7pm.

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Guest present: Linda Browning, Dan Browning, Lori Cook, Steve Cook, Paul Zorn, Jerry Martin, Ben Steiger and James Kennedy

- Mr. Paul Zorn from the Village of Morrow wanted to let everyone at tonight's meeting know that The Village of Morrow is having their first meeting to review their zoning. Mrs. Ramsey mentioned that what he is talking about is for the Village not for the Township. Mr. Zorn agreed.
- Jerry Martin attended tonight's meeting to mention that the trees need trimmed back at the corner of St. Rt. 123 and Gilmour Rd. Mr. Blanton said that he will put it on the list. Our new tractor and mower should be delivered in the next week or two.
- Mr. Ben Steiger attended tonight's meeting with easement questions and will talk to Mr. Yetter after that meeting.
- Mr. Dan Browning and his wife Linda, whom live along Mason Morrow Milgrove Rd., attended tonight's meeting for better clarification of the proposed change in the new zoning rules regarding the Streamside Protection and needing to be at least 300 ft back. Mr. and Mrs. Cook, whom live on the same road have the same question. Mrs. Ramsey thanked them for bringing this to their attention and they will re-visit this issue. As far as she understands it – she will not be voting for this change to be included in the new zoning. Mr. Blanton spoke up and said he will not be fore it either. Mr. Yetter explained this is how the process works. Changes are suggested. Such as Maps, Text, etc. It's all part of the process. Mrs. Ramsey reminded everyone at the meeting that the next Public Meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2021. She again thanked everyone for their input. It's exactly what they want – to hear from the Township Residents.

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Received a call from Curt Weber residing at 3300 Shawhan Rd. Said that there was a dead tree down in the right-away. Mr. Blanton went and looked at it. It is not in the right-away – therefore it is not one of ours.
- Checked out Bennentt, Twin Lakes and Grayfox roads – they are prepped and ready to be paved
- Paving looks great on Shawhan. Mrs. Ramsey agreed.
- Received phone call that that the Tractor and Mower should be ready for pick in the next week or two.
- Cemetery has been busy. 26 burials from January to June. Mr. Steiger spoke up and said that he thinks some of his property may be on the Cemetery property. Mr. Blanton said that he will be happy to look a that with him.
- Road crew employee Mike Gilberts last day is June 30, 2021. He will have 31 years of service with Salem Township. He would like to do something for him for his years of service. The others agreed. Mr. Blanton suggest we invite him to the July 13th meeting to recognize him and his years of service. Everyone agreed. Mr. Blanton also talked with Mike Gilbert and he has agreed to come back to help us out if we were to get in a bind and need additional help this fall. Due to his retirement with OPERS – he will have to wait for 60 days to do this.

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Mr. Kilburn wanted to confirm that Mr. Blanton has talked with the new hire Roger Crowe. Mr. Blanton confirmed he has and his first day will be June 25, 2021 We are just waiting on his drug test results to come back.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Mrs. Ramsey said that she will pick up a plaque for Mike Gilbert on behalf of the Trustees to present to him at the July 13th meeting.

Cemetery updates:

June 2021 Cemetery

06/02/21	David Gilbert	Sec 5 Lot 148	2 nd from SW Corner-Ashes on Mothers Grave	
06/03/21	Micahel A Horton	Sec 5 Lot 181	Center Grave East	Family
06/04/21	Donald Williams	Sec 4 Lot 274	2 nd from NE Corner	Vales
06/04/21	Boyd York	Sec 4 Lot 180	2 nd from SE Corner	Family
06/07/21	Amanda Hains	Sec 5 Lot 160	2 nd from NE Corner	Evans
06/18/21	Estep Howard	Sec 5 Lot 147	SE Corner	Vales
06/21/21	James H Kirk	Sec 5 Lot 159	SW Corner	Vales

Fiscal Business: Mrs. VonHolle, Fiscal Officer

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

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

- Presented the trustees with 2022 Proposed Budget. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve the 2022 Proposed Budget. 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 7:58pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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