

**June 23, 2020**

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

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on June 23, 2020 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 present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

**Others present:** Mike Yetter, Bob Stewart, Jerry Martin and Greg Gatman

- Jerry Martin asked they the trustees take a look at the trees hanging over on Moore-Saur Rd. – There is a blind spot at the stop sign from it. Also the Stop Sign needs replaced.
- Greg Gatman asked the trustees to look at van on Lake Rd. – it's been there a long time. Also – he's noticed a lot more trash in culvert lately. He walks and picks it up. Trustee Ramsey suggested he report it to the sheriff's office.

**Cemetery updates:** There were no changes to the cemetery records for this time period

**Meeting Minutes:** The trustees read the minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting. Ralph Blanton made a motion to approve the minutes. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

**Fire Department:** Chief Harrison was not able to attend the meeting.

**Zoning: Mr. Yetter reported:**

- He sent out certified letters to three different address for violations
- Update on the 22/3 House that caught on fire – Legal counsel having trouble finding the owner. Letters were returned that were mailed out. Mr. Kilburn said that he has a friend that he thinks knows who owns the house now – and he will see if he can out. The Trustees all agree that two years is a long time to still not have that cleaned up. They asked Mr. Yetter to stay on this and see that it gets taken care of. He agreed.

**Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:**

- As mentioned in the last meeting - Union Township increased their cemetery fees. Ralph Blanton made a motion increase Salem Township cemetery fees in an effort to stay competitive with the other townships around us. New price increase effective August 1, 2020. Heath Kilburn agreed that we need to stay competitive and second the motion. **Susan Ramsey agreed with the price increases - -Except for the increase of \$300 after 3pm Monday thru Friday. She said a lot of people are going to one day services and sometimes it's hard to get out of there by that time.**

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea                                  Mr. Kilburn – Yea                                  Mrs. Ramsey - Yea \*With the exception noted above

- Union Township agreed to pay half for the culvert repair at Phillips Rd. He asked Vicky to issue a purchase Order in the amount of \$15,225.00. They will start on the job as soon as they receive Purchase Orders from both parties.
- Bush Hog has still not been delivered.

**Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:**

- Mrs. Ramsey asked Mr. Yetter Look at properties located on Traude, Morrow Rossburg and Salem Rd. for possible zoning violations

**Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:**

- New signs are in and ready to be put up. He will help the road crew get started on it. Mr. Blanton mentioned that the signs were received through a Grant that Mr. Kilburn applied for and was granted.

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**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 – yea

**Adjournment:**

- With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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