Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on July 14, 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: Greg Gatman, Paul Kilburn and Ron Brinkman

- Greg Gatman asked the trustees to look into his neighbors having fires that are out of hand. Fire Chief Harrison said he will look into it. Mr. Gatman also complained about 4-wheelers riding up and down his street. He's concerned that kids are going to get hit by one. Mr. Kilburn said that he will look into it. Mr. Gatman said that he is still finding a lot of trash in culvert. He walks and picks it up. Trustee Ramsey asked if he reported it to the sheriff's office. He said he has not.
- Paul Kilburn aske the trustees to take a look at the trees that need cut back on Gheils Carrol Rd. Mr. Blanton said he will take a look at it.

Cemetery updates:

• Mr. Blanton was contacted by someone that is the heir to ten graves from 1934. She wants confirmation that they are hers to use. Mr. Blanton confirmed that we did write out the deed, she has the deed so therefore they are hers to use. The Trustees agreed and confirmed it is hers to use.

<u>Meeting Minutes</u>: The trustees read the minutes from the June 23, 2020 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

<u>Fire Department</u>: Updates from Chief Harrison:

 Request to add volunteer Jason Dodd. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve adding volunteer Jason Dodd. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey - yea

Mr. Kilburn – Yea

Request accepting resignation of Ryan Hurling. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Hurling.
Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey - yea

Mr. Kilburn – Yea

- June Monthly Report: During COVID-19 the number of runs have been down.
- Shadow Lawn Fire We received mutual aid from surrounding townships. Took about three hours to get it contained.
- Presented a quote for light package for the new 2020 Chevy. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept the quote for the light package for the new 2020 Chevy. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey - yea

Mr. Kilburn – Yea

- Old Ambulance is on Gov Deals and it has already met the reserve. So it will be selling.
- Presented a quote for the Insurance Renewal from OTARMA. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept the quote for the insurance renewal. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey - yea

Mr. Kilburn - Yea

- Will be applying for a grant through OTARMA. Waiting for more details.
- Waiting to hear back from Risk Management regarding a walk through they did with Ralph Blanton and Chief Harrison. One of the concerns is the fuel tank inside the building. We may have to look at taking it out.
- Received grant for EMS equipment from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$3,539.29.

Fire Department Updates from Chief Harrison Continued:

• Wants to move the Fire house phone system over to Warren County Telecommunications. The cost for a new system would be very expensive. The Trustees like the idea of the change. . Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the moving of the phone system from the old to a new one to be installed and maintained by Warren County Telecommunications. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey - yea

Mr. Kilburn - Yea

Run this week on US ST RT 22/3 at Middleboro Rd. was a fatality of a 17 year old.

Zoning: There are no updates at this time.

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- The culvert repair at Phillips Rd. is completed. They all agree that they think they did a good job.
- Bush Hog has arrived. A part was missing so we ordered that and it is covered with warranty. Our guys have been busy using it.
- Arm Mower is down. Our guy is working on it. Hopefully will get it up and running soon.
- Rip Rap on Waynesville Rd. has been put in. Mr. Kilburn said it look good.
- Presented verbiage for a plaque for Jim Vearil to be placed at the food pantry. The trustees all agreed. Mr. Blanton will get the plaque made and hung up.

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- New signs have not been installed yet. He said he will help the road crew get started on it. Mr. Blanton said that he will get the guys in touch with him so they can get started on it.
- He shared come pictures he took of the culvert repair at Phillips Rd. He agrees that they did a good job.
- Update on the 22/3 House that caught on fire Mr. Kilburn stated is not happy with how long this has taken to get this taken care of. He asked that if at the next meeting, if nothing has still not been done, we vote to take action and get it cleaned up. The Trustees all agree that two years is a long time to still not have that cleaned up.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Mrs. Ramsey thanked the Fire Chief and his crew for their runs that they had to make to her parent's house for her father. It is very much appreciated. Chief said he will share her gratitude with the crew.
- She reported that she has received many phone calls, text and e-mails about the accident that Chief talked about at Middleboro Rd and 22/3. She wants to see what they can do about getting a flashing light or something at Middleboro Rd. to help with these accidents. She is going to reach out and see how to get this done. The trustees agreed.

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Fiscal Business: Mrs. VonHolle, Fiscal Officer:

• Presented the trustees with the Proposed 2021 Budget. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve the Proposed 2021 Budget. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

• 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. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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