

August 24, 2021

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on August 24, 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 present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Meeting Minutes:

The trustees read the minutes from the August 10, 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: Fire Chief Harrison reported:

- Bid Packets for new tanker have gone out. They are to be received back by 9/28 to be selected at the 10/12 meeting.
- Bids for security cameras. Our old ones have gone bad.
- Server is 9 years old – having internet issues. Repair price is \$3,000 or to replace it is \$6,000. He would like to replace it. Mr. Blanton made a motion to replace the old server with a new one. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- Assisted Hamilton Township on a run Sunday Aug 22nd of the missing young girl. Community outreach was amazing. Unfortunately, she was found in the 15-acre pond near her house. She had drowned.
- Three new full timers have passed all their qualification testing. Start dates will be: 9/3 Ryan McLaughlin, 9/17 Trevor Porginski and 10/1 Alex McKay. Mr. Blanton made a motion to the new three full time employees start dates. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mike Yetter presented:

- Updates on violation letters:
 1. 5054 Salem Rd. – Letter has been sent out. Mr. Blanton confirmed that we will be mowing the property and will have the sheriff's office there with again.
 2. Justin Gandee Property- Salem Rd. – Affidavit has been signed – and contempt was filed on 8/16 – update – They have mowed the property. Must have received their letter.
 3. 7746 Gheils-Carroll Rd. – Mr. Yetter will go back out and see if there is a violation.
 4. 3584 E. Foster Maineville Rd. – Junk Vehicle complaint - Mr. Yetter will go take a look
- Mr. Yetter followed up with legal counsel per Mr. Kilburn's request to make sure that our zoning is doing all they legally can. Mr. Kilburn shared some zoning information he acquired from the Township Trustees workshops from Columbus in Jan 2020. Mr. Yetter will share the info with our legal counsel to review.
- Mr. Blanton asked Mr. Yetter to look into the tent camping or living in a tent on a property is legal.
- Mrs. Ramsey asked Mr. Yetter to re-visit the Bishop property on Foster Maineville Rd. She has received complaints again that there are people living in a camper again.

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Guest present:

- Mr. John Gomez from Congressman Steve Chabot's office attending tonight's meeting on behalf of the Congressman. He gave an update on the office current events. Gave his name and phone number if anyone has any concerns or issues to please reach out. His mobil #513-276-7115 and email john.gomez@mail.house.gov
- Mrs. Ramsey thanked him for coming. Mr. Blanton told him to keep up the fight.
- Mr. Gatman thanked Mr. Blanton for calling and getting the street light fixed.
- Mrs. McIntosh mentioned concerns of people speeding on Bennett Rd. where her mother resides.
- Judy Keck asked for clarification on the rules of someone living in a camper on property that is not agricultural. Mr. Yetter said that if it is not agricultural use property – they cannot. She said that he needed to check out Trovillo Rd.

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Need arm mower to cut back johnson grass at 3884 Anderson Rd.
- Thanked the fire dept for blowing out the culvert pipe – really helped us out.
- Ask Road crew to arm mower on curve points on intersections. Example: Halls Creek and Trovillo, Anderson and 123 behind state sign, Bennett and Rossburg

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Road crew is mowing and spraying along the roads. Starting to bush hog.
- Waynesville Rd. - Freeze Co. did a great job on culvert. They had to do more than what was expected. There may be extra charges on the invoice but it was needed.
- Bridge work by the County on Waynesville Road is completed. They did a great job as well.
- Received phone call about Ward Rd. Need to set post at the right-away to block off from private property.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Informed Mr. Yetter that he needs to remove Robbie Haines from zoning board due to health issues. He called and asked her to let him know. He said he will.

Cemetery updates:

Augusts 2021 Cemetery

08/26/21 Cora Ward Sec 5 Lot 164 North Corner Ashes Family

Fiscal Business: Vicky VonHolle, Fiscal Officer

- Reported that the 2019/2020 Audit is still being worked on. She also thanked the Fire Chief for helping with finding requested records.
- 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

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion. Mrs. Ramsey thanked everyone for coming.

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