

August 25, 2020

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on August 25, 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, Bob Stewart and Joel Leitner

- Mr. Leitner is the owner of the property along 22/3 that caught fire. He came to tonight's meeting to introduce himself to the trustees and to thank them for their patience. He asked the trustees for 60 days to have the property cleaned up. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to accept Mr. Leitner's request of 60 days from today's date to have the property cleaned up. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey - yea

Mr. Kilburn – Yea

Cemetery updates: None at this time.

Meeting Minutes: The trustees read the minutes from the August 11, 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

Fire Department: Chief Harrison reported:

- Excited to report that we received the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the US Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$198,560.95 with a 5% matching funds of \$9,928.05 for a total approved budget of \$208,489.00 for new equipment. The trustees thanked Chief Harrison for all his hard work and time in applying for these grants. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept the AFG in the total amount of \$208,489.00 Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey – yea

Mr. Kilburn – yea

- Presented July Monthly Report – runs are down a little from last month.
- Warren County purchased a new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch). They have been working on this for more than five years. This will help dispatching and tracking units headed to the scene. It will help get Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement to incidents faster.
- New Phone system being installed this week. Should be up and running soon. We will be cutting several lines from Century Link, which will help us cut cost.
- Reminder – Fire Levy Renewal 3.9 mil on November 3rd Ballot. NO TAX INCREASE!
- Presented a 5 minute video courtesy of Tri-health of the story of Diane Fisher and her heart attack. Chief Harrison said he could not be more proud of his dedicated staff. They are always learning and this story shows just how that pays off. The Trustees could not agree more. Mr. Blanton said this hits to close to home from his own personal experience from having a heart attack. Mrs. Ramsey agreed – from her mother's experience and the way the crew responded to her. Mr. Kilburn stated "Everyone loves a Fireman". Everyone agreed.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mike Yetter reported:

- Regarding the Trustees giving Mr. Leitner 60 days – this will be notice as his final notice and he will have to have this done or it will go to the courts. Mr. Leitner said he understood and again thanked the trustees for the extra time.
- He received a call reporting that it looks like someone is living in a camper on Alvin Bishops property. He has mailed them a violation letter.
- High Grass and Junk Final notice letter has gone out to property owner Don McQuitty on Salem Rd.
- Grass was gut on Morrow Rossburg Rd by Bob Stewart.
- The property owner on Mason Morrow Milgrove Rd. and still looking for someone to mow her property. Mr. Stewart said he will go visit her.
- Trovillo Rd. property has been somewhat cleaned up. The old explorer is still sitting there. He has informed him he has to have it removed.
- Received building permits for Woodward Claypool property.
- Prosecutors Office has implemented a new Matrix System for contact and cases for legal counsel. You can still contact them by phone.
- Re-write meeting for Articles 1 and 2 are underway by Zoom meetings. He will keep us posted.

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Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Working with the Road crew and have installed several of the new signs as well as the New Township signs.
- He was contacted by property owner Jerry Martin about a tree along his property. Mr. Martin has agreed to cut and remove the tree if we will drop it. Mr. Blanton went and looked at it – it is in the rightaway and he makes a motion that we drop it to prevent hazard in the future if it were to fall. Mr. Kilburn agreed and second the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey - yea

Mr. Kilburn – Yea

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Mr. Kilburn presented quotes for a new arm mower. Our old one is Old, always in need of repair and we need to have one that we can use and keep the roadways clear when needed. Quotes were John Deere at \$128,707 and Southeastern at \$131,775.00. Mrs. Ramsey agrees with Mr. Kilburn but ask the question should we Finance it or Buy it? Mr. Blanton agrees as well and has the same concern as Mrs. Ramsey. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept the John Deere quote for the E6105 Side Arm Mower and go with the 60 month Finance option. We will put the old one on Gov Deals to sell. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey - yea

Mr. Kilburn – Yea

Fiscal Business: Mrs. VonHolle, Fiscal Officer:

- Presented Appropriation Modification #20-04 for the Fire fund in the amount of \$30,000.00. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept Appropriation Modification #20-04 in the amount of \$30,000.00. 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. 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 7:50pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey – yea

Mr. Kilburn – yea