

September 8, 2020

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on September 8, 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 Glancy, Adger Thomann and Rob States

- Mr. Gatman asked if a few signs on his road could be updated, they are in bad shape. Mr. Blanton said that he will take a look at them.
- Mr. Adger Thomann, property owner at 4321 Thornview Dr. of Briarwood Subdivision stopped by the meeting to drop off a hard drive that has pictures of their roads in their subdivision. He asked the board to take a look at them and see when they can be fixed. Mr. Kilburn asked him to stay for the meeting. He said he couldn't he was headed to work. Mrs. Ramsey said that they will look at the pictures.
- Mr. Rob States, property owner at 3407 Gray Fox Tr of Laskeside Subdivision attended tonight's meeting to discuss street repairs. Mr. Blanton explained that the Township has 24 miles of roadway and the cost is about \$100,000 a mile. Mr. Kilburn noted that we have roads that are gravel and have not been paved. Mr. States said that he understood what they were talking about, but he asked if there is another way of getting it done rather than prioritizing. It's been 24 years since his road has been paved and it sounds like it will a while before it gets done again. He explained that he is a concerned citizen and that he is here asking what he can do to help the community and get this done in a more timely manner. Mr. Blanton explained that it's all a matter of money and that the township doesn't have the funds to do more than what we have been doing. In 2020 we have spent around \$190,000.00. He explained that it doesn't cost as much to do chip and seal, but that too has to have repairs and maintenance done to it. Mr. States asked if the Trustees would be open to a Levy for roads like Hamilton Township? Mrs. Ramsey said that Salem Township is a rural area and we don't have the businesses like Hamilton Township has. There are a lot of elderly in our township and she believes it would be a hard levy to pass. The other trustees agreed. Mr. States asked if there could be a Road assessment figured like the light assessments for the Township to recoup some of the funds to keep investing them in to the roads. Mrs. Ramsey said she did not know that as well as the other trustees said they did not know that as well. Mr. States told the trustees that he is here to help. He asked for a copy of the Township budget. Mr. Blanton thanked him for coming to the meeting and again stressed that the trustees manage what we have with what budget we have. We are rural and we are doing the best we can by prioritizing. Mr. Blanton said that he will e-mail Mr. States the 2020 Township budget.

Cemetery updates: None at this time.

Meeting Minutes: The trustees read the minutes from the August 25, 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 was out of town for tonight's meeting.

Zoning: None at this time

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Complaints about the birds in the cemetery picking the flowers apart. Mr. Blanton asked Mr. Kilburn if he could get a hold of the game warden and ask if he has any advice. Mr. Kilburn said he would.
- Had to have repairs done to F550 – Tires and ball joints. Took it to Sumeral Tire / Dent Spring in Sharonville.

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Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Mr. Kilburn asked if we had a PO for the arm mower. Mrs. VonHolle said that she did not. She is waiting to hear back from the vendor as to who the Purchase order needs to be made out to.

Fiscal Business: Mrs. VonHolle, Fiscal Officer:

- Presented Resolution #20-01 Street Lighting 2020 Assessment for the 2021 tax year. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept Resolution #20-01 Street Lighting 2020 Assessment for the 2021 tax year. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

- Presented Mowing assessment for 6307 Morrow Rossburg Rd. in the amount of \$300.00. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the Mowing Assessment in the amount of \$300.00 for the property of 6307 Morrow Rossburg Rd. Mr. Kilburn 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 7:35pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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