

September 9, 2025

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on September 9, 2025 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 Trustees Ralph Blanton and 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 12, 2025 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

Guest: Adam Nice, Gary Paynter, Brian Phillips, Lynn Sullivan, Lora & David T. Smith, Kristin & Jason Smith, David & Jan Yates, Kristen & Justin Jones, Viole Jones, Alaina Warnock, Liam Jones and Jeff & Nichole Warnock

Fire Department - Chief Moenster reported:

- Proud to report that Full time employee Sean Oaks passed his Paramedic Certification. All Trustees asked him to Congratulate him on their behalf.

Administrator/Public Safety Director – Chief Moenster reported on behalf of Mr. Harrison:

- Presented MOU from University of Cincinnati (UC) regarding the Ohio Cyber Range Institute Memorandum of Understanding with Ohio-Persistent Cyber Improvement Partners Program. Mr. Blanton made a motion to enter into MOU with UC. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- Received new administrator truck. Lights have been added. Sending out to get decals
- Update on 4414 Mason Morrow Milgrove Rd. – Still waiting to hear back from owner.
- Sent Food Pantry lease agreement renewal to legal counsel.

Special Guest Adam Nice, Township Legal Counsel – attend tonight's meeting at the request from the trustees regarding the discussion of a Township Noise Regulation. Mrs. Ramsey called upon Mr. Nice to explain the options for the Township to put a Noise Regulation into place.

In order for Mr. Nice to speak on behalf of the trustees, he asked if they waive privilege of communication.

Roll called - Mrs. Ramsey - Yea, Mr. Blanton – Yea, Mr. Kilburn – Yea.

Mr. Nice reported that there is not currently a noise regulation for the township. There can be one put into place, however there are limits to what can be done. Example there are exemption to the regulation such as, Agriculture use and events on agriculture properties.

The trustees heard from several guest from tonight's meeting, speaking for and against the noise regulation.

The Trustees chose to have open discussion on the decision to adopt a noise ordinance or not.

Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to not adopt a noise reregulation at this time. She just doesn't see where it will help with the current or future issues due to the agriculture exemption. Mr. Kilburn second the motion in total agreement.

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

******Note – I have sent this to Adam – for his approval on verbiage. I will let you know if he had changes/corrections to what he thinks I should add/delete.**** Let me know if you have any.**

Guest Comments:

- Mr. Gary Paynter asked to speak to the trustees and the guest attending tonight's meeting on behalf of the White Oak Farm.
 - They acknowledge that there have been noise complaints regarding the outings at the venue. They appreciate and welcome the feedback. They have made every attempt to take care of those complaints. Many changes have been made and are in place to dissolve the issues.
 - They are, have been and will continue to be good and respectful neighbors to everyone around them
 - They invite anyone to come and check out the Farm/Facility

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mike Yetter reported:

- 4- Violations cases/letter have been sent
- 7 – new permits have been issued since last meeting so far
- Variance for Cook Residence on Mason Morrow Milgrove Rd. was approved at the August 13, 2020 meeting.

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Wants to acknowledge Administrator Harrison on doing a great job. Everyone agreed.
- Would like to have Tools at purchased for new Township Building. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to have Mr. Harrison purchase Tools for the Township Building. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

- Waiting to hear back from Legal counsel regarding allowing under-speed vehicles on Township roads. Such as licensed ATV's, Golf Carts, etc.

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Legal counsel is sending out a letter on our behalf regarding the purchasing of the property (4.46 acres) next to the cemetery. Waiting to hear back from them.
- Received one bid to frame new township building – Office and Restroom area from Kevin Cozzen. For material and labor in the amount of \$4,700.00. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept the bid to frame the office and restroom in the new township building from Kevin Cozzen in the amount of \$4,700.00. Mrs. Ramset second the motion.

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

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported: Regarding the new admin truck – there was a \$2,000.00 rebate on the truck we purchased. We will be receiving that check in the mail.

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Cemetery updates:

April 2025 Cemetery

04/05/25	Linda Lou Bailey	Sec 5 Lot 126	NW Corner	Vales
04/26/25	Shirley Gilmore	Sec 4 Lot 153	Center West	Davis Weaver

May 2025 Cemetery – None

June 2025 Cemetery

06/25/25	Joann C. LaFollette	Sec 5 Lot 172	SW #2	Vales
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July 2025 Cemetery

07/03/25	Virgie E. Brown	Sec 4 Lot 22	Center East	Tufts
07/15/25	Agnes McIntosh	Sec 5 Lot 191	NW #2	Vales
07/21/25	Robert L. Motz	Sec 5 Lot 94	NW Corner-Ashes	Vales

August 2025 Cemetery

08/08/25	Brandy M. Kilburn	Sec 4 Lot 156	SE #2	Vales
08/12/25	Russell D. Kilburn	Sec 4 Lot 156	NW Corner	Stine

September 2025 Cemetery

09/04/25	Tony B Williams	Sec 5 Lot 126	NE Corner	Vales
09/05/25	Ray Burger	Sec 5 Lot 20	SE #2	Vales

Fiscal Business Vicky VonHolle, Fiscal Officer reported:

- Presented Payroll and Bills and any Purchase Orders and Supplemental Appropriations/Transfers for approval. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve Payroll and Bills and any Purchase Orders and Supplemental Appropriations/Transfers for approval. 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 8:05pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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