

September 22, 2020

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on September 22, 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, Bob Stewart, Ron Brinkman and Mike Rust

Cemetery updates: Mr. Kilburn asked about the run off going into the neighbor's backyard. Mr. Blanton asked Chief Harrison if the fire department could come and blow out about 50 to 60 feet of pipe that is clogged. He said they would come take a look at it.

Meeting Minutes: The trustees read the minutes from the September 8, 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 presented:

- Received one bid for the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Mrs. Ramsey opened the one bid and it was from Vogelpohl Fire Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$195,132.25 including additional options. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept the bid from Vogelpohl and other options up to the grant amount available. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

- Swearing in Ceremony for new full-time employees at the October 13, 2020 meeting. The trustees agreed.
- Sad to report that he received the resignation of Rachel Cople. Her last day will be October 5, 2020. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to accept the resignation of Rachel Cople. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

- There is about \$37,000.00 available in reimbursable funds through the CARES ACT Federal Grant. Presented Resolution 20-02 to apply for the CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund Local Government Assistance Program. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve Resolution 20-02. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

- Mrs. Ramsey asked about the status of the LED Sign out front. Chief Harrison said he is waiting on parts that are covered under warranty.
- Mrs. Ramsey asked how the campaign for the Fire Levy Renewal is going. Chief Harrison said they started putting out signs this week. The talk sounds positive. They will have one flyer coming out next week from Minuteman Press.

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mike Yetter reported:

- Salem Rd. – High Grass – Received recommendations from Legal counsel. Mr. Blanton made a motion to declare the property a public nuisance. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Kilburn recommends that we pay the fee to have a WC Deputy accompany our employees to the property to mow and use the weed trimmer. Mr. Yetter will follow to proceed. Mr. Blanton will be the contact person for the deputy to coordinate with the employees.

- 3791 Bramble Bush Dr. – Violation letter going out.
- Bishop property – Violation letter going out.
- 5001 Mason Morrow Milgrove Rd. – Property owner found a contractor to mow. They should be out there this week.
- Gandy Property – Property owner received letter of violation of junk vehicles and contacted Mr. Yetter and told him he didn't agree he needed to move the vehicles. It now has gone to the Prosecutors Office. They will set up a hearing and more than likely the judge will give him so many days to move it and more than likely a fine per day until he moves them. Mr. Kilburn asked why junk cars go to court but high grass doesn't. Different ORC/Zoning findings.
- McQuitty Property – High grass violation letter going out.

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Zoning: Zoning Inspector Mike Yetter reported – continued:

- 3839 Ireland – Shed on his property in the front yard is in violation. He will apply for a variance and if not granted he will have to move it.
- 4610 Ward Rd. – Brady Property – On going under investigation.
- Woodward Claypool – Will follow up with him and see if he received a permit and if he has removed the cars out front.
- Trovillo Rd. – Cleaned up
- 5217 St. Rt. 22/3 – Vehicle in front of apartments. Send violation letter to owner of property.
- 4934 St. Rt. 22/3 - Junk Vehicle violation as well as windows busted out. He will send violation letter.
- 5674 Lake Rd. – Neece House – High grass violation – needs mowed.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Visited Twin Lakes subdivision and most roads are in good shape. Joint in middle needs repairs or repaved. Mr. Blanton and Mr. Kilburn visited as well and agree.
- Visited Briarwood subdivision and it needs repairs. Mr. Kilburn suggests that we sweep it, clean it up and we can see if we can patch it in.
- Woodward Claypool – breaking down and needs looked at. Mr. Kilburn said that the hill is sliding. Suggest that we put some pavement in it.

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Bennett Rd. – Road is in bad shape in several spots. Need to do some work on it. Currently lines are worn out from last time they chip and sealed and put lines on it. He is also going to contact the WC Sheriff's office and ask them to monitor the traffic and speeding on the road. Going to check Speed Limit signage as well.
- Suggest that they start thinking about a short list for next year's road repairs. Shawhan, Twin Lakes, Ireland, Bennet and Waynesville.
- Looking at list of recommendations from Insurance Co. regarding the fuel tanks in maintenance building. The diesel one is hooked up to furnace. He asked Fire Chief to come out and take a look at the Road diesel one. He believes that it is fire retardant – double walled. Chief Harrison said that we will meet him out there and take a look at it.
- Asked Fiscal Officer Mrs. VonHolle to explain the process of the purchase of the arm mower verses the financing of it. She explained that once the purchase order has been written the total amount is encumbered for that purchase and cannot be used for anything else. The difference is that when financing and making payments, the funds stay in the bank to draw interest. Note: is not very much at this time with interest rates. Mr. Blanton made a motion to buy rather than finance the Arm mower for the amount of \$125,320.44 (includes tractor and machete). Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Mr. Kilburn presented information on a company that does crack sealing. About \$100 per joint. He asked Mr. Blanton will give them a call and ask them to come out and demonstrate. Mr. Blanton thought it sounded reasonable and will give them a call.
- Road crew working on putting out new signage. Asked Mr. Kilburn for a few more arrow signs. He said he will look to see if they have them. Mr. Kilburn said that they are doing a good job.

Fiscal Business: Mrs. VonHolle, Fiscal Officer:

- 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

Mrs. Ramsey noted that the Barrett paving invoice came in about \$20,000.00 less than expected.

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.

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