

November 9, 2021

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on November 9, 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 October 26, 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:

- Presented quote from Anthem for Health Insurance renewal for 2022. Still an increase from 2021 of 14% but compared to 22% from current Medical Mutual. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to go with Anthem for Health Insurance for 2022 Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

- Reported that he is waiting on final quote for Medic Unit. We will be using the remaining balance of the ARPA Funds to go toward the purchase the new Medic Unit. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the purchase of the new Medic Unit with the help of the balance of the ARPA Funds. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- Mr. Blanton made a motion for Chief Harrison to sign the contract on behalf of the Township for the new Medic Unit. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

- Reminded trustees that we need their direct deposit forms as soon as possible. We want to start the direct deposit on the first pay in December - if possible.

Zoning: Mrs. Ramsey informed everyone that Zoning Commission needs two spots replaced and one alternate replaced on their committee. Mrs. Ramsey asked Mr. Ron Stocker if he would be interested. He said yes he would. Mrs. Ramsey recommended Ron Stocker as replacement for the Zoning Commission. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Ramsey asked Mrs. Kathleen Applegate if she would be interested. She said yes she would. Mrs. Ramsey recommended Mrs. Kathleen Applegate as replacement for the Zoning Commission. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Guest comments:

- Representative from ODOT, Brianna Hetzel attended tonight’s meeting due the phone calls and e-mails that they have received with questions and concerns from the intersection of St Rt 22/3 and Middleboro. She presented Crash Data from 2010 to present. She stated that even though the numbers are not good – they are not eligible for Safety Funding. If it was – they would probably suggest a round-a-bout. She plans to attend a Washington Township meeting as well – to get feedback from them as well. She opened the floor to any suggestions that anyone may have. A few suggestions were:
 - a. Warning signs along St. Rt. 22 & 3 that there is an intersection ahead.
 - b. Flashing beacons/LED Stop Ahead Warning Sign on North and South Middleboro Rd. This would have to be done by the county – but could potentially qualify for abbreviated safety funding application.
 - c. Someone asked about rumble strips – They are loud and not used in a residential area. This would affect houses along Middleboro Rd.

Mrs. Ramsey thanked her for coming and asked her to keep us posted with any updates.

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Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Ward Rd. update: Received two quotes for fencing. Ashlee Fence at \$1974.00 and Blanchester Lumber at \$1,725.00 Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to go with Blanchester Lumber at the \$1,725.00 for the fencing at the end of Ward Rd. Mr. Kilburn second the motion.

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

- Shutts is working on the steps at the Food pantry.
- Suggested that we get a new quote for a new maintenance building. It will need to be longer in depth and the doors will need to be wider. Suggested we include concrete with the quote. Do it in two phases. Mr. Kilburn will get a new updated quote.
- Heart of the Outdoors owns property that we thought belonged to the Township for the cemetery. Mr. Blanton would like to make an offer to purchase it. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion for Mr. Blanton to make an offer of \$10,000.00 to purchase this property that is next to the cemetery. Mr. Kilburn second the motion.

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

- State Mileage report from Warren County Engineers office for ODOT. Mr. Blanton noticed that the report showed a reduction in the mileage number. He contacted the office and they are correcting it.
- 2022 Ohio Township Association conference is coming up in January 2022 in Columbus. Mr. Blanton said he has taken care of the Hotel Reservations for all of us.
- Thanked everyone for the votes and support. He looks forward to serving another four years.

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Follow up on 5045 Rude Lane: A three-day eviction notice was filed and served and he is happy to report the current tenant is currently moving out. The neighbors stopped in before the meeting started to thank Mr. Kilburn for all his time and work to help them with this situation.
- Asked Mr. Blanton to remind the guys to get the road signs out for the Christmas Ranch. It will be opening soon. He said he will.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Bramble Bush update: Asked Mr. Blanton to thank the road guys for going out and putting up the caution tape. She needs to follow up with Mr. Petty and see if he has gotten with the property owners.
- Cemetery looks great. Landscaping company has really done a good job this year.
- Achterman Rd. – reminder of the guys and go out there and drop a few trees weekly.
- Asked Mr. Blanton about the 550 Truck. He said we got it back and now they are working on the salt trucks.
- Asked Mr. Blanton how many days that Greg Webb has to use of vacation. He has 5 left to use before the end of the year.
- Any update on if and when Michael Gilbert can come back to help us out. No update that he has heard.
- Congratulated Mr. Blanton and Mr. Kilburn on winning the election.

Cemetery updates: None at this time.

Fiscal Business: Vicky 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

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