

November 10, 2020

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on November 10, 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 and Bob Stewart.

Also present was Teresa Paynter with a few questions:

- 1.) She asked what she needs to do to look at putting a street light in at the end of Ward Rd. Mr. Blanton explained the cost that comes with installing street lights. She asked about one being installed on a telephone pole that is already there. Mr. Blanton said he will follow up with Duke Energy.
- 2.) What is the protocol to get the speed limit reduced on S. Waynesville Rd.? Mr. Blanton explained we are researching what the procedure is. We don't yet know how to do it or who decides.
- 3.) Open Farm on November 28 and they have concerns about traffic from the Big Tree Plantation and the Christmas Ranch.

Cemetery updates: None

Meeting Minutes: The trustees read the minutes from the October 27, 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:

- Informed the trustees that they received the Loeb Grant in the amount of \$19,450.00. This grant is to be used on the Fire house.
- He helped Fiscal Officer and uploaded 3 new versions on the UAN computer.
- Requested to promote Dotson and Principato to Captains effective November 27, 2020. Mr. Blanton made a motion to promote Dotson and Principato to Captains effective November 27, 2020. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Levy Passed. Went very well with 74%.

Zoning: None

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Bennett Rd. – Talked with legal counsel on changing the speed limit on that road from 45 to 35 and we have no authority to do so. Now do we have the authority to say no trucks allowed. We can leave the No Trucks signage that is already there. Mr. Blanton explained we are researching what the procedure is. We don't yet know how to do it or who decides. We do know that we would have to have a traffic study done at our expense.
- Rebecca Station road project is complete. Everyone agreed it looks Great! Mr. Blanton made a motion to getting a price to do Shadowlawn as well this year if they can still get it in. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- 2020/2021 conference cancelled.
- Road crew needs a second Blower. Priced one at \$519.96. Mr. Blanton made a motion to purchase a Blower for the price of \$519.96. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Need a new hot water heater in the Cemetery maintenance building. Mr. Blanton made a motion to hire Preferred Plumbing for labor and material to install a new hot water heater. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

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Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Would like to look into the idea of a Niches area at the cemetery. There are more and more cremations and it would help with demand and we could sell them. He will look more into it and report back. Everyone agreed they would like to more about it.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Reported that street lights are out on Brook Dr. Mr. Blanton said that he will make the call to Duke Energy to report it.
- Asked if Salem Rd got mowed. Mr. Blanton reported that it did. A deputy came out to issue a warrant so there was no trouble from the property owner. He will follow up with legal counsel on how we are to calculate for the township time to be applied to an assessment to the property owner.
- Ask for follow up from Mr. Blanton on Camper at Thornview. He said the camper has been moved. Also to follow up on Brook – he has not seen any vehicles there to talk to the home owners about parking on the street.
- Asked the Fire Chief if the conference room was available for Thursday November 19, 2020 at 6:30pm for a second Zoning meeting. He believes it is but he will get back with her.
- She asked the Fire Chief if he would see about putting a zoning link on the Township website. He said he would. She asked him to contact Planning if he had any questions on exactly what they were looking for.

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

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea

Mrs. Ramsey – yea

Mr. Kilburn – yea