

December 12, 2023

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on December 12, 2023 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 November 28, 2023 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:

- Chief Harrison proposed 4% wage increase for 2024 for Asst Chief Moenster. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve a 4% wage increase for Fire Chief Harrison and Asst Chief Moenster for the 2024 year. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

Guest comments:

- Gary Gatman asked what is going on with the Marshalls business in town? Mr. Kilburn reported that is the Village of Morrow zoning. Also – asked what is going on with the Old Papa’s restaurant? Mrs. Ramsey reported that they are not going to sell the building and they are planning to re-open the restaurant.

Zoning: Mr. Blanton reported that Ron Kilburn has resigned as Zoning Inspector for personal reasons. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to accept the resignation of Ron Kilburn due to personal reasons. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

- Mrs. Ramsey reported that previous zoning inspector Mike Yetter is interested in coming back. She has a meeting with him on Thursday December 14 at the Fire House to discuss the duties and see if he is ready to come back. Mr. Blanton made a motion that if he can do the job, we hire him back. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

Trustee Heath Kilburn Reported – Nothing at this time

Trustee Ralph Blanton Reported:

- Ward Rd. Update – Still working on it.
 - Found out that there are no road records with Warren County for the survey.
 - Spoke with property owner Ray Conn – told him our goal was to put it back to a one lane gravel road.
 - Did not ask if he was interested in selling the propertyMr. Blanton made a motion to for us to rent machine from arts rental and see if we can do the work ourselves. Mr. Kilburn second the motion.

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

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Trustee Ralph Blanton Reported continued:

- Shadow Lawn Culvert update – Estimate from WC Engineers for 30” came in at \$93,000.00. WC Engineers office is working on specs for bid project. In the meantime – Heath Kilburn will work on getting quotes.
- 2024 pay increases for road crew – Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve a 4% increase for the two road crew employees. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

Trustee Susan Ramsey Reported:

- Swearing in for new Term – Mr. Blanton had the honors to swear in Mrs. Ramsey.

Cemetery updates:

December 2023 Cemetery

12/05/23	Belinda Pressinger	Sec 5 Lot 159	NE #2	Vale's
12/09/23	Verna Rae Oeder	Sec 5 Lot 5	NW Corner	Vale's
12/11/23	Roy Fetty Jr	Sec 4 Lot 273	NW #2	
12/11/23	Peggy Fetty	Sec 4 Lot 273	Center West	
12/15/23	Larry Helton	Sec 5 Lot 156	West Center	Vale's

Fiscal Business: Vicky VonHolle, Fiscal Officer

- Presented Resolution 11-2023 to approve the Annual Temporary Appropriation for 2024. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve the Annual Temporary Appropriation for 2024. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Presented the trustees with payroll and bills that are ready for payment. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the payroll and 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, Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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