

December 13, 2022

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on December 13, 2022 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 Heath Kilburn and Ralph Blanton present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Meeting Minutes:

- The trustees read the minutes from the November 22, 2022 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: Asst Fire Chief Moenster reported:

- Request to hire Part-time Fireman Andrew Riddiough. Mr. Blanton made a motion to hire Part-time Fireman Andrew Riddiough. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- As of today - we are currently 120 runs ahead from last years total.

Zoning Update: Mrs. Ramsey reported on behalf of the Zoning inspector Stephanie Austin:

- BZA met on December 6, 2022 and passed the Conditional Use.

Guest comments: None at this time. Greg Gatman, Ron Brinkman, Gary Paynter were in attendance.

Trustee Ralph Blanton Reported:

- New Building update:
 - Zoning application has been submitted. Building permit fees from the county will be waived, however we will still have to pay the state fees. The contractor will apply for all permits and hopefully get started by the first of the year.
 - Will be contacting Duke for new building – we want all underground if possible.
 - Mr. Blanton suggested that we waive all zoning fees for our new construction. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion for us to waive all zoning fees for our new project. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

- New 6105 Tractor quote came in at \$106,944.00 That includes Tractor, Bushhog and bucket. (We will need a new set of forks) Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept the quote. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Paving for 2023 – estimate from the county to do Briarwood, all of Morrow Meadows and Northern end of Gilmour Rd. came in at \$280,000.00 Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept and submit to the Engineers office. Mr. Kilburn second the motion.

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

- Cemetery Deeds – Currently if a cemetery lot is sold at the time of death – the purchase is made and receipted in by the fiscal officer. No deed is created because the lot is being used immediately. Mr. Blanton proposes that starting 2023 the Fiscal Officer creates a deed for any and all sales of lots for the cemetery so we can have better record keeping of all lots sold. Everyone agreed. Discussion of pre-sale of open and close is tabled.

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Trustee Ralph Blanton Reported continued:

- Road Crew Annual wage increase:

- Mr. Blanton made a motion for a 3% increase for the two road crew personnel. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Mrs. Ramsey stated that she felt the road crew should have worked on cutting down the trees on Achterman Rd. instead the property owners went out there and took care of it.
- Mr. Kilburn agreed and stated that the road crew did not get the signage out in time for the Christmas Ranch. Tis is something every year that they have to do. Mrs. Ramsey agreed. She called to remind them to get the signs out.
- Mr. Blanton stated that getting the signs out just got missed – that is no excuse and he will talk to them about it.

Trustee Health Kilburn Reported:

- Movie being filmed in Salem Township. Featuring Robert DeNiro.

Trustee Susan Ramsey Reported: Nothing at this time.

Cemetery updates:

December 2022 Cemetery

12/07/22	Chester Green	Sec 5	Lot 73	Center East	Vales
12/10/22	Mildred Dykes	Sec 4	Lot 278	SE Corner #2	Vales

Fiscal Business: Vicky VonHolle, Fiscal Officer

- Presented the trustees with Resolution 2022-11 2023 Annual Temporary Budget. Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve and accept Resolution 2022-11 2023 Annual Temporary Budget. Mr. Kilburn 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. Mr. Kilburn 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:

- Mr. Kilburn made a motion to cancel the December 27, 2022 meeting. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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