

July 11, 2006

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met July 11, 2006 in regular session at the Township Hall for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. Chairman Dick Kilburn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with members Rob Glancy and Dick Dare present.

Others present were Fred LaFollette, Bill Harrison, Richard Bierley, Gene Sharpe, Carl Burns, Bill Viox, Brenda Kranzmeyer, Carol Helsinger, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Bingaman, Ralph Blanton, Bob Blankenship, Rob States and Greg Gatman.

The minutes were read and approved and posted in the township hall.

Cemetery Update

No burials for this time period.

Pete Christiansen Zoning

Ron Bingaman, who is the brother-in-law of Pete Christiansen, was present to discuss the zoning violation for Mr. Christiansen. He stated the property is for sale and they plan to move all the junk. They are looking for a place for Pete to move to now. Richard told him that he is in the process of filing charges again. He wrote Pete a letter stating all the violations. Dick Kilburn stated that he thought Richard should continue with the process as he has given Mr. Christiansen plenty of time. Richard drafted a letter in a way that would allow for an extension. Mr. Bingaman asked for a list of all the violations cited last month. The trustees agreed they were not in favor of granting another extension.

Viox Property

Bill Viox brought before the trustees a copy of his property on which there are 3 lots. He sold 2 lots several years ago. He was told he needed 135 feet road frontage to sell the other lot. However, the trustees told him, that since it was deeded prior to the new code he would fall under the old code where the amount of road frontage is 125 feet.

Theft problem in cemetery

Brenda Kranzmeyer and Carol Helsinger were present to voice a concern over the continued theft of solar lights and urns in the cemetery. Dick Kilburn said there are several options to help control the problem. There are still gates there, but they are not in operating condition and the trustees didn't really like the idea of locking the cemetery up because people would complain about not being able to get in when they wanted. Dick Dare mentioned the possibility of having a gate that would open and close at specific times.

Mrs. Kranzmeyer told the board they had also gone to Morrow Council meeting and they said they would beef up the patrols around the cemetery. Rob Glancy stated he had priced security cameras. The cost would be around \$250 for the installation of 2 cameras and the monthly fee would be \$75 per month. The trustees decided this would be a start in

solving the problem and Dick Dare made a motion to install the two cameras. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Kilburn, yea Glancy, yea

Sample Property

Bill Sample, a resident of Morrow Woodville Road was present along with his brother-in-law to find out what options he had for his property. He had a business in his home, and then moved it out, but his wife is in poor health and he now would like to move it back to the home operation. However, the business has grown and he needs a warehouse for storage. He stated the only trucks coming in would be the UPS delivery truck. There are no walk in sales, only over the Internet. Rob Glancy told him if it didn't meet the zoning code, he could apply for a variance. They asked if there was any way to get around the code, but the trustees told him, they would have to go through the zoning board.

Mowing on Cress property

Carl Burns was present to voice a complaint about the matter of the high grass on the corner of Ward Road. He stated that someone complained and then Mr. Cress was told it was him. Now Mr. Cress is unhappy with Mr. Burns. However, in looking at the minutes, it was only stated at the meeting that "someone" had called to complain. No names were mentioned.

Miscellaneous Zoning Complaints

Dick Kilburn asked about the Wyatt property. There is still an old trailer in the weeds. The last time he checked it did have a valid license plate.

Carl Burns mentioned the trailer park and the fact that there are trailers along the road with for sale signs on them.

Richard talked to Mr. Lynch and told him exactly what he needed to do to get the fence up. He had a message from Mr. Lynch stating he was working with the county. The trustees requested Richard send a letter to Mr. Lynch giving him 30 days to get the problem solved.

Rob States, who lives on Wolf Run, was present to discuss a problem with the neighbors in the area. He stated that two owners sent letters to all the homeowners saying they plan to sue them if they can't sue Countrytyme Development. There is a problem with water run-off since the new homes were put in. The road has been turned over to the township now. Mr. States asked if the township could put some culverts in to help with the problem. Mr. States said that Sanky Price is one of the neighbors who are concerned, but he is willing to discuss the matter. The trustees decided to meet Saturday morning at 10:00 to look at the problem.

Security Lights on Lake Road

Greg Gatman asked about streetlights. There are several in the area that are out. He asked who took care of replacing them. Fred told him he needed to call CG&E, but he will also call them. He told him it helps to have the resident call, too. He also asked about the cracks in Lake and Salem Roads.

Fire Department

Bob Blankenship publicly expressed his appreciation to the fire department for their effort in saving his home from being a total loss to the fire that broke out recently. He stated it would be several months before he could move back in.

Fred requested the board to hire a volunteer from the cadet program, Corey Buckler. He is pleased to have him apply for the work. Rob Glancy made a motion to hire Mr. Buckler. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Glancy, yea Dare, yea Kilburn, yea

Fred brought up the matter of the sewer cap on the firehouse land. He called the sewer department and was told to send a letter to Dick Renneker asking to waive the tap in fees. Rob Glancy asked if he knew if a tap was needed for each bay. He wasn't sure on that matter.

Fred asked the trustees to approve the annual contract for the defib machine. Rob Glancy made a motion to approve renewing the contract. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Glancy, yea Dare, yea Kilburn, yea

Zoning – Richard had a plot to sign off on from the Daniels Thoroughbred Farm. He wanted the trustees to look at it before he signed off on it. They thought he needed to look at the usage plan to be sure he was compliant. It is zoned business now. If he wants to make it residential, he will have to apply for a zoning change.

Richard also spoke on the Prince property problem.

Fiscal Business

Budget Hearing

Debbie presented the budget for FY2007 to the board for approval. It will then go to the county auditor and the budget hearing for townships. Rob Glancy made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Glancy, yea Kilburn, yea Dare, yea

Approval to pay bills

The clerk presented checks # 3819 through #3887 which totaled \$73,388.42

The board examined the bills that were presented for payment and Rob Glancy made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Glancy, yea Dare, yea Kilburn, yea

Receipts

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$5,777.92 This amount included receipts #5365 through #5369.

With no further business to come before the board, Rob Glancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Glancy, yea Kilburn, yea Dare, yea