

August 8, 2006

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met August 8, 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 Merlene Skaggs, Richard Bierley, Fred LaFollette, Bill Harrison and Lee Short.

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

Cemetery Update

7/29/06 Charles Robert Booher Sec 4 Lot 292 Center West half; cremation

8/7/06 Georgia Sorrell Sec 5 Lot 187 #2 North East Corner

Complaint – animals in Pinecrest Subdivision

Merlene Skaggs wanted to know the zoning laws concerning keeping goats and other animals in the subdivision. Richard told her he had been at the residence in question on the previous day and talked to the new tenant. They are trying to clean the place up. He will look into the animal question. Lee Short asked if he should make an amendment to the zoning for what animals are allowed in residential areas. It was questioned whether the code should specifically list what animals are allowed.

Zoning

Dick Dare asked if anything had been done about setting a bond requirement for construction projects. Richard told him Bruce McGary had told him that laws were different for villages and townships. Cities were able to set their own laws. Townships and villages cannot enforce such laws.

Meanwhile, Fred said he has talked to several people about the damages to Waynesville Road. He has a quote for the repairs and is faxing it to CG&E.

Richard asked about allowing more houses to be built on Woodward Claypool now that the paving is done. The county had placed a stop to any additional building unless the builder widened the road. He asked if that would also apply to the lots that Pete Christiansen is trying to sell on Woodward Claypool.

This was mentioned because the paving project on Woodward Claypool is almost done. Fred stated that it looks good except there are some drop offs at a few of the driveways.

Richard reported that he had walked Pete's property and all the vehicles from the residence have been removed along with 80 tons of scrap. He was told that Pete plans to move from the residence shortly. They have also removed some of the old vehicles out of the field. August 18th is the end of the 30 days allowed in the citation. The trustees discussed what should be done if all of the issues are not resolved by that 30-day time

limit. He is obviously working to clean the place up, but in the past when he was given more time, he would then quit working on the place. It was decided the case should be filed if he wasn't in compliance, because it could always be dismissed.

Richard sent a certified letter to Donald Lynch. He has not picked it up yet. Mr. Lynch gave Richard his site plan for the fence. Richard is working with Gary Loxley from the prosecutor's office and Barry at the county zoning office on this matter. He would like to discuss the particulars with the county engineer, the prosecutor's office and the department of transportation. However, it appears that Mr. Lynch has started putting the fence up already.

Richard has had complaints about a boat on Knollwood. The owner said he would move it.

Also there were complaints about the Sparks property and he has talked to them. There are high weeds on the property at 5282 St.Rt 123 and junk cars also on a property on 123.

The Miracle case is moving forward. Three entries were denied for them. Richard said they have 30 days to appeal, and then it is final. They can inspect it after September 2nd and if they aren't in compliance, a fine can be issued.

Roads/Cemetery

Fred told the board that the old lawn mower used in the cemetery needs to be repaired. Tobler's quoted around \$600 to repair it. He felt that was too much to put into that mower, so Greg is taking it apart and will try to fix it so it can be used as a back up mower. He has looked into prices for purchasing a new one. These dealers all have state bid prices: Tobler has a Snapper mower for \$5695.99, Buchanan's has a Gravely 48" cut for \$5399 and a John Deere for \$5687. Dick Kilburn said he would check prices at Wilmington.

Fred asked about the Woodville Road Cemetery. No one has heard anything from Bruce McGary on this matter.

Rob Glancy reported that the security cameras were in and he will get in touch with Fred to install them. There are also two lights to be installed.

Dick Dare is trying to get with Kurt Weber to set up a meeting time for Wolfe Run.

Rob Glancy has talked to Bruce McGary about this problem and Bruce wants the trustees to compile a list of all the subdivisions that have drainage problems before they go before the county commissioners. Dick Dare mentioned that it might come to hiring a company that knows what they're doing to inspect the roads being put in these new subdivisions. The county engineer seems to want to release the roads to the townships as soon as they walk them.

Zoning office hours

Richard brought before the board the need for having a place to be able to meet with residents who want to get permits, etc. He would like to have set hours for this to take place. The trustees thought it would be possible to fix an area in the township hall where he would be able to conduct the zoning business.

Rob Glancy brought up the need for site plans for new residences. Lee Short stated site plans are required for single residence construction and for accessory buildings. The zoning inspector is allowed up to two weeks to review the site plan before he issues a permit.

It was mentioned that the Price hearing would be advertised again for August 28, 2006.

Fiscal Business

Street Lighting Resolution 06-0808

Debbie brought before the board the street lighting resolution for tax year 2006. This tax will be collected in the year 2007.

Rob Glancy made a motion to pass Resolution 06-0808 to approve the assessment for artificial street lighting in the three lighting districts of the township. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Glancy, yea Dare, yea Kilburn, yea

Approval to pay bills

The clerk presented checks # 3944 through #3997 which totaled \$36,202.55

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

Vote: Dare, yea Glancy, yea Kilburn, yea

Receipts

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$13,809.35 This amount included receipts #5387 through #5398.

With no further business to come before the board, Rob Glancy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:325P.M. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Glancy, yea Kilburn, yea Dare, yea