

# August 22, 2006

August 22, 2006 7:00 P.M.

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met August 22, 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 member Dick Dare present. Rob Glancy was absent.

Others present were Richard Bierley, Fred LaFollette, Bill Harrison, Lee Short, Donald Lynch, Rob States, and Ralph Blanton.

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

## Cemetery Update

8/12/06 Robert Landacre Sec 4 Lot 184 #2 SE Corner cremation

8/12/06 Judy Stewart Sec 4 Lot 274 #2 SW Corner cremation

## Mowing in Cemetery

Fred asked Dick Kilburn if he had gotten a price on a mower. He did not have a chance to talk to the dealer, but will check on it tomorrow for sure and call Fred. Dick Dare asked Fred about the cemetery workers. Everyone says they are doing a great job and it was mentioned that possibly before the end of the year, it would be appropriate to give them an increase on the hourly rate they are being paid.

## Zoning-Donald Lynch

Mr. Lynch presented his reasons for asking the trustees for special consideration to extend the time limit for cleaning up his property and getting the fence approved. He stated he was in poor health and had undergone surgery recently, which has put him behind in his work. He has a few sales pending for a few of the items outside and with those sales would be reducing his "stuff" by a third. He questioned why he was denied the permit to put up the fence. He called Warren County and they told him he didn't need a permit. He stated he was trying to cooperate with the township. Dick Dare asked about the height of the proposed fence. Richard added that there was not a permit for fences and really no guidelines in the zoning code other than the required distance from the property line. He also has talked to Barry in the Warren County office. There was a discussion about the old bus Mr. Lynch is converting to a camper and the other items sitting in the front of the property. Mr. Lynch asked for additional time to work on the bus. Dick Kilburn stated he hated to see a fence go up that would just hide more junk. Mr. Lynch stated he didn't have any plans for getting more stuff. Dick Dare stated he didn't think he should build the fence until he heard from the state. He also asked him if he could make reasonable improvements in 60 days.

Dick Dare then made a motion to give him an additional 30 days on the citation. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion. Vote: Dare, yea Kilburn, yea

## Zoning - Miscellaneous

Lee Short brought up the matter of animals in residential zones. He heard from Liberty

Township and their code reads anything less than a 1-acre tract cannot have any agricultural animals. Anything over 2 acres can have 1 animal per acre. He would like to have the zoning board meet and change our code to make it more specific.

Dick Kilburn stated he would not be in favor of any changes that would make people in our rural areas upset.

Lee mentioned there are several things the county is changing in their code and he thinks we should go over our code after they make their changes. The township still needs to come up with a commercial zone.

The plans for the old Frisch's Farm property were briefly discussed.

Rob States, a resident of Wolf Run, brought up the matter of garbage collection. He asked if the township could negotiate the cost for removal for the whole township to get a cheaper rate. He was told the township does not pay for the trash removal and cannot negotiate a rate for everyone.

Mr. States also mentioned the water issue on Wolf Run. Dick Dare said there would be a meeting with Kurt Weber of the county engineer's office and Chuck Petty. Dick Dare has not heard from Mr. Weber yet for when this will take place. The engineer will decide if there is a need for a legal case. Mr. States asked the trustees what they think the next step will be. Dick Dare stated he wouldn't know until the county came to look at the problem.

#### Zoning Office

Richard reported there were no permits issued for this time period.

They have moved forward with the cleaning up of the Peter Christiansen property. He said the residence is looking pretty good; all the cars are gone. His brother-in-law called Richard to see how they were doing. The 24 acres up the road has also had a lot of work done on it.

Richard went to the Knollwood residence to check on the goat. The goat wasn't there, and the raccoons were also gone.

Dick Kilburn asked about lot plotted years ago with the 125 ft frontages. Lee told him if they were registered with the county and have sidwell numbers, they could stay with the 125 feet. The question was asked in reference to the Viox property.

#### County Salt Quote

The annual salt usage request and quote was received from the county. This year's price will be \$40 per ton. It was agreed to request 100 tons again this year.

#### Fiscal Business

Approval to pay bills

The clerk presented checks # 3944 through #4088 which totaled \$69,678.71

The board examined the bills that were presented for payment and Dick Dare made a

motion to pay the bills as presented. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.  
Vote: Dare, 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, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn  
the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.  
Vote: Dare, yea Kilburn, yea