

March 25, 2008

Minutes - March 25, 2008

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met March 25 2008 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 Kirk Ramsey and Dick Dare present.

Others present were Fred Lafollette, Mike Kassalen, Ralph Blanton, Donald Lynch, Mr. & Mrs. David Opperman, Lee Short and Pete Christiansen.

The minutes were read and posted in the township hall.

Cemetery Update

3/15/08 Wesley Dale Whitacre Sec 4 Lot 57 NE Corner

Zoning – Pete Christiansen Property

Mr. Christiansen was present in response to a complaint on his property. Dick Dare told him he has had several complaints about the old refrigerator and the cars in the field. Kirk Ramsey stated the property by Rebecca Station looked abandoned. Mr. Christiansen replied that some of the items had been dumped off at this property. He told the trustees that he would get the junk cleaned up as soon as it dries up. He also asked why nothing had been done about the property adjoining his. There is a lot of junk on that property too. The trustees told him they would have the zoning inspector take care of the problem.

Zoning – Donald Lynch

Mr. Lynch issued a protest because in his opinion, some properties are never issued citations for the same reason that he has been issued a citation. He also questioned the time frame for the zoning change meetings. Lee Short explained to him that the timeline in the ORC was strictly followed. Then Mr. Lynch complained about the fact that none of the complaints he brings before the board are ever dealt with. He has brought up tax matters over which the township has no control.

Zoning

Mike Kassalen reported that he had sent a letter concerning the Opperman property. He said he had talked to David Opperman and he has cleaned up a lot of the obvious junk. The trustees thanked Mr. Opperman for taking care of the matter.

Mr. Lynch then asked if he could see all the permits that are being issued by the zoning inspector. At the current time, he would have to go through the prosecutor because of the lawsuit.

Lee Short reported to the board that he had received a map from the US Census Bureau to check the boundaries of the Township and the Village. He worked with the Village and they corrected any errors on the map. It is now updated.

Fire Department/Roads

Fred LaFollette reported he had turned in the list of roads for the paving project with the county. He included the cemetery roads, Rude Lane, Carter Drive, Moore Sauer Road and a portion of Anderson Road. Dick Kilburn mentioned that the lower part of Halls Creek Road is getting bad.

Fred requested that Patty Higginson be hired again for seasonal work in the cemetery. Tim Byrd has not been in touch with him about coming back. Dick Dare made a motion to hire Patty Higginson as a seasonal employee in the cemetery starting April 1, 2008 at the same rate she was making at the end of 2007 which was \$11.50 per hour. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Kilburn, yea Ramsey, yea

It was mentioned that the interviews with the architects would take place on April 1st and 2nd. There will be two interviewed each night starting at 7:00 and 8:00.

Fred stated they had received a resignation from Brian Hall who was a volunteer. He has not had time to work any shifts.

Snow Removal

Dick Dare brought up the matter of a letter received from Mr. Strawser, one of the developers of Morrow Meadows. He stated in the letter that he would not pay for anymore snow removal because the county engineer had approved the development for take over even though there were still drainage problems that were not being solved. From the letter it did not sound like they intended to do anything about the problems. Dick explained that at the annual dinner, Mr. Tunison stated his desire that the townships accept new roads within two years. There was a discussion with several of the trustees in attendance that night disputing this action. Dick will fax the letter to Bruce McGary and Neil Tunison.

Approval to pay bills

The fiscal officer presented checks # 6211 through #6265, 6301 which totaled \$40,966.16.

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

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Kilburn, yea

Receipts

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$28,929.49. This amount included receipts #6008 through #6029

With no further business to come before the board, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at

7:30 P.M. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Kilburn, yea Ramsey, yea