

# December 23, 2008 Minutes

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met December 23, 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, Donald Lynch, Mr. & Mrs. David Opperman, Lee Short, Rick Lovins, Gene Sharpe, Al Cornett, Ralph Blanton, Bill Harrison and Bob Glancy.

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

## **Cemetery Update**

12/20/08	George Miller	Sec 5 Lot 149 #2 NW Corner
12/22/08	Bobbie Whitacre	Sec 4 Lot 149 NW CREMATION

## **Zoning**

Lee Short reported that the zoning commission had received the site plan for the new fire house. They reviewed it and found everything in compliance with the zoning codes. Mike Kassalen then issued a building permit.

Mr. Kassalen was not able to attend the meeting but sent a year end report on the zoning inspector's office which Lee Short read to the board.

It was mentioned that several neighbors on Shawhan road had complained about the Christmas Ranch; the lights were too bright and the music too loud. Dr. Fuchs' operation does follow code and he turns the lights and music off at 11:00. It was the general opinion that the board and the zoning inspector could work with him next year to change a few things to keep the traffic from backing up.

Donald Lynch brought up the old matter of how the construction debris on Anderson Road was handled back in October/November. Now he says there is dumping of construction debris going on behind the Deli on 22 & 3. He wanted the board to address how the policy is applied to everyone. The board told him they would go check out what is being done behind the Deli.

## **Fire Dept/Roads**

Asst Chief Harrison brought a policy matter to the board. The present policy on vacation grants 2 weeks in an hourly manner; ie: 2 weeks would be the equivalent of 80 hours. However, with the 24/48 shift men, if they were to only get 80 hours they would be unpaid for 16 hours since they work a 96 hour/2week shift. Dick Dare made a motion to change the policy manual for the 24/48 shift employees to read 96 hours for 2 weeks vacation instead of the 80 hours. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Kilburn, yea

Fred reported that Ed McCall has the contracts done but was not able to make it to the meeting tonight because of the weather. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to pass Resolution

08-1223 to allow the board chairman to sign the contracts that have been approved by the Prosecutor's Office as to form when they are received later in the week. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Ramsey, yea Dare, yea Kilburn, yea

Fred brought up the matter of his unused vacation days. He told the board he had 11 days left and planned on using 1 day before the end of the year. Per policy, he asked the board to approve paying him for 1 week and carrying over the remaining week. Dick Dare made a motion to approve paying Chief Lafollette for 5 days unused vacation and allowing him to carry over the other 5 unused days. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Kilburn, yea

### **Fiscal Matters**

#### **Appropriation Modification**

The Fiscal Officer requested the board approve the following appropriation modification: Decrease the Gas Fund by \$3,126.39. This modification makes the total appropriations for FY2008 at \$3,066,019.08. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to pass *Resolution 08-1223A to approve the appropriation modification for FY2008 as presented by the Fiscal Officer*. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Ramsey, yea Dare, yea Kilburn, yea

#### **Temporary Appropriations for FY2009**

The Fiscal Officer presented the temporary appropriations for FY2009 as follows and requested the board approve them as presented:

General Fund	\$400,000.00
Motor Vehicle Fund	35,000.00
Gasoline Fund	150,000.00
Road & Bridge Fund	150,000.00
Cemetery Fund	15,000.00
Cemetery Bequest Fund	1,500.00
Street Lighting Fund	4,000.00
Fire Department Fund	500,000.00
Zoning Fund	15,000.00
Ambulance Fund	150,000.00
Fire Dept. Levy Fund	200,000.00
Permissive Fund	100,000.00

Total Appropriations **\$1,720,500.00**

Dick Kilburn made a motion to pass *Resolution 08-1223B to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Board of Trustees of Salem Township during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 the said amounts are hereby set aside and appropriated for the purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year*. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Kilburn, yea Ramsey, yea Dare, yea

**Appropriation – Salary Designation for Trustees**

As required by law, the trustees have to choose how they will be paid for FY2009. As in the past the board was unanimous in opting to be paid on a monthly salary. Dick Dare made a motion to pass *Resolution 08-1223C to allow the Fiscal Officer to make compensation to the Trustees in the form of a monthly salary*. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion. Vote: Dare, yea                      Kilburn, yea                      Ramsey, yea

**Approval to pay bills**

The fiscal officer presented checks # **7257 through #7339 which** totaled **\$80,141.16**. The board examined the bills that were presented for payment and Dick Kilburn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote:                      Kilburn, yea                      Ramsey, yea                      Dare, yea

**Receipts**

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of **\$29,213.90** This amount included receipts **#6265 through #6281**.

With no further business to come before the board, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote:                      Dare, yea                      Ramsey, yea                      Kilburn, yea