

# Minutes March 24, 2009

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met March 24, 2009 in regular session at the Township Hall for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. Chairman Kirk Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with members Dick Kilburn and Dick Dare present

Others present were: Ralph Blanton, Mike Kassalen, Mr. & Mrs. Opperman, Donald Lynch, Fred LaFollette, Bob Glancy, Frank Schlake, Lee Short, Bill Harrison, Dan Unger and Barb Fath.

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

## **Cemetery Update**

There were no updates to the cemetery records for this period.

## **Donald Lynch Comments**

Mr. Lynch had several pages of written issues regarding the recent removal of items from his property per the court order. The two main issues he had were the bus and the amount of payment. He also issued various complaints against the township.

## **Paving**

Dan Unger from Terry Asphalt was present to talk about resealing the roads. He talked about the roads that they had done in 2007. They would like to go back to Washington Way and Waynesville Road to fix a few places that need repairs before it gets worse. He made a presentation on micro surfacing. The trustees were in agreement they would like to see some roads that have had this procedure done to see how it has help up. They discussed maybe doing a small section this way before committing to a large project. They thanked Mr. Unger and told him they would decide which type of road surface was the best for the township.

Fred had received the estimate from the county for resurfacing Halls Creek, Anderson, Gilmour and McIntire Roads. The total came to \$133,036. It was decided to table this discussion until next meeting.

## **Empty Lot Garden**

Barb Fath came to thank the board for the help with the layout of the garden. She said seeds have been donated and they will till the area soon. They are pleased to have the use of the land and have hopes of a good harvest. Dick Dare stated that he had spoken with the prosecutor's office and was told there was not a problem with the township working with this project.

## **Groundbreaking**

It was decided the groundbreaking ceremony will take place Saturday at 11:00 regardless of rain.

Fred mentioned that Sandy Stevens, longtime employee of Turtlecreek Township and their fire department had passed away this morning. They would definitely want to attend the services and so will see if that would conflict with the groundbreaking. It was decided the board and the fire department would chip in to send flowers.

### **Fuel Tank**

Fred brought up the matter of fuel tanks at the new property. Ownership versus having Lykins furnish the tanks was discussed. He thinks it would save around \$10,000 to let Lykins furnish the tanks.

### **Fire Department**

Fred told the board that one of the Lieutenants had been placed back to a part time position because he was not working out in the Lt. position. Since there is no one within the fire department that is qualified to replace him, they would like to advertise for the position. He stated Deerfield Township and Mason has been increasing their staff and our part timers have been getting full time jobs at those fire departments.

Bill Harrison reported that Daniel Spaeth had resigned to go full time with the Mason Fire Department. He also brought three names before the board for approval to hire: Cory Bauer, Brian Bisher and Joshua Cook. Dick Dare made a motion to approve the hiring of these three dependent upon the results of physical exams and drug screenings. Dick Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea                      Kilburn, yea                      Ramsey, yea

Bill reported that they have started doing some of the fire inspections that the state is requiring them to do since they changed the requirements.

There was a reminder about the fish fry on April 3 from 5-8 PM.

### **Zoning**

Mike Kassalen turned in one permit for a new home.

It was mentioned that Pete Christiansen has hired someone to help him clean up his place.

Mike was at Opperman's trailer park and reported that there were abandoned trailers and pipes sticking up out of the ground. The county health department has been called on this matter. He stated he needs to find out who is responsible for the park. Dave Opperman knows the owner and will let Mike know when he is back in town.

Kirk asked about the corner of Ward Road. He has had two complaints on that property.

It was reported that some of the street lights that were out are now working.

### **Resolution to Adopt Copy Charges**

Kirk brought up the issue of what to charge for requested copies under the public records law.

It was decided that a reasonable charge would be \$.10 (ten cents) per copy.

Dick Kilburn then made a motion to pass *Resolution 09-0324 setting a reasonable cost for each copy made by the Township under the public records law; and said reasonable cost should be ten cents (.10) per copy.* Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Kilburn, yea Ramsey, yea Dare, yea

## **Fiscal Business**

### **Appropriation Modification**

The fiscal officer requested the board to approve the following modifications to the Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation:

Increase 1-J-03                      Decrease 1-K-04                      \$2,000

Increase 14-A-06                      Decrease 14-A-05                      \$3,000

Dick Kilburn made a motion to pass *Resolution 09-0324A to approve the modifications to the Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations.* Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Kilburn, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

### **Approval to Pay Bills**

The fiscal officer presented checks **#7586 - #7641, 99008** which totaled **\$51,805.56**.

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

Vote: Kilburn, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$2,474,418.43.

This amount included receipts **#6338 – #6361**.

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

Vote: Kilburn, yea Ramsey, yea Dare, yea