

June 9, 2009 Minutes

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met June 9, 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, Lee Short, David Opperman, Donald Lynch, Fred LaFollette, Bob Glancy, Ron Stratton, Woodie Davis and a neighbor, and Bill Harrison.

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

Cemetery Update

No cemetery updates for this period.

Donald Lynch Comments

Mr. Lynch took the floor and presented photos of his fence and explained to the board how he wanted to continue it. He stated he had a license for a store and lock and needed the fence to proceed with that business. He questioned various landscaping fences in the township and where they were placed. He also had photos of other items in the township that he disputed.

Flag for New Fire Station

Ron Stratton presented an American flag for use at the new fire station. He stated it was from his family.

Roads

Fred reported there had been a preconstruction meeting for the county paving project. He talked to Jeff Jones who told him they didn't know when the paving would begin, but thought it would be soon.

Fire Department

Fred was sorry to report a long time volunteer had resigned. Ben Clift turned in his resignation due to lack of time to commit to the fire department. He is coaching his sons' sports teams and is not available for runs.

Bill told the board he has visited other fire stations in the area to see if he could find out how other departments are recruiting volunteers. Kirk asked about having an open house. They have done that in the past. He also suggested having a sign board at the new fire station to post meeting dates and other informational items.

Bill said they are down to about 10 volunteers. The cadet program was briefly discussed. There are three active members now who worked through the cadet program. It was suggested that Bill try to get an article put in the Western Star about the program and the three who have passed the state exam and are working part time at the fire department.

There is a training grant Bill would like to apply for that would help pay the salary for someone who went through training paid by the fire department. They would have to sign an agreement that they would stay with the department for three years. Bill will get the information on this grant.

Since they didn't have anyone interested in the open full time position that was qualified, they changed the 5 years service requirement to 3 years. By making this change, John Hatfield becomes eligible. He has been filling the position for the last two months. It was agreed he has done a good job and Bill requested the board approve hiring him in the position. Dick Dare made a motion to approve hiring John Hatfield for the Lieutenant's position that is open. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Kilburn, yea

The building permit was obtained this week for the fire station. They hope to get started this week.

Property Purchase

Ralph Blanton reported he had received a counter offer on the church property of \$40,000. Dick Dare said he thought the township should wait to see if they would come down. All agreed this was a good idea. Ralph will let them know the township is not interested at that price.

Zoning

Mike Kassalen brought up the issues of the cars on the Opperman property. David said it was his father's operation and Mike should talk to him when he gets back in town. Mr. Lynch asked the board what was wrong with having a used car lot on the property. Kirk explained to him that he had received several calls regarding the cars. There are also issues with the trailer park that need to be addressed.

Dick Kilburn asked Mike to check with Steve Lilley to see what he plans to do on his property.

Cemetery

It was noted that the new doors were installed on the building at the cemetery. They need to be painted now.

Fred told the board that he is getting bids on the pipe project. Debbie told him the water bill was very high this month. They will shut the water off at the bottom until it is fixed. The water line may need to be lowered.

Fiscal Business

Budget Hearing

The Fiscal Officer requested the board approve July 14 for the date of the annual budget hearing.

It was approved and the date was set for July 14, 2009 at 7:00.

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer presented checks #7865 - #7920, 99016-99017 which totaled **\$76,828.02**.

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 \$15,606.47 This amount included receipts #6416- #6425.

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