

# Minutes February 9, 2010 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met February 9, 2010 in regular session at the Township Hall for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. After a brief delay due to Mr. Dare being on a wrecker call, President Kirk Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. with member Dick Dare present. Mr. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present were: Bob Glancy, Donald Lynch, Fred Lafollette, Ralph Blanton, Mike Kassalen, Rob Glancy, Woodie Davis, Frank Schlake, Donnie Williams, Matt Nolan, Bruce McGary, Debbie Blanton, Void Blanton, Bill Harrison, and Carl Burns.

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

## Cemetery Update

There were no changes in cemetery records for this time period.

## Appointment of Trustee

The first item of business was to appoint a trustee to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dick Kilburn in January. Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code for the discussion of personnel issues. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

Kirk Ramsey made a motion to adjourn out of executive session and return to open meeting and asked the fiscal officer to note in the minutes that NO Action Was Taken.

The board then desired to move forward with an appointment of a trustee. Dick Dare made a motion to appoint Ralph Blanton to fill the trustee position that is vacant. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea  
Mr. Blanton was asked if he would accept the appointment and he stated he would accept.

Mr. Ramsey asked Bruce McGary from the county prosecutor's office to explain the terms of the appointment. Mr. McGary explained that the law states that trustee who is appointed to fill a vacant position will fill the term or hold office until the next general election, at which time he/she can choose to run to fill the position to complete the term. Because there is a general election in November, Mr. Blanton will fill the position until December 31, 2010.

Since a bond had been secured for Mr. Blanton, Mr. McGary stated it would be appropriate for Mr. Blanton to sit in the meeting as a trustee tonight, but should not vote on any issues until the bond is approved by the county court.

There were several residents who had expressed an interest in the position and Kirk thanked all of them for their interest in the township. He said any of them would have done a fine job for the township.

## Request for Records

Mr. Lynch submitted a written request for public records.

He also mentioned the crew had done a good job on clearing the roads today.

Woodie Davis and Carl Burns asked if something could be done about fixing Ward Road when it warms up.

#### Zoning

Mike Kassalen didn't have any new zoning business this meeting

#### Roads/Fire Department

Fred told the board that the crew had been out from about 3:30 A.M. and finished up around 4:00 P.M. clearing the roads.

He mentioned that the county plans on doing a crack/seal project this year rather than paving since most townships are short on funds. Kirk plans on meeting with a vendor in Columbus to check out prices on the crack sealing or paving.

In fire department business, Fred told the board they would like to hire Cory Buckler as a volunteer and Mike Bergan as a part time worker. Dick Dare made a motion to hire these two men pending outcome of physical exams and drug screens. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

Fred then asked that the board remove Ted Coates from the active list of part time employees and volunteers. Dick Dare made a motion to end the employment of Mr. Coates with the fire department. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

Asst. Chief Harrison brought up the current vacation schedule. The chief's position was not mentioned when the policy handbook was updated, and now Bill is getting the same 3 weeks that Fred is earning. He recommended that due to the length of service, the chief's vacation should be increased to 4 weeks per year. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to increase Chief LaFollette's vacation to 4 week effective in 2010. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Ramsey, yea Dare, yea

Bruce McGary spoke on the matter of it being the 23rd anniversary of the shooting death of Morrow Police Officer Jeff Phegley. Anthony McIntosh, who was accused and convicted of shooting Officer Phegley after a routine traffic stop, was up for parole this year. Bruce wanted the public to know that he and Fred and Gale LaFollette went to a parole hearing this past fall along with Heath Kilburn and Mr. Phegley's parents. In January, the parole board denied parole for Mr. McIntosh. He will not be eligible for 10 more years. Mr. McGary promised that he would be there every ten years to work against this parole.

Ralph Blanton thanked all those present for supporting him.

Dick Dare reiterated the fact that the crew had worked hard to keep the roads clear today.

Kirk Ramsey brought up the cemetery program and asked how it was working. Debbie stated she still was working on a way to get access to the program for Greg.

#### Fiscal Business

##### Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer presented checks #8827 - #8866 which totaled \$30,901.14.

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

Vote: Ramsey, yea Dare, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$4,499.27. This amount included receipts #6645– #6648.

With no further business to come before the board, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

The road mileage certification was presented for signatures of the trustees. Because the scheduled signing date was the week of the OTA winter conference, the signing was being done at the meeting rather than requiring the presence of the trustees at the county engineer's office.