

Minutes April 27, 2010 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met April 27, 2010 in regular session at the Township Hall for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. President Kirk Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with members Ralph Blanton and Dick Dare present. Mr. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present were: Donald Lynch, Fred LaFollette, Frank Schlake, Ron Stratton, Lee Short, Woodie Davis, Mike Kassalen, and Bob Glancy.

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

Cemetery Update

4/16/10 Rosemary Luncan Sec 4 Lot 154 #2 SE Corner

4/23/10 Mildred Pierce Sec 4 Lot 89 #2 SW Corner

4/26/10 Ralph Harris Sec 5 Lot 162 NW Corner

Donald Lynch was the first item of business. He asked about recording the meeting; wants to upgrade his equipment so he can go to disk storage and capture the meetings on video. He again complained about the materials he had received per his request. He stated the township could not trust the advice they were receiving from the county prosecutor's office. President Ramsey told Mr. Lynch he could have his one camera to record the meetings. Fred LaFollette mentioned the fact that Mr. Lynch could edit the tape to his benefit. Kirk said the only way to prevent that was for the township to also tape the meeting.

At this point Mr. Lynch and Mr. Schlake had a contentious verbal discussion regarding the matter. Mr. Schlake stated he did not want to be on camera. Woodie Davis stated he wanted to be able to make a complaint that wouldn't be recorded in a public meeting.

Ron Stratton brought up the 3-minute speaking limit at meetings. He also stated he did not think anyone could be videotaped without signing a release.

Fire Department/Cemetery

Chief LaFollette reported he had called two of the applicants for the summer mowing in the cemetery and they had already accepted other jobs. That left one remaining applicant, Jon Peters. Ralph Blanton made a motion to hire him on a 90-day trial period pending the usual drug testing. Mr. Peters will be asked to start work as soon as possible and be paid \$10.00 per hour. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

Fred reported they had hired the new medical director, Kenneth Patton, for \$3,000.00 per year which is less than the previously approved amount. Dick Dare made a motion to approve this change. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea

The contract was signed with a change on the last page where "Union Township" was typed instead of Salem Township.

It was mentioned that Lt. Edmonds was taking a training class at Bowling Green University. The fire department received a grant for \$525 to cover the cost of this training.

Roads

The culvert on Waynesville Road was brought up again. It was decided the county should look at it. Fred will call Mark at the county office to get someone to check it out.

The prices for the county paving project have come in. The approximate cost for work in Rebecca Station and resurfacing Salem Road would be \$32,282.25. After some discussion of the pros and cons of chip sealing, asphalt seal or resurfacing, Kirk Ramsey made a motion to accept the chip seal bid from the county engineer's office. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea Dare, yea on Salem Road, no on Washington Way

The punch list for the new fire house was discussed. The board will get copies of photos from Ed McCall and will video all the punch list items as they go through them.

Zoning

Mike Kassalen turned in 1 permit. He was asked to post the mowing of the vacant property on LaRue on the township website.

Ralph Blanton told the board that JoAnn Bunnell had questioned him on behalf of the Little Miami Food Pantry as to whether the township would continue to pay the heat and electric in the township building. They would like to make some changes to the building and find out what their expenses would be after the township vacates the building.

Executive Session

At this time Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 to discuss legal matters. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea

Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn from executive session and return to the open meeting and asked the fiscal officer to note in the minutes that no action was taken. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea

Because of possible action regarding the construction of the fire house, Ralph Blanton made a motion to schedule an appointment with Mark Evans who is an attorney who specializes in construction matters. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea Dare, yea

President Ramsey asked Mike Kassalen about Ward Road. The chickens are gone

Fiscal Business

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer presented checks #9093-#9181, #10013-#10014 which totaled \$64,492.68

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

Vote: Dare, yea Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$521,117.11.

This amount included receipts #6712- #6730.

Fred mentioned to the board that the truck that Greg Webb drives needs a new blade.

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

Vote: Dare, yea Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea