

# Minutes May 25, 2010 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met May 25, 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 present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present were: Matt Powell, Donald Lynch, Fred Lafollette, Lee Short, Mike Kassalen, Ron Stratton, Frank Schlake, Woodie Davis, Morgan Davis, Bob Glancy, Mr. & Mrs. Opperman, Jake Burns, Paul Burns, Mike Smith, Sparky Brady and Bob Vail.

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

## Cemetery Update

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

## New Business

Jake Burns from Boy Scout Troop 838 was the first item of business. Jake is trying to achieve Eagle Scout Rank. He passed out packets explaining what a scout must accomplish in order to earn that rank. The final requirement is to complete a service project that will benefit the community, a school or religious institute. He has chosen as his project to make an illuminated sign for the Salem Township Library. The total cost of this project is \$5,500. He is not allowed to pay any of this himself, but must earn it or get donations. He asked the board if there were any grants or local funds available for this project. Ralph Blanton told him he would try to find out if there is anything available through the township association. Kirk then commended him on his project and wished him success with it.

Ron Stratton was the next to speak. He voiced his offense at the camera being at the meetings. He told the board he had talked to the prosecutor's office and was told that the board could vote on whether or not to allow the camera. Kirk will talk to the prosecutor's office because that is not what they had told the board previously.

Frank Schlake mentioned the trees along his road that are overgrown and hanging over the road. Fred will call the county engineer's office since this is a county road.

Woodie Davis thanked the board for taking care of the problem on Ward Road.

It was brought up that Rob Haines had agreed to do the mowing at the new fire house for \$75.00 per mowing. Dick Dare made a motion to approve the expenditure for Robbie Haines to do the mowing at the rate of \$75.00 per each mowing. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea

Mike Smith told the board that in one day the sheriff's office had stopped and ticketed many speeding cars on Salem Road. He said he still can't back out of his driveway because of the speeders.

Donald Lynch had questions for the zoning inspector regarding the Al Bishop property on Foster Maineville Road. He said there was quite a bit of activity going on and he would like to see the permit or plans for either remodeling or demolition. He requested copies of the original permit for the two buildings there. He then reminded those present that he had permission to videotape the meetings and only wanted to upgrade his equipment and add a second camera.

Sparky Brady, a resident on Ward Road, wanted to clear up the matter of his chickens. He stated he had 1 rooster and 1 hen that his daughter liked to play with. Kirk said he had received four phone calls that reported chickens and a peacock running on the road. He drove down Ward Road himself and didn't hear any noises. Then he received two phone calls today stating there were 5 chickens and a rooster in the yard. Mr. Brady stated this was being done as a neighborly squabble. He then proceeded to issue a complaint about the residence at 4585 Ward Road. He stated they had not opened the pool and it was becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes. He also wasn't sure there was a fence around it.

Mike Kassalen then tried to explain the zoning code as it relates to keeping chickens in a residential area less than five acres.

#### Zoning

Mike Kassalen turned in a permit for a pole barn. He said the notice was posted for the property on LaRue and that it had been mowed.

After a brief discussion Dick Are made a motion to pass Resolution 10-0525 to authorize the abatement, control or removal of vegetation, garbage or debris pursuant to section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency for the removal of the high grass located at a property located on LaRue Drive, two properties on Brant Road and 2 properties on Woodward Claypool Road. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea Mr. Blanton stated that because of the workload these mowings will create on the crew, the township should be selective on which ones they should have mowed.

It was noted that Briarwood also needed to be mowed.

Dick Dare received a letter from Mike Powell regarding the SOAR Program of the juvenile court. They wanted the township to allow two juveniles to work cleaning up the cemetery for part of their community service requirement. The date for them to work is June 4 from 9 AM to 12 noon. They would each have an adult supervising them. It was decided they could pick up sticks and sweep off the tombstones. Dick Dare made a motion to participate in this program. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea

It was noted that Rob Glancy had repaired the electrical problem with the PA system in the cemetery so that it will be working for Memorial Day.

## Fiscal Business

### Appropriation Modification

The fiscal officer requested the board approve the following modification to the FY2010 appropriation:

Fire Department Levy Fund Increase 14A17A Transfers Decrease 14A07A Contracts  
\$70,500

Kirk Ramsey made a motion to pass Resolution 10-0525A to approve the modification to the FY2010 Appropriations as requested. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Ramsey, yea Dare, yea Blanton, yea

The fiscal officer requested the board to approve the following transfers to the Debt Service fund for the purpose of debt payment:

Transfer from the Fire Levy Fund \$70,500 Transfer from the Fire Fund \$44,938.50

Kirk Ramsey made a motion to pass Resolution 10-0525B to approve the transfer of \$115,435.50 to the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of debt payment. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea Dare, yea

The fiscal officer requested the board approve the following increase to the FY 2010 appropriations:

Increase the Debt Service Fund by \$236,000. Dick Dare made a motion to pass Resolution 10-0525C to approve the increase to the FY 2010 Debt Service Fund appropriation total. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea

### Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer presented checks #9209-#9269, 10015-10017 which totaled \$288,882.04.

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 \$144,418.78.

This amount included receipts #6736- #6752.

Kirk reminded the board that the Warren County Township Association meeting would be held June 12 at Waynesville at 9:00 AM. There will be a speaker from Miami University.

With no further business to come before the board, Ralph Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 P.M. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea