

Minutes June 8, 2010 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met June 8, 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: Donald Lynch, Fred LaFollette, Lee Short, Mike Kassalen, Woodie Davis, Bob Glancy, Mr. & Mrs. Opperman, Carl Burns, Bill Harrison, Deputy Dulle and Jerry Lindsay.

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

Officer Dulle stopped by to check on any needs of the township. Kirk brought up the speeding issue and ignoring of the stop sign on Salem and Lake Roads. He told Deputy Dulle that the township appreciated their effort to control these problems. Several tickets were issued within the month as they patrolled those roads.

Don Lynch stated he thought some kind of speed bump would be helpful. He also stated he thought 25MPH is too sudden a drop in speed from the highway and thinks 35 MPH would be better. He mentioned "buzz bars" as a good alternative to speed bumps.

Kirk Ramsey asked about the possibility of a speed flasher sign. He was told that Sgt. Hounshell was the person in charge of those signs. Kirk will try to get in touch with him. He feels it would make drivers aware of their speed as they go through the area.

Jerry Lindsay was the next to speak. He purchased the property at 3753 Foster Maineville Road and wants to put up a pole barn. However there is a drainage problem on the property and he is not able to construct the barn in the back of the property. He was asking if he could put the barn in the front of the house with part of it in the woods. The board told him he would have to apply for a variance and have the board of zoning appeals decide the matter. He was told there was no guarantee they would find in his favor.

Fred LaFollette mentioned he has had some complaints about the road into Wolf Run. Supposedly there are soft spots in it. He will wait till it dries and check it out. Also there is still a problem on Misty Woods. Water doesn't go to the catch basin. He will have the crew clean out the catch basin and see if that helps the matter.

Dick Dare mentioned that he had received some positive comments about the condition of the cemetery over the weekend. The 2 workers that came through the SOAR program did a good job.

Donald Lynch came to the podium and stated he was surprised at the way the trustees reacted to the Boy Scout at the last meeting. He said they were so helpful to him and he wasn't even a resident, and in his opinion they had not been helpful to the person with the chicken problem who was a resident.

Moving on he said he wanted to issue a complaint against the Alvin Bishop property because he has 7 buildings in front of his house which is against zoning. He also complained that the grass was too tall on the property. In his words he wants the board to treat everyone the same.

Zoning

Mike Kassalen told the board that he had put the notices out for the two houses on Brant Road that appear to be vacated and need to be mowed. He said the houses appear to be empty.

He also told the board he had gone to look at the Bishop property and since it is a working farm the zoning would not apply.

He issued a permit for a building on Ward Road that is to be used for agricultural purposes; therefore, no fee is required.

Kirk mentioned the property located on US 22-3 close to Ward Road. There is a lot of junk thrown in the yard and tall grass. Mike Kassalen will look into it to see if anyone is still living there.

Fiscal Business

Insurance Renewal

The fiscal officer gave the board handouts showing the \$26,113.00 annual savings if the township changed to a high deductible health insurance plan but still stay with Anthem. There are still questions concerning coverage, and the board agreed to table this matter for now. Bill Harrison is trying to get information from Monroe Township who has changed to this plan to see if it would work out for everyone.

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer presented checks #9270-#9342, 99263 which totaled \$102,983.74. The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Ralph Blanton made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$100,976.27.

This amount included receipts #6753- #6763.

With no further business to come before the board, Ralph Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea