

Minutes September 28, 2010 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met September 28, 2010 in regular session at the Salem Morrow Fire Station Conference Room 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: Fred LaFollette, Donald Lynch, Mike Kassalen, Dave Opperman, Ron Stratton, Woodie Davis, Frank Schlake, Bob Vail, Bill Harrison, Bobbie Grice, David Griggs, Lee Short, Gene Sharpe, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Singleton, and Dave Hartman.

The minutes were approved as read and were posted in the building.

Cemetery Update

There were no cemetery updates for this time period.

New Business

David Griggs and Bobbie Grice were present to ask for support for the upcoming school levy. Mr. Griggs passed out an information sheet and spoke about the need for the levy and what some of the consequences would be if it did not pass.

Donald Lynch issued a complaint about the grass on the Bishop property. He was given two months to cut the grass as opposed to the shorter time given other residents. It was explained that the property is agriculture and therefore zoning does not apply to it. He again asked if there was a permit to demolish the one building in front. It was explained that the township does not issue permits for that. It is a county matter. He requested copies of the permits for the 3 buildings on the property and wants to see the original permit.

Mark Singleton, whose property neighbors the fire house, asked if the fire trucks and ambulances going out on runs could wait to turn the sirens on until they left the driveway of the fire house. The drivers will be asked to do so.

Ron Stratton asked about issuing a citation for the grass on the Cress property. Mike Kassalen said he needed to get with the board first.

Fire Department/Roads

Assistant Chief Harrison reported that the fire department had been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the State of Ohio for EMS tools and equipment.

Chief LaFollette reported that David Saffles had resigned as a volunteer due to his moving from the area. Ralph Blanton made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Saffles. Dick Dare seconded the motion. Vote: Blanton, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

The open house planned for October 2nd was discussed. Kirk reported that he has invited the county offices and Fred has contacted Ron Maag.

Zoning

Mike Kassalen turned in two zoning permits which Mr. Lynch requested copies to be made for him. He also stated that the township had never issued permits to tear down buildings and again mentioned that agriculture properties do not require permits. Bill stated that the State of Ohio is the responsible party for issuing demolition permits when they want to burn down a building for training purposes. He said it didn't have anything to do with zoning.

Mr. Griggs brought up the problem on Bennett Road where the new culvert was put in. He said there was some settling in the road and it was creating a dangerous situation.

Fiscal Business

Appropriation Modification

The fiscal officer requested the board to pass a resolution to approve the following appropriation modification:

Increase 01-A-10 Legal Services by \$40,000

Decrease 01-A=25 Contingencies by \$40,000

Kirk Ramsey made a motion to pass Resolution 10-0928 to approve modifications to the FY2010 Appropriation as requested by the Fiscal Officer. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea Dare, yea

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer presented checks #9667 - #9722, which totaled \$58,570.46.

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 \$472,015.99.

This amount included receipts #6851– #6875

With no further business to come before the board, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea