

# Minutes January 25, 2011 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met January 25, 2011 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 Dick Dare and Ralph Blanton present. Mr. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present were: Mike Kassalen, Fred LaFollette, Bill Harrison, Bob Glancy, Mr. & Mrs. David Opperman, Frank Schlake, Ron Stratton, Woodie Davis, Don Lynch and Ron Brinkman.

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

## Cemetery Update

1/12/2011 Virginia Fuglie Sec 4 Lot 115 SW Corner #2

1/19/2011 John L. Brown Sec 4 Lot 188 NE Corner #2

Mr. Lynch had no new business at this time.

## Zoning

There were no zoning matters to discuss at this meeting.

## Community Comments

Frank Schlake mentioned it would be nice to be able to get some trees cut down as you are coming up the hill towards the new fire station. He said it would make a better view of the building.

## Roads

The condition of the roads during the latest snowfall was discussed. It was agreed that the county roads were not in good shape. The township roads were in very good condition and it was again mentioned that the crew does an excellent job. The county salt supplies are reported to be down a little.

Fred reported the township has used its 300 tons of salt that were reserved through the county. Kirk stated he had talked to the county today and was told that even though the limit has been reached, as long as they have salt, the township will be able to get more. However, the price might be higher depending on what they have to pay for the additional loads.

## Personnel Issue

Fred brought up the issue of unused vacation for Greg Webb. Because of the bad weather in December, he was not able to get 2 ½ days used that he had planned. The trustees approved his carrying over these additional 2 ½ days to use in 2011.

Kirk mentioned that the chip/seal job on Washington Way is standing up to the weather quite well. He added that the traction provided by that surface is really good. It also looks like the drainage problem is doing better since the ditching was done.

Projects for spring were briefly discussed. The Bennett Road work will be started and possibly finishing the parking lot at the fire station.

Ralph Blanton mentioned the fuel station is now in operation at the fire house. It is working out well.

He also brought up the matter of the cemetery record books. He will look into getting them copied so the original ones could be preserved.

Dick Dare brought up the matter of the memorial tree that Bob Glancy wants to plant in his wife's memory. He asked Bob to get in touch with Carol Helsinger so that the Poe memorial tree and his will be the same kind.

The Fiscal Officer mentioned she had received a request from the Warren County Regional Planning Commission that the township appoint a representative to attend the meetings. Mike Kassalen told the board that Lee Short had served in this position last year. The board will have Lee Short as the representative and Mike Kassalen as the alternate.

At this point, Mr. Lynch asked a few questions about the cable franchise and the amount of money the township collected in fees. He suggested the township have the meetings broadcast on cable.

A deputy from the sheriff's office stopped by to see if there were any problems in the township. He stated he hoped to have the end of year statistical report at the next meeting.

#### Fiscal Business

##### Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer presented checks #10171 - #10237, 91003-91011 which totaled \$59,863.70.

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 \$54,188.65. This amount included receipts #6961- #6983.

At this time Assistant Chief Harrison arrived and had a personnel issue to bring before the board. He reported that the 1-year probation period for John Hatfield was up and he asked the board to approve his being put on as full time employee. Kirk Ramsey made a

motion to approve moving John Hatfield off probationary status. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Ramsey, yea    Dare, yea    Blanton, yea

With no further business to come before the board, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote Dare, yea    Blanton, yea    Ramsey, yea