

Minutes March 8, 2011 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met March 8, 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, Bob Glancy, Don Lynch, John Kilburn, Gary & Rita Kilburn, Woodie Davis, Ron Stratton, Jim Kilburn, Heath Kilburn, Deputy Dulle and Frank Schlake.

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

Cemetery Update

3/1/11 Ruby Alderson Sec 4 Lot 230 #2 SW Corner
3/8/11 Delores Lofland Sec 4 Lot 276 #2 SE Corner
3/8/11 Casaloma Sharpe Sec 5 Lot 92 #2 NW Corner

New Business:

Mr. Don Lynch told the board he had looked up internet records and asked if the township had purchased the church lot. He also asked about the computer that was approved for purchase at the last meeting and where it would be kept. He also wanted to know if the software would be purchased that would do better videos. He then stated he would like to influence the township to make that purchase. He is still having trouble getting the minutes to print from the township website.

Deputy Dulle was present from the Warren County Sheriff's Office. He asked if there were any problems in the township. Kirk thanked him for the work the office does to help the township.

Gary Kilburn told the board there was a tree on Halls Creek Road that had the top half broken off and hanging pretty far over the road. The crew will check on this problem.

John Kilburn brought up the matter of the cemetery lots and questioned the fact that there were advertising signs in the cemetery. He was referring to the small sign that was approved by the board. It is a sign from Aretz Florist that lets people know small temporary markers can be put on a grave until a permanent headstone is purchased. Mr. Kilburn stated he didn't think it was appropriate to have advertising in the cemetery.

Zoning

Mike Kassalen, Zoning Inspector, turned in two permits for signs and one for a swimming pool.

Roads/Fire Department

Chief LaFollette told the board he would be at an ODOT training tomorrow at the 741 center.

He then asked the board to approve the hiring of three new volunteers for the fire department. They are Joel Ross who is now in the EMT class, John Giuffre who is ranked FF/EMT, and David Amiri who has a FFI and FFII ranking and is also now in EMT class. Mr. Amiri would be able to volunteer during the day time which is when there is a need for volunteers. Dick Dare made a motion to hire the three applicants as requested by Chief LaFollette with the normal probationary period. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea

Cemetery Matters

Gary Kilburn brought before the board a problem concerning graves in the Kilburn family. He stated that there were three Kilburns buried in the lot owned by his father, Wayne Kilburn. He would like to have the graves switched so that he could have his 10 graves together. He also mentioned there are headstones that are placed at the foot of the graves rather than the head. Fred LaFollette told them that Greg Webb said they were not on the Kilburn lots, but would see if they needed to be moved.

John and Jim Kilburn were in agreement to make the changes among the Kilburn lots as needed to fix this problem. The trustees suggested they all get together, look at the lots, and choose who is to be buried where and have that written for future use.

In other cemetery related matters, Ralph Blanton presented a quote he had received from Pontem Software to add a second user and also map the cemetery. The cost would be \$2,133.00. The current maps will have to be sent to them to see if they can be used as they are or if they will have to redraw them.

It was mentioned that the trustees are trying to get an estimate for the cost of street lights in Briarwood.

The fiscal officer had received the invoice for pre-payment from Poff's Lawncare for weed control at the cemetery. It was decided to go ahead with this again this year as it has proven to help with the weeds.

Dick Dare brought up the security cameras at the cemetery. Fred LaFollette told him they were being worked on at present.

Fiscal Business

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #10330 - #10380, 91020-91023 which totaled \$49,506.16.

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 Dick Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$18,008.97. This amount included receipts #6999– #7007.

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