

# Minutes August 9, 2011 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met August 9, 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 Ralph Blanton and Dick Dare present. Mr. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present: Mike Kassalen, Chief Fred LaFollette, Don Lynch, Frank Schlake, Void Blanton, Lee Short, Assistant Chief Bill Harrison, John Leesemann, Heath Kilburn, Bob Vail, Mike Valerius, Ron Stratton, Mr. & Mrs. David Opperman and a Warren County Deputy.

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

## Cemetery Update

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

## New Business:

Donald Lynch again called for the dismissal of both the zoning inspector and the president of the zoning board. He listed his reasons for this request with major violations of their duties on that list. He stated it was the trustees' duty to make sure the code is followed. He stated he had issues with the property at 5357 US 22 & 3 and went on to describe those issues. He stated in his opinion there was no consistency in the zoning department, no training and no accountability. The entire list is on file in the township office.

The deputy from the Warren County Sheriff's office asked if there were any problems the board wanted to tell him about. As there were none at this time, Mr. Ramsey praised the department on their continued good work for the people of the township.

It was brought up that the chip/sealing on Ghiels Carroll Road was completed. Frank Schlake stated he had driven it and it was a really nice job.

Mr. Ramsey mentioned the Purple Heart parade that took place Sunday in the village. Heath Kilburn said there was a good turn out and it was a nice event.

## Zoning

Mike Kassalen, the zoning inspector, turned in two permits for this time period. One was for a new home construction, the other for a pole barn.

The board asked him about the property of which Mr. Lynch had spoken. Mr. Kassalen stated he had been to the property and had not found anything against code there. He will check it again.

## Fire Dept/Roads

Chief LaFollette told the board that he had received a complaint about the tall grass at 5207 LaRue. It will be posted for mowing.

Also, he mentioned that there were some trees on Gilmour Road that needed to be trimmed as the limbs were going over the road.

In personnel matters, he reported that Joe Bean had resigned. He injured his knee and has not been able to get it healed. He also asked the board to approve the hiring of three new volunteers. They would like to work at least one day every week. Dick Dare made a motion to approve the resignation of Joe Bean and the hiring of Andrew Wickerham as a FF/Basic, Olivia Wolfe as an EMT and Kyle Jones as a FF/Basic EMT. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion. Vote: Dare, yea Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea  
Chief LaFollette told the board that Ms. Wolfe is currently in the firefighter class and Mr. Jones is in the medic class.

Mr. Ramsey asked Chief LaFollette about the salt spreader. He had received a price of \$1897 for a steel spreader and \$2705 for a stainless steel spreader. Ralph Blanton made a motion to approve the purchase of the stainless steel spreader. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea Dare, yea

It was mentioned that one of the lawnmowers had died, but they would try to get through the rest of this mowing year without purchasing a new one.

Assistant Chief Harrison gave a brief report on the EMS runs so far this year and then told the board about a computer program that would handle the reporting electronically to Medicount Management. They would decrease their fees for billings since this would do away with their typing in the information. The reports would be done with only one entry and then go to the billing. He stated there would be a meeting in September with the county commissioners to see if they are willing to cover the bulk of this cost for the equipment. The estimated cost is from \$2000 up to \$16,000 for each fire department. It would take 6 months to a year to train everyone. The trustees agreed that it would be an improvement over the current system and that the fire department should go ahead and allocate funds for this expense.

A/C Harrison also reported that he had talked to Gary Loxley at the prosecutor's office regarding a memorandum of understanding concerning mutual aid. Currently no one bills for mutual aid calls. This document would agree that a mutual aid run would be treated the same as if it were a "home" run. All local departments have agreed to take this action.

Ron Stratton addressed Mr. Lynch's problem and stated that Mr. Lynch should take his complaint to the proper authorities as directed by the ORC.

#### Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper, Fiscal Officer, requested the board's approval of the following appropriation modification:

Increase 01C09 \$55,000      Decrease 01A25 \$55,000

Dick Dare made a motion to approve the appropriation modification as presented by the fiscal officer. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion. Vote: Dare, yea Blanton, yea Ramsey, yea

#### Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #10907 - #10955, 91087-91089 which totaled \$57,523.05.

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: Mr. Dare, yea Mr. Blanton, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$37,957.39. This amount included receipts #7147– #7154.

Mr. Ramsey stated he thought the township should purchase a video camera so they wouldn't have to use the fire department's camera to record the meetings. The board agreed and Mr. Blanton made a motion to approve this purchase. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

With no further business to come before the board, Ralph Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton, yea Mr. Dare, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea