

Minutes September 13, 2011 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met September 13, 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: Frank Schlake, Donald Lynch, Chief Fred LaFollette, Lee Short, Ron Stratton, Asst. Chief Bill Harrison, Michele Toller, Mike Velarius, Vicky VonHolle, Mike Kassalen, Woodie Davis, John Leesemann, David Opperman, Mark Singleton, Bob Vail, Heath Kilburn and Suzanne Nelson.

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

There were no updates to the cemetery records for this period.

New Business:

Donald Lynch brought up his complaint again about the property being remodeled. He requested a copy of the video of the August 9th and August 23rd meetings. He also requested a written statement from Mike Kassalen, the zoning inspector, stating the property in question is in compliance. He again brought up the following issues: his request to have weekly meetings with the zoning inspector, his request for a written apology from Dick Dare, and complaints about various residents in the Roachester area and David T. Smith's property.

The full written complaint is on file.

Mark Singleton asked for a copy of the photo Mr. Lynch took of his property. Mr. Lynch denied taking photos of Mr. Singleton's property.

Lee Short introduced Michelle Toller as a new member of the zoning board.

Zoning

Mike Kassalen, the zoning inspector, addressed the issue of filing a complaint. He said there is a policy to follow. He stated there was no reason for someone to come to each meeting to bring up old complaints if the proper procedures are followed. There were no permits issued for this 2 week period.

Fire Dept/Roads

Chief LaFollette requested approval to remove Andrew Wickerham from the active roster. He was never able to report to work. Ralph Blanton made a motion to approve this removal, seconded by Dick Dare. Vote: Mr. Blanton, yea Mr. Dare, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea He also asked approval to appoint George Gelbert on the volunteer roster. He is a medic at this time. Dick Dare made a motion to approve this addition, seconded by Ralph Blanton.

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

A quote for a replacement for Car 72 was received from McCluskey Chevrolet. The price for a 2012 Chevrolet Suburban ¾ ton 4WD was \$38,686.00. Ralph Blanton made a motion to approve this purchase. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Dare, yea
Delivery is expected around the end of the year.

Chief LaFollette told the board they had someone interested in fixing the gutters and installing clamp-on snow/ice guards to the firehouse roof. They gave a quote of \$9,800. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve this work; seconded by Dick Dare.

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

Ron Stratton explained that since his house was built in 1800, it predates any zoning codes in effect now. He said the building was grandfathered as far as changes go. His property was one that Mr. Lynch had issued a complaint against.

Asst. Chief Harrison gave an update on the new billing system they are trying to get through the county. The commissioners have put the project on hold for 4-6 weeks to see how their budget works out. If the county purchases the system, the fire department would be responsible for the renewal fees each year.

Chief LaFollette told about the support they receive from the county. They replace radios and other communication needs. He stated that the federal government was requiring them to go digital and the county will help them get the new equipment at a good price. He further stated that many people do not know how much the county helps the Fire/EMS departments.

Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper, Fiscal Officer, requested the board's approval of the annual rates resolution. Mr. Dare made a motion to pass Resolution 11-00913 to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Harper also presented the board with the 2011-2012 quote for salt from Morton. The price was 66.17. The board wanted to reserve the same amount as last year. Mark Singleton stated he had some back up salt if the township needed any.

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #11012- #11058, 91102-91105 which totaled \$45,172.37.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$13,553.43.

This amount included receipts #7180– #7186.

With no further business to come before the board, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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