

Minutes January 10, 2012 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met January 10, 2012 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 Heath Kilburn and Dick Dare present. Mr. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present: Deputy Chris Miller, Ralph Blanton, Donald Lynch, Chief Fred LaFollette, Ron Stratton, Paul Kilburn, Jim Kilburn, Asst. Chief Bill Harrison, Michelle Toller, Mike Kassalen, Jim and Justin Yockey, State Rep. Ron Maag, Woodie Davis

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

Cemetery

1/4/12 George Taylor Sec 4 Lot 295 CW

New Business:

Mr. Ramsey turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer who asked for nominations for the 2012 Board President. Dick Dare nominated Kirk Ramsey. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Ramsey then opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Mr. Ramsey nominated Dick Dare.

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

Mr. Ramsey then reviewed township regulations regarding the meetings: meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Must come to the podium to state business

Residents are permitted 5 minutes, non-residents 3 minutes if more time is needed you can be placed on the agenda for a presentation

If you are told the time is up, please respect the trustees and sit down

If you have a zoning complaint, there is a form to fill out and it will given to the zoning department

Donald Lynch stated he felt like he has been singled out with these regulations. He had a copy of the zoning permit he had received at the last meeting for 5357 US 22-3. The permit was issued to Kelly Smith. He stated he thinks the new owner needs a new permit. He asked to be put on the agenda permanently for each meeting.

Mr. Ramsey told him he will need to call and state the business he will be discussing. He then brought up the posting of the zoning meetings. Mr. Ramsey said the zoning meeting that was scheduled for last week had to be changed because the address was listed incorrectly. It has been rescheduled for January 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Deputy Miller told the board that Sheriff Sims will be attending a meeting next month to give the annual report of the sheriff's office.

State Representative Ron Maag told those present that Ohio is now the #1 state for jobs creation. He stated people are coming into Ohio because state taxes have not been raised.

Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, reported he had copied everything that Mr. Lynch had requested. He has an application to change a property from business to residence. After that hearing, the owners will be able to get a permit.

Mr. Lynch said he thought the yearly zoning report should be posted on the website. Mr. Kassalen agreed it would be a good idea and will post it.

Solar Power

Jim Yockey, who deals with solar power products, explained what he had in mind for the fire department to save money on electric supply. He suggested ground panels. It would require 400 panels to fully operate the building. There are 10 panels per pole and he suggested doing 200 as a first phase. He has investors who were willing to support the project. The panels are guaranteed for 25 years. He said he would put together a proposal that would have the drawings of what it would look like and the estimated savings. The board agreed to have him go ahead with his proposal.

Mr. Lynch at this time issued a complaint that Mr. Yockey had been allowed to speak for sixteen minutes.

Assistant Chief Harrison reported on the EPCR project. He said the county had made the purchase and the equipment should be in at any time. When it comes in they will be working on getting the men updated on its use. The billing company has said there will probably be a 10-15% decrease in the charges for their services since a lot of the entry time will be cut out. He reported the department has been pretty busy this month with runs.

Fire Department/Roads

Chief LaFollette asked the board to approve the removal from the roster of Matthew Mumma. Dick Dare made a motion to accept this removal; seconded by Kirk Ramsey.

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

Reading Terraqua Club

The Reading Terraqua Club has been in touch with the township to request the use of Ward Road as an access to property they own that does not have an access. They have requested the use of the culvert on Ward Road or the bike trail. There has been communication with the ODNR and the county engineer's office. The township has also been in contact with Gary Loxley of the county prosecutor's office. It seemed to be a common conclusion from all parties that the township cannot give them this access. Ward Road must be open for automobiles, not ATV's.

Mr. Dare stated he didn't think the township should grant them this access. Heath Kilburn stated he had information from Mr. Loxley with more clarification on the matter, but he wanted to read over it again. It was decided to table this matter until next month.

Mr. Kilburn stated he wanted to thank the county who sent a crew out to clean up Waynesville Road. He also voiced a thank you to the family who lives on Trovillo Road who have worked to clean up Halls Creek as a family project. They found 15 tires that had been thrown out. The boys were cleaning up pop cans and other debris and were cleaning out the creek.

Mr. Kilburn also mentioned a tree that was hanging over on St Rt 123. Bill Harrison has called on this problem.

Fiscal Matters

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #11472- #11527, 91175-91178 which totaled \$33,178.50.

The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Dick Dare made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$5,079.55. This amount included receipts #7293– #7297.

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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