

Minutes January 24, 2012 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met January 24, 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 member Heath Kilburn present. Mr. Dare was absent due to illness. Mr. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present: Ralph Blanton, Donald Lynch, Chief Fred LaFollette, Ron Stratton, Paul Kilburn, Jim Kilburn, Asst. Chief Bill Harrison, Michelle Toller, Mike Kassalen, Jim and Kaitlin Yockey, Lee Short, Bob Glancy, John Leeseemann, Woodie Davis and Dave Opperman.

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

Cemetery

1/20/12 Ronald Lee Malott Sec 4 Lot 140 #2 SE Corner (Cremation remains)

New Business:

Mr. Lynch was first to speak and questioned whether there was a fee paid for the Gooch hearing. He stated that the hearing notice was not published in the local paper. He also said that he was not able to read a notice posted on the inside of the door. He suggested that he marquee in front of the firehouse could be used to post notices. He also stated he thought that the \$750 variance fee should also be paid by Mr. Gooch.

Woodie Davis alerted the board that the break-ins on his road had started up again. He and his neighbors think it could be the same person who was responsible for prior break-ins. Ralph Blanton added that there have also been problems on Pinecrest.

Jim Yockey told the board he is working on the drawings for the solar panels.

Assistant Chief Harrison reported that the county has made the purchase of the EPCR system. There will be training in February and March. He hopes the fire department will be on the system in April.

He mentioned to Mr. Lynch that the marquee is used for permanent information and fire department notices.

Zoning inspector Mike Kassalen reported he had no permits for this time period. Michelle Toller, secretary for the zoning board, reported there had been a zoning meeting last night for the purpose of changing the Gooch property from business to residential. She stated the zoning board had approved the request and were submitting it to the trustees for approval.

The pre-planning zoning commission meeting will take place tomorrow, January 25th at 7:00 PM. There will be meetings on February 22nd and 25th that will be open to the public.

Mr. Ramsey stated he thought the road crew had done a good job despite the fact that the ice was not breaking up when they took the plows over it. Fred LaFollette said they have used up one side of the salt bin supply.

Ron Stratton mentioned the person who was in jail for break-ins and how much time it took to complete the process of checking things out.

After a review of the request for zoning change made by the zoning board, Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve this zoning change from business to residential on the Gooch property. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Kilburn, yea

Debbie Harper reported she had received a letter from Barbara Fath regarding the Little Miami Food Service organic garden located on the township property. They would like to plant two fruit trees at the ends of the garden this season.

Mr. Lynch requested a copy of the \$1500 check that paid for the zoning change hearing. He was told the check had been deposited last November and a copy was not available. Both Lee Short, zoning board president, and the Fiscal Officer attested to the receipt of the check.

Fiscal Matters

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #11528- #11581, 91179-91188 which totaled \$62,052.00.

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

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$17,225.27. This amount included receipts #7298– #7310.

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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