

Minutes March 27, 2012 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met March 27, 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: Donald Lynch, Chief Fred LaFollette, Jim Kilburn, Paul Kilburn, David Opperman, Woodie Davis, John Leesemann, Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell, Mike Kassalen, Jim Yockey, Ralph Blanton, Asst. Chief Bill Harrison and Nathan Houchins.

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

Cemetery

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

New Business

Donald Lynch referred to the Fire House as the Salem Township building. He said it should be staffed and opened to the public at all times. It was explained to him that this was not the township building, but was the firehouse. He went on to issue other complaints about the way the township is handling other matters concerning the zoning, the bulletin board, township records, meeting dates, and wanting the meetings broadcast to the network. A complete list of his remarks is on file.

David Fornshell, the Warren County Prosecutor, was present to give his annual report. He talked about how his office was hit with several high profile cases right after he took office. The main two were the case of the person who caused the death of Sgt. Brian Dulle and the case of the teacher charged with a sex crime. He handed out copies of the printed 2012 Annual Report and discussed some of the issues in the report. He spoke of all the aspects of the office: the community involvement, case loads, financial report. He stated that his office will make presentations to any groups if they are asked.

Mr. Ramsey stated that Warren County is glad to have him as the prosecutor and that he has stepped up and done a fine job in the position.

Jim Yockey presented a rendering of what the solar panels would look like if installed along the drive into the fire station. There would be 240 panels. He stated there would be a 15% savings on the electric bill. Rocknoll Energy would be responsible for all the maintenance of the panels. The board said they would look into this and let him know.

Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, turned in two permits. One was for a front porch and one for a pole barn.

Fire Dept/Roads

Fire Chief LaFollette reported the old Suburban was still for sale. The buyers did not come pick it up.

Mr. Ramsey had log sheets made up for the township employees to fill out so that if anyone wanted to see if a particular road had been worked on, it would be logged on the sheet. This would also show in what section of the cemetery work had been done.

Heath Kilburn reported on the issues at the Christmas Ranch. The Fire Marshall and health department officials had been there and everything is on track. No new barns can be built on the property. Mr. Kilburn also mentioned that the owner needs to maintain the road at the exit. It is being torn up by the heavy usage. It was decided the property must be inspected on an annual basis.

Assistant Chief Harrison reported that the EPCR system is in and they will start using it to enter data next month. He also told the board that there is still one ambulance out of working order. It should be repaired and back in operation soon.

Ralph Blanton thanked everyone who came out to support the fire department's fish fry on Friday. He said they had a good turnout.

It was mentioned that Wayne Township and Harlan Township have their fish fry events coming up soon and asked that we help support them as many of them came out for ours.

Debbie Harper submitted a request from the Warren County Commissioners to support the designation of State Route 42 that runs throughout Warren County as the "Warren County Veterans Highway". In order to show support for the project they are asking each township, village, and city to adopt an ordinance or resolution regarding this matter. After a brief discussion, Heath Kilburn made a motion to pass Resolution 12-0327 recommending and requesting that the portion of US Route 42 in Warren County be designated as the Warren County Veterans Highway. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Dare, yea

Kirk Ramsey reported that Salem Township will host the May 12, 2012 meeting of the Warren County Township Association at 9:00 A.M. at the firehouse conference room. The association is also planning a picnic and 5K run on July 28th.

It was reported there is research being done about the possibility of replacing the old building at the cemetery. Mr. Blanton also mentioned getting the wording changed on the deeds so that unclaimed gravesites could be returned to the township after a specified number of years.

Fiscal Business

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #11752- #11809, 91205-91212 which totaled \$54,039.94.

The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Dick Dare made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Heath 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 \$34,464.25. This amount included receipts #7351– #7379.

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Mr. Dare seconded the motion.

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