

Minutes April 10, 2012 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met April 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: Donald Lynch, Chief Fred LaFollette, Jim Kilburn, Woodie Davis, Mike Kassalen, Jim Yockey, Ralph Blanton, Asst. Chief Bill Harrison, Kenny Gooch, Ron Stratton, Bob Glancy, Lee Short and Nathan Houchins.

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

Cemetery

4/4/12 Harold Wolfe Sec 5 Lot 193 NE Corner

4/5/12 Mary Henry Sec 5 Lot 195 #2 NE Corner

4/5/12 Fredrick Schwartz Sec 4 Lot 325 #3 NW Corner

New Business

Assistant Chief Harrison gave a report on the number of runs in 2011 as compared to 2010. The total fire and EMS runs were up from 819 in 2010 to 886 in 2011.

He also reported they will start programming the EPCR system at the WCCC in May.

They will go live July 1st. Medicount Management will help load current data from them.

Mr. Ramsey said he was told there was a problem with the gurneys in Horton squads. They will need to check with Horton and let them know which type gurneys are currently in use.

Asst. Chief Harrison talked about the problem with the fit test machine. It is currently not in service. It would cost \$10,000 for a new machine, but the cost would be shared with Harlan and Hamilton Townships. After a brief discussion, Dick Dare made a motion to purchase the fit test machine. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Salem Morrow Fire Department will maintain the machine and testing will be done by them.

It was reported that there were 17 applications received for the 3rd full time fire lieutenant's position. They have it down to 3 applicants who they plan to interview. The three finalists for the position are Matt Hannigan, Jacob Stenger and Greg Otting.

Chief LaFollette asked the board to approve the resignation of Robert Wallman from the fire department as he has taken another job. He also asked the board to remove Jen Lister from the roster for cause. Heath Kilburn made a motion to accept these personnel changes. Dick Dare seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Dare, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea

The collaboration between the Warren County Career Center and the local fire departments to work on funding a new tower for the county was discussed and the following resolution was brought up for approval:

Mr. Dare made a motion to pass Resolution 12-0412 whereas the Salem Township Board of Trustees supports the Local Government Innovation Fund Grant for Planning Purposes in collaboration between WCCC Adult Education Public Safety Services Program and the Warren County Fire Chiefs. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Chief LaFollette brought up the need to attend the ICS402 Class. Attendance at this class is required in order to receive federal money in case of a disaster. Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Dare will attend this class.

It was mentioned that the Warren County Engineer's Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012.

Fred reported that the maintenance crew has been keeping a log of their jobs. He will keep them on file.

He reported that he has talked to the Horton Company and the squad should be ready by the last part of May. The trustees would like to go up to look at it before the final delivery is made. Mr. Kilburn asked if there was a limit to the number of people who could go see it. He thought perhaps some of the community member would like to go.

Donald Lynch issued a complaint regarding the zoning permit issued for a pole barn on Knollwood Dr.

He again brought up the fact that the Fire House was not staffed for the public and was closed all the time. He also questioned that it was mentioned that the Christmas Ranch should not put up any additional barns. He spoke on other zoning matters regarding changes made to the zoning laws.

Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, turned in one permit for a shed.

Mr. Ramsey mentioned that the preplanning meeting would be April 18 at 7:00 PM.

Jim Yockey updated the trustees on the solar panel project. Mr. Ramsey told him the trustees had talked and couldn't see the project happening on the ground. The back corner of the property is used for training purposes so they couldn't go there either.

With the warm weather, the grass is growing and the foreclosed properties will create a mowing problem. In order to take care of these properties the board approved the following resolution: Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve Resolution 12-0410A authorizing the abatement, control or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse or debris pursuant to Section 505.87 of the ORC, dispensing with a second reading and declaring an emergency. The owner will be given notice and have seven days to abate, control or remove said vegetation. If not, the Board of Trustees will provide for the abatement,

control or removal with the cost of said removal to be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry. Mr. Dare seconded the motion.

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

Heath Kilburn reported he had discussed the unused graves in the cemetery with Gary Loxley in the prosecutor's office. He asked if there was a way to know how many unused graves there were where no family remained. He was told there was a statute for reclamation. The matter will be looked into further.

Mr. Kilburn also brought up the need for a mini-excavator for use on the cemetery hillside. It could be purchased by state bid. The backhoe is too large for getting in some places as the cemetery gets more crowded. No action was taken on this matter at this time.

Mr. Kilburn is working on getting bids for a new building at the cemetery.

There has been a complaint about the weeds at Gilmour Road and St Rt 123. It is believed that property has been condemned. The Pete Christiansen property was also mentioned as well as two other homes in the area.

Fiscal Business

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #11810- #11877, 91213-91222 which totaled \$45,245.96.

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

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$15,861.78. This amount included receipts #7380– #7393.

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

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