

Minutes May 8, 2012 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met May 8, 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, Mike Kassalen, Kenny Gooch, Kelly McClain, Ron Stratton, Lee Short, Bob Glancy, Mr. & Mrs. David Opperman, Phillip Spears, Mayor Mike Irwin, Mike Meyers, Jim Kilburn, Sue Davidson, Terry Irwin and other village residents.

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

Cemetery

05/03/2012 Ramona Dixon Sec 4 Lot 269 Center West

05/05/2012 Debra Newton Sec 5 Lot 144 #2 NE Corner

New Business

Morrow Mayor Mike Irwin was present to discuss the flooding in the village on Thompson Street. The water is rushing down the hill from Pinecrest and flooding residents' homes and yards. John Makos spoke of how water comes down the hill and runs through his garage. Mike Meyers, Chuck Wallace and Sue Davidson also spoke about their water problems. Tim Irwin first thanked the township for their help with snow removal and then talked about his flooding problems. Bill Stevens, Allen Spurling and Philip Spears also spoke. Mr. Spears stated he has had flooding ever since the storm drains were put in when the Village and Township had a joint drainage project. Many of the properties are covered with mud and debris when there is a heavy rain. Mayor Irwin spoke about the OPWC project done in 2006. He stated that project did nothing to solve the problem that it was supposed to do. He suggested putting in a retention pond. Kirk Ramsey said Union Township also has a problem with water running down a hillside and creating problems. They are currently working to solve their problem. Heath Kilburn told those present that the township will look at the problem and passed out a copy of a letter he had received from the prosecutor's office that explained the steps that needed to be followed. Mayor Irwin suggested that the township purchase some of the property in that area and use it for a retention pond.

Mr. Ramsey said the township will get in touch with the county engineer's office and have them look at this problem.

Ron Stratton commented that you could not control Mother Nature and the rains have been extremely heavy this whole month.

Chief LaFollette told the board that the testing has been done and approved and requested approval to hire Greg Otting as the third full time fire department employee. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve this recommendation; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

Chief LaFollette gave the trustees the figures on the 2012 road projects. Paving will be done on Halls Creek Road and a portion of Shawhan and Trovillo Roads. Chip sealing will be done to Briarwood Subdivision roads and re-striping will be done to all of Shawhan and Waynesville Roads. Dick Dare made a motion to approve this project through the Warren County Engineer's Office. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Dare, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Kilburn, yea

LaFollette reported that they were behind with the mowing because of the rain. They have been working to replace the signs and working on a culvert.

Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, reported that the LaRue property has been mowed. There is also a property on Lake Road that needs to be mowed.

Donald Lynch complimented the board on the dialog with the village residents. Then he continued with his complaint that he has not received all the documents concerning the variance hearing held in regard to the Gooch property. He asked why the Gooch property has not been made to follow the zoning rules, in his opinion, that other residents must follow. He stated that Mr. Gooch is making a mockery of the zoning rules and department and the trustees and other property owners.

Mike Kassalen responded to some of Mr. Lynch's questions and concerns.

Heath Kilburn thanked the Mayor for coming and said the trustees would try to do everything they could to solve the flooding problems.

Ken Gooch stated there have been some concerns from the residents in the trailer park that there are hazardous properties stored in Mr. Lynch's buildings.

Correction to this item was made at the May 22nd meeting: Mr. Gooch stated there had been talk at the donut shop saying that maybe there was hazardous materials in the buildings.

Fiscal Business

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #11929- #11976, 91234-91237 which totaled \$41,639.41

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

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$119,919.87.

This amount included receipts #7423- #7429.

Mr. Ramsey thanked everyone for coming and said the door is always open and they are welcome any time.

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Dare seconded the motion.

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