

Minutes October 9, 2012 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met October 9, 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: Chief Fred LaFollette, Donald Lynch, Lee Short, Frank Schlake, Dave Opperman and friend, Void Blanton, Mike Kassalen, Asst. Chief Bill Harrison, Ralph Blanton

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

Cemetery

10/1/12 Howard Creamer Sec 4 Lot 227 #2 NW Corner

Items from the floor:

Donald Lynch again asked the board not to approve the proposed zoning change tonight. He stated there is no need to write a new code or to follow the county code. He said there was no notice of the zoning hearing tonight.

Neither Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, or Lee Short had any zoning items at this time.

Chief LaFollette reported that the paperwork for the new cemetery building has been sent to the zoning department. He said there has been a change in the size to 30' x56' with an increase of price to \$24, 374. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to accept the changes to the original plan for the building. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

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

Regarding the posting of the zoning change, Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Short why the zoning board only does the minimum posting required. Mr. Short stated they are only required to post in a local newspaper. Mr. Ramsey asked them to in the future post all changes at the local banks and the library.

Asst. Chief Harrison reported on the progress of the EPCR program. They have ordered one tablet at a cost of \$3,000. They will eventually have a tablet for all 3 squads with a license fee of \$3,000. He stated that by using the computer, it will increase the billing amount that will be received. Presently there are delays in payment due to mistakes in the paperwork or illegibility problems. The trustees approved the license purchase for the three squads.

Harrison discussed the fact that they have not been able to find a suitable person from the outside to fill the vacant full time lieutenant's position. They have a part time employee who is working to get qualified for this position.

He also told the board how they keep updating the computers and software as computers need to be replaced.

After a brief discussion, the board agreed to approve the proposed zoning changes. A summary of the items where changes will be made is as follows:

Section 20.5 Signage Standards and Requirements

Section 3.224 home Occupation Class 1 & 2

Section 6.02 Animals as Pets

Section 10.52B S.O.B

Section 3.02 Accessory Buildings

Mr. Dare made a motion to accept the proposed zoning changes as presented by the zoning board and to set the Salem Township Board of Trustees Public Hearing on the change for November 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Kilburn stated the cemetery was looking really nice. He also said the crew has done a really good job clearing around the road signs and culverts.

He said he has been approached by the Bunnell family about putting a sign up on the door to the food pantry to honor their mother and father for all the work they had done at the food pantry for many years, especially their mother, Joanne Bunnell.

Void Blanton asked if the name of the food pantry would be changed. He was told that it is not supposed to change. Mr. Kilburn said he will see if he can get the specs on the sign and more information before it goes up.

FISCAL MATTERS

Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer prepared checks #12524- #12586, 91310-91319 which totaled \$46,877.93.

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. Ramsey, yea Mr. Kilburn, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$8,444.44. This amount included receipts #7588– #7598.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Dare seconded the motion.

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