

Minutes November 27, 2012 Meeting

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

Others present: Chief Fred LaFollette, Donald Lynch, Dave Opperman and friend, Bob Glancy, Mike Kassalen, John Leesemann, Ralph Blanton, Paul Long, Frank Goodlander and Asst. Chief Bill Harrison.

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

Cemetery

11/27/12 Jonathon Kroninger Sec 5 Lot 177 NE Corner

11/27/12 Brittany Combs Sec 5 Lot 177 #2 NE Corner

Items from the floor:

Donald Lynch voiced his opinion that there was no proper posting of the zoning changes and that there is no open communication with the citizens. He also stated that in his opinion the Lake Motel is the worst property in the township and has numerous zoning violations. He mentioned the bulletin board is not updated.

Frank Goodlander from the Little Miami Food Pantry reported that the pantry was inspected and told they did not have adequate signage for people to know where they are located. They need a sign on US 22-3, like an arrow pointing back to the building. The problem is the properties along Whitacre Drive are all right on the road and there isn't a place for a sign.

He reported their usage has been about one third higher this fall and they are feeding approximately 3000 people per month. There is a need to share with the community that there is a need for more food donations.

The township will put a notice on the website.

Fred LaFollette suggested they have any interested people call for information about where they can leave donations.

Fire Department/Roads

The Fire Department's annual visit with Santa is set for December 16 at 1:00. Candy will be passed out and Santa will be present.

Chief LaFollette reported that the concrete is supposed to be poured in the cemetery building tomorrow.

Asst.Chief Harrison gave an update on the EPCR program. It will go live December 1st. They've had their training and are ready to go forward with this program.

He then presented the Fire Department proposed budgets for 2013-2017. Mr. Ramsey told him they do a good job with their budgeting. Harrison explained how he plans for replacement of equipment as it ages.

Zoning

Zoning Inspector, Mike Kassalen, turned in one building permit for an accessory building.

He stated he had done an inspection on the Lake Motel property and found nothing in violation per the county code.

Heath Kilburn asked Mr. Goodlander about the sign for the food pantry and if he had any ideas where they could put it. Mr. Goodlander said he was thinking about a small sign, but that it would be tough to come up with something that doesn't obstruct the view. Don Lynch suggested placing a placard type sign to be used only during the hours of operation. Heath then suggested putting a sign near the water tower. Heath Kilburn suggested pouring a lip at the garage door of the cemetery building when the concrete is done to provide a solution for water run-off.

FISCAL MATTERS

Debbie Harper brought up the fact that the 2nd meeting in December falls on Christmas Day this year and the board would need to change that meeting date. It was discussed and the board set the date as December 26, 2012 at the regular time of 7:00 PM.

The Fiscal Officer then requested the Board to approve the following transfer of funds:

\$20,265.59 from the Fire Fund to the Debt Service Fund, of which \$265.59 will pay the semi-annual interest and \$20,000 will pay the 1st principle payment to the township for the loan made for the purchase of the new squad. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve this transfer. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea

The fiscal officer prepared checks #12726- #12784, 91348 which totaled \$409,272.88. The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Heath Kilburn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Kirk Ramsey` seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$50,955.38. This amount included receipts #7630- #7651.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

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