

# Minutes December 11, 2012 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met December 11, 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 Dick Dare present. Mr. Kilburn was absent. Mr. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present: Chief Fred LaFollette, Donald Lynch, Dave Opperman, Mike Kassalen, John Leesemann, Ralph Blanton, Woodie Davis, Ron Stratton, a deputy from the Warren County Sheriff's office and Asst. Chief Bill Harrison.

The minutes were read and approved with one correction. The entry concerning the inspection of the Lake motel by Zoning Inspector, Mike Kassalen, should have read that there were no violations that were against township zoning. These minutes were posted in the building with a correction to be made in the December 11th minutes.

## Cemetery

11/24/12 Gorman Blanton Sec 5 Lot 7 Center West

11/30/12 Oren Combs Sec 5 Lot 183 NW Corner

## Items from the floor:

Donald Lynch brought up the zoning change and again asked that it not be adopted. He also asked that any changes made in the last ten years be voided and take the zoning back to the original code. He had a correction to the minutes from the prior meeting. He objected to the wording regarding the inspection of the Lake Motel. The minutes should have read township zoning not county zoning. The Fiscal Officer will make the correction in the minutes for this meeting. (as shown above). Mr. Lynch requested that Kirk Ramsey talk to someone at the county to see if the property meets county code.

Ron Stratton requested a copy of the video of the October 23, 2012 meeting by January 1st. He then suggested that the trustees allow any resident to be first to take the floor and then any non-resident would follow with their remarks. He said this would allow the residents to leave the meeting at this time if so desired.

The deputy from the Warren County Sheriff's office reported that there have been some daytime robberies in the area lately. He asked if anyone sees anything to let the sheriff know. He also suggested that everyone keep their doors locked when away from home.

## Fire Department/Roads

Chief LaFollette brought up the renewal of the board for the volunteer firefighters association. There is currently one vacancy on the board and he has asked Mike Kassalen if he would fill this position. He agreed and Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve this appointment seconded by Dick Dare.

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

The county engineer's office has sent out information on the 2013 paving and resurfacing project. They need to start thinking about which roads to work on next year.

Assistant Chief Harrison reported that the start up on the EPCR program is going well. He brought up the salaries for the Fire Department that they had allowed in the 2013 budget. They are asking that the part-timers and volunteers receive a \$.25/hour increase and the full time employees receive a \$.50/hour increase.

Mr. Dare and Mr. Ramsey were in agreement with this proposal and also would increase the Chief and Assistant Chief's salaries by 3%, and the road crew, Mike Gilbert and Greg Webb, would get increases of \$.25/ hour. Mr. Ramsey made a motion to approve the following raises to be effective the first pay in January, 2013:

\$.25/hr for Fire Department part-timers and volunteers

\$.50/hr for the Fire Department full time positions

\$.25/hr for Mike Gilbert and Greg Webb

3% increase for Chief LaFollette and Asst.Chief Harrison

Dick Dare seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Dare, yea

Mike Kassalen, Zoning Inspector, turned in one permit for the addition of a deck.

#### FISCAL MATTERS

Debbie Harper reported she had received a resolution from the Warren County Commissioners stating that the various fees associated with hooking up the sewer at the cemetery had been waived.

The fiscal officer prepared checks #12785- #12825, 91349-91352 which totaled \$86,252.76.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$47,589.15. This amount included receipts #7652- #7661.

With no further business to come before the board, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote Mr. Dare, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea