

Minutes March 25, 2014 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met March 25, 2014 in regular session at the Salem Morrow Fire Station Conference Room for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. President Heath Kilburn call the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with members Ralph Blanton and Kirk Ramsey present. Mr. Kilburn led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present: Chief LaFollette, Ron Stratton, Bob Glancy, Don Lynch, Mike Kassalen, Lori Hensley, Mark Gibson from Kalida Truck Equipment, Paul Kilburn, Woodie Davis, Kirk Ramsey, Jr., and Asst.Chief Harrison

The minutes were read and approved and posted on the bulletin board.

Cemetery Updates

3/17/14 Christine Helton Sec 4 Lot 223 #2 SW Corner

Mr. Kilburn turned the meeting over to Ron Stratton to explain about his suggestion to take a minute once a year or so to honor all those in service. Mr. Stratton stated he thought it would be good to honor all those who serve in any manner, be it the military, fire fighter, police, road workers, garbage collectors, etc. Mr. Kilburn then designated that there would be a time of silence tonight to honor those who serve in any capacity. One minute of silence then followed.

Fire Department/Roads

Chief LaFollette brought up the fact that Ian Cox had previously resigned in order to work for Cincinnati. He could not work for Salem Morrow Fire Dept while he was going through their training program. He has now finished that program and would like to again be a part-time employee of Salem Morrow. Chief LaFollette recommended that the board re-hire him.

Kirk Ramsey made a motion to hire Ian Cox as a part-timer, seconded by Ralph Blanton.
Vote: Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea Mr. Kilburn, yea

Chief reported that he has gathered information from other cemeteries and they are comparing fees being charged.

Information was received from the Strong Ohio Communities group regarding the May 6 ballot issue to approve the renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program. They asked for the township's support on this issue. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to pass Resolution 14-0325 WHEREAS, local communities are in continuing need of support for vital road, bridge, sewer, water and other infrastructure projects, and Whereas, Ohio's program has successfully provided support for more than 11,500 such projects since 1987, and

WHEREAS, no new taxes are required to fund repayment of the bonds,

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that the Salem Township Board of Trustees urge Ohio voters to support State Issue 1, renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program on May 6, 2014.

Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, ye a Mr. Kilburn, yea

It was brought up that Jon Peters would be brought back to work in early April to help with mowing in the cemetery and along the roads.

Lori Hensley announced that April 5th has been set as the spruce up the town day for the Village of Morrow.

Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, didn't have any permits to turn in for this period nor any new zoning matters.

Donald Lynch spoke about the proposed bike trail and asked the trustees to take a position against this new trail.

Mark Gibson from Kalida Truck Equipment was present to give the board a quote for a 2015 Ford Dump Truck. After he gave details on the quote, everyone went out to the equipment bay to look at the "sample" truck he had brought with him. He detailed how various features would work, including hazard lights. When the meeting resumed, there was a discussion of the use of a V-plow versus a straight plow. The bid offered by Kalida Truck Equipment for outfitting the truck and the chassis from Reineke Ford was lower than the state bid being offered.

The chassis price was \$40,248.00 and the equipment package was \$35,844.00 for a total of \$76,092. This price included the upgrade to the V-plow. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve the purchase of the F550 dump truck with snow plow from the Kalida Truck Equipment/Reineke Ford quote. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper reported that she had filed for tax exemption on the church property and the township building being used by the Little Miami Food Pantry. She has received notice that this tax exemption has been granted by the state.

The fiscal officer prepared checks #14472- #14521, 91651-91662 which totaled \$53,236.03.

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

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$117,352.90.

This amount included receipts #8157– #8182.

Ralph Blanton reported that the floor at the M & M Diner is bad and if anyone was in the building they could fall through. He asked Mike Kassalen to tell the owners to make it secure. Mike suggested calling the health department. He said they would put up boards.

With no further business to come before the board, Kirk Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea Mr. Kilburn, yea