

Minutes June 10, 2014 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met June 10, 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 Kirk Ramsey and Ralph Blanton present. Mr. Kilburn asked Ralph Blanton to lead all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present: Chief LaFollette, Don Lynch, Mike Kassalen, Ron Stratton, Frank Schlake, Bob Glancy, Woodie Davis, Lori Hensley and guest, and Assistant Chief Harrison

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

Cemetery Updates

There were no changes to the cemetery records for this period.

Heath Kilburn asked Ron Stratton to lead in a moment of silence to honor all those who serve the public or their country in any capacity.

Fire Department/Roads

Chief LaFollette reported changes to the roster and requested that the board remove three firefighters who no longer are able to give time to Salem Morrow Fire Department as they have other jobs. These three men are: Grant Greely, Ian Cox and Brian Hall. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve removing these names from the roster. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

Chief then submitted three new employees to add to the roster. They are : Joseph Stuckey, Ryan Tucker and Mark Peters. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve the hiring of these three men. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Chief told the board that they had received a radio for Salem Elementary School for use to have a communication line to the fire department. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve the memo of understanding with the Salem Elementary School for the use of this radio for emergency purposes. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

The issue with Achterman Road was brought up. Ralph reported he had met with Neil Tunison, Warren County Engineer, and he suggested maintaining the road 200 feet further than what is now being done, adding more gravel and working on the ditches.

Chief reported that June 30 has been given as the build date for the new truck. It was discussed that the smaller truck should be kept for use when it isn't practical to take out the bigger truck.

It was mentioned that culvert pipes are being put in on Gilmour Road and the road will have to be closed for a couple of days.

Heath told the fire department that the concrete looked really good after being cleaned. They saved money by doing it themselves.

Frank Schlake commented on the mowing that's been done on Gheils Carroll Road. He said it's the best it's ever been. Ralph Blanton told him it was the county that had mowed that area.

Lori Hensley introduced a representative from United Home Solutions. He stated he was willing to do some work for the community where it was needed for the cost of labor only.

Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, turned in three (3) permits for accessory buildings. He also reported he had posted a notice regarding the tall grass on a property on St.Rt. 123.

He said he has been in touch with the owner who promises to get it cut. Kirk Ramsey mentioned the property where a semi is parked and questioned whether it was residential or business. Mike will look into the matter.

Heath Kilburn stated that Dan Browning had called him concerning a fence issue with his neighbor. He has checked out the issue as explained in the OTA handbook. It referred to various sections of ORC. The problem needs to be resolved.

Don Lynch took the floor and gave his interpretation on fence disputes. He then brought up the issue of the former store being used as a residence. He stated he would like to petition the trustees to re-do the zoning.

Ralph Blanton brought up the matter of the Reading Terraqua club bringing a suit against the township regarding access underneath the bike trail. The insurance company is reviewing it; there's no monetary claim, so it might not be their responsibility. It could be a liability for the county prosecutor's office.

He went on to bring up the fact that the Wilder property which adjoins the fire department property sold and the new owner would like to split it up. Mr. Blanton then made a motion that the township go into negotiations with him regarding the 36 acre section for use for future cemetery and administration operations. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Don Lynch asked about the property currently owned by the township in Roachester.

Ralph suggested the need for a work session to go over some of the numbers for the Fire Department budget. Money is getting tight and the public needs to be made aware of this situation. It was decided a special meeting would be held Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 7:00 at the normal meeting place.

Fiscal Business

The fiscal officer reminded the board that the annual budget hearing will have to be held at the July 8, 2014 meeting to meet the required July 15th deadline for approving the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget.

The fiscal officer prepared checks #14739- #14774, 91710-91716 which totaled \$36,336.63.

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

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$6,622.22 which included receipts #8252 - 8261.

With no further business to come before the board, Ralph Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

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