

Minutes January 13, 2015 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met January 13, 2015 in regular session at the Salem Morrow Fire Station Conference Room for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. President Heath Kilburn called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with members Ralph Blanton and Kirk Ramsey present. Heath Kilburn led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Don Lynch, Fire Chief Fred LaFollette, Assistant Chief Bill Harrison, Bob Glancy, Mike Kassalen, Dick Dare, Woodie Davis, and Scott Charlton.

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

Cemetery Updates

1/5/15 Joanne Lynch Sec 4 Lot 175 #2NW Corner Stine FH

Election of Board President

Mr. Kilburn turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer who asked for nominations for president. Heath Kilburn nominated Ralph Blanton. Mr. Ramsey seconded the motion. As there were no other nominations, Ms. Harper asked for a vote to approve Mr. Blanton as the new president.

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

The meeting was then turned over to the new president for the election of vice president. Ralph Blanton nominated Heath Kilburn, seconded by Kirk Ramsey.

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

Donald Lynch then took the floor and again mentioned the street lights on Ward Road and who pays for them. He was again told the township pays for these lights. Then he commented on the Christmas Ranch and David Smith zoning issues as were in the minutes. He commented on how the zoning is handled in the township. Next he brought to the attention of the board a newspaper clipping of zoning board requirements from another township. The discussion got contentious and he was asked to finish up and sit down.

Dick Dare stated the crew had done a good job on the roads with the recent ice issues.

Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, turned in one permit for an addition. He then submitted the roster of names for the proposed Board of Zoning Appeals and told the board that Larry Newberry had resigned from the current board. These were: Dave Hartman, Rob Haines, Bill Caldwell, Bobbie Grice and Scott Charlton. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve the persons as listed to serve on the BZA. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Heath Kilburn then brought up the fact that as Ron Stratton had mentioned the need for a form to document public records requests, he had drafted a form to be used. It was agreed to have these forms available for requests.

Mr. Kilburn then asked Chief LaFollette about the signs at Waynesville & Shawhan Roads. They are knocked over. The crew will pick them up, posts and all, and store until next winter.

Fire Department/Roads

Chief LaFollette reported there were two new part time paid employees he would like to add to the roster: Christopher Bartesko and Damien Rombold. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve hiring these two men providing they pass the physical exams and drug screens. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

Resolution 15-0113

Ralph Blanton brought up the fact that due to the levy failure in November of 2014, the fire department is requesting to try to pass a 5-year levy for a lower 3.9 mills in May. The next step will be to get the millage certified by the county auditor. Heath Kilburn made a motion pass Resolution 15-0113 requesting the county auditor certify to Salem Township the total current tax valuation of Salem Township including the Village of Morrow and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Chief LaFollette reported that volunteer Mark Peters had resigned effective 2/1/15 and asked the board to remove him from the active roster. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve the resignation of Mark Peters, seconded by Kirk Ramsey. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

LaFollette told the board they have used about 77 tons of the salt order and it is working out pretty good.

There have been a few minor problems with the new truck and he will get a list together for the trustees to take with them to the OTA convention to give to the dealer who also will be there.

Mike Kassalen mentioned that Bobbie Grice would also be willing to serve as an alternate on the Zoning Commission. Heath Kilburn made a motion to add Ms. Grice as an alternate to the Zoning Commission. Seconded by Kirk Ramsey. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

Fiscal Business

The fiscal officer asked the board to approve the transfer of funds from the Fire Department to the Township general fund in order to make the annual payment on the loan for the ambulance provided by Resolution 12-0424. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to

pass Resolution 15-0113A to approve a transfer in the amount of \$20,345.54 from the Fire Fund to the General Fund to make the annual payment for the loan from said General Fund to the Fire Department for the purchase of an ambulance in 2014. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

The fiscal officer prepared checks #15460-15496, 91853-91860 which totaled \$68,766.80.

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 Mr. Blanton, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$22,618.18 which included receipts #8486 - #8492.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

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