

Minutes August 25, 2015 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met August 25, 2015 in regular session at the Salem Morrow Fire Station Conference Room for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. President Ralph Blanton called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with members Heath Kilburn and Kirk Ramsey present. Ralph Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Don Lynch, Mike Kassalen, Judy Keck, Susan Ramsey, Bob Glancy, David Griggs, Woodie Davis and Chief Harrison.

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

Cemetery Updates

8/17/15 Charlene Oeder Sec 5 Lot 44 #2 SE Corner Vales FH
8/17/15 Ryan Spears Sec 5 Lot 175 SE Corner Vales FH
8/25/15 Richard W Hiles Sec 4 Lot 49 Center West Family

It was pointed out that the township had purchased new audio equipment for use on both the podium and the table. Hopefully it will make a good quality taping of the board meetings.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Harrison reported he had been in touch with DJL Material & Supply Company regarding the crack repair work on the parking lot. He had spoken with Larry Allen of Union Township and they plan to use this same company this summer and would be willing to buy any materials we did not use as they will need more than us, and you are required to buy a whole skid of the product. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to contract with DJL Material & Supply Company for the use of the machine and product to repair the cracks in the parking lot. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Chief Harrison then reported that James Benoit had obtained a full time job and would only be able to pick up a few shifts with the fire department. Also Mark Greatorex had a full time position and will resign from Salem-Morrow F.D.

Chief Harrison then gave a report on a rescue today that involved the Warren County Rope Rescue team. A resident had fallen out of a deer stand back in the woods and rolled down a hill. It took the combined effort of several departments and their rope rescue personnel to get him up the hill and out of the woods. Air Care then took him to the hospital.

Don Lynch asked how many vehicles were involved in the rescue. Heath told him there were 20 on the scene. To answer his question whether there was anyone left to answer another call, Chief Harrison told him that all the departments were backed up by other departments in the area.

From the Floor

David Griggs was present to speak about the Little Miami School District renewal levy that will be on the November ballot. He spoke about the increased enrollment with 60 new ninth graders and 329 going into kindergarten. Enrollment overall is up close to 500 students.

Mike Kassalen, zoning inspector, reported there were no permits issued for this 2-week period. He addressed the question Don Lynch asked last meeting about food trucks. He said he had checked out the zoning code and it does not address the matter. However, if they are part of a bigger event, like a sporting event or festival, they can get a temporary permit.

Regarding the Nease property on Lake Road, notices have been sent, but no reply has been received. Therefore, since all the steps have been taken by the zoning inspector and nothing has been done, the board decided it was time to take action. Heath Kilburn made a motion to get the grass cut on the Lake Road property and bill the expense to the owner's tax bill. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion. Heath Kilburn asked Mike about the jeep in the right away along 22-3 at Lake Road. He will call ODOT since this is a right of way issue and under their jurisdiction.

Don Lynch stated he had a serious problem with the requirements for serving on the zoning boards. He thinks there should be something required such as reading the entire zoning book.

Another complaint was that zoning is so sporadic.

Ralph Blanton reported that the terms for the three representatives to the Public Works Integrated Committee expired on May 31. A mailing was received to vote for three of the names submitted. Mr. Blanton suggested the board support the three names representing Warren County; Kurt Weber, Chris Koch and Fred Vonderhaar. He made a motion to endorse those three. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Fiscal Business

The fiscal officer prepared checks #16228-16282, 92014-92026 which totaled \$63,984.14.

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

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$37,859.30 which included receipts #8731 - #8759.

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

Vote: Mr. Ramsey, yea

Mr. Kilburn, yea

Mr. Blanton, yea