

Minutes November 24, 2015 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met November 24, 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. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Don Lynch, Mike Kassalen, Chief Harrison, Susan Ramsey, Fred LaFollette, Cassie and Tom Neutzing, Ron Stevenson and Steve Reuss

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

Cemetery Updates

11/20/15 Robert Charles Sec 4 Lot 275 SW Corner Stine FH

11/20/15 Merlean Nichols Sec 5 Lot 65 #2 SE Corner Vales FH

Fire Department

Chief Bill Harrison said there was no new business from the fire department. However, he did report on the status of the former chief's car. It has been rehabbed into use on runs. He said it can actually be used to carry a patient.

Cassie Neutzing, a resident of Mason Morrow Millgrove Road was present to inquire if the township knew anything about the Village of Morrow Annexing their property. They have been contacted about allowing a water line to be run through their property to reach Hopewell Estates. Mike Kassalen told her that the developers did not meet the deadline, so they must start the process over again. A discussion of the possibilities for an annexation and what it would mean for them followed.

Mike Kassalen reported he had issued a permit to the township for the salt bin with no charge associated with this permit.

Regarding the Reuss property, Mike told him that if he tried to rezone it, the county would probably turn it down before it got back to being processed by the township. Mr. Kassalen told him that he has met with the prosecutor and regional planning to see if there is a way to rezone his property so that he can have the dog grooming business there. No one was able to come up with anything that would be in compliance with the zoning codes. He then wished Mr. Reuss luck in finding a way to solve his problem.

Donald Lynch wanted to follow up on the Gooch property. He was told the matter was now with the prosecutor's office. Mr. Lynch then stated that this proved the zoning inspector had been negligent. He then brought up the Smith property. Mr. Blanton told him this case went back before any of them had been in office and there was a different zoning inspector and they couldn't go back and make changes to things approved years before.

Heath Kilburn then asked about the signs for the Christmas Ranch. Ralph reported the signs are now up and there are signs placed in both directions from the ranch.

It was brought up that there should be something done to protect the sides of the new salt bin from being eaten away by the salt. After a brief discussion, Kirk Ramsey made a motion to have Janell Equipment supply a life time sealer for the salt bin. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

The back hoe has been worked on, but there had to be more done than originally approved; therefore, Kirk Ramsey made a motion to modify the amount approved for the work done by Mike Toller. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

At this point, Heath Kilburn stated he wanted to thank Ralph Blanton for all the work he had done this month working on various concerns of the township. He appreciated the time he had spent dealing with the ongoing projects and seeing them completed.

Ralph reported that no one that he has contacted wants to do the clean up on the Morrow Rossburg Road property. He said the property is due to go up for sheriff's sale in a month, so maybe if it's sold, the buyer will clean it up.

Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper requested approval from the board to transfer \$152,304.50 from the Fire Fund to the Debt Service Fund to make payments due on two loans. Heath Kilburn made a motion to pass Resolution 2015-1124 to allow for transferring funds from the Fire Fund to the Debt Service Fund in order to pay the amounts due for the Fire Truck Acquisition Note (\$1,504.50 interest) and the Fire House Construction Loan (\$150,800 interest & principal); total of \$152,304.50.

Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

The fiscal officer prepared checks #16534-16585, 92078-92090 which totaled \$432,705.77.

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 Mr. Blanton, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$165,871.51

which included receipts #8829 - #8852.

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