

Minutes April 12, 2016 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met April 12, 2016 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 member Kirk Ramsey present. Heath Kilburn was absent. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Don Lynch, Jesse McKeehan, Susan Ramsey, Chief Bill Harrison, and Neal & Justine Hendy

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.

Don Lynch asked if the new zoning inspector will be at every meeting. He also asked what was going on with the Gooch property. Mr. Blanton said he has heard the current resident is leaving and Mr. Gooch in in negotiations to sell it.

Fire Department

Chief Harrison handed out copies of the March report. There were 68 runs in March for a YTD total of 202. They have been busy with different training sessions. He reported the fish fry had been a success.

The white suburban has been put on gov.deals. \$222 is the high bid so far with 13 days left to bid.

Chief talked about the roof damage done in the recent wind storm. Shingles were blown off the building. Chris Koenig came and fixed the loose shingles, but said it really needs to be totally re done. This would cost about \$40,000 - \$50,000.

Township Matters

Ralph Blanton mentioned that the county will be closing Ireland Road on May 9 for the culvert work. They have estimated closure for 8 weeks, but could possibly be done in 6. Regarding the slippage on Ghiels Carroll Road, it appears to be holding with all the clay that has been hauled in.

Cemetery mowing is going good with the addition of the new man. The crew will do some ditching on Waynesville Road and replace a culvert. Work is needed on Halls Creek too.

Donald Lynch stated he had done some checking on the new zoning inspector and he thought the township had made a good choice.

He also had a comment about the township pursuing the owner of the bus and that they should give him some slack.

Personnel Matters

It was decided that Jon Peters would be starting back to work in the cemetery this week.

Jesse McKeehan would start this week in the zoning inspector position at the rate of \$400.00 per month plus mileage at the rate of \$.50/mile driven for zoning business.

Mr. Kilburn commented on what Mr. Lynch had said about the bus matter. He said the township is just asking the owner to take care of his property and make it look better.

Zoning

Jesse McKeehan reported he has been working on getting the website updated and shared some of his ideas of what he would like to do. He wants to update the zoning application and compare the zoning fees with those in the surrounding area.

Don Lynch asked him how he would handle a prior zoning error that was never corrected. Jesse tried to explain how the process would go and mentioned the grandfathering issue.

Fiscal Business

The fiscal officer prepared checks #16979-17041, 92184-92191 which totaled \$55,392.36. 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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$558,431.70 which included receipts #8972 - #8980.

Debbie Harper brought up the Ohio Checkbook program being run by the State of Ohio Treasurer's Office. She asked the board if they wanted to take part in this program that is promoting transparency of expenditures of all state entities. Kirk Ramsey made a motion to approve Salem Township taking part in this program. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Ralph Blanton had information on the county engineer's effort to get salt bids for this year. He said Heath had mentioned to him that he thought they should order 200 tons again since we now have the room to store it. After a brief discussion, Kirk Ramsey made a motion to pass Resolution 0412-2016 to approve the township going in with the Warren County Engineer's office to seek bids for procuring salt for the fall of 2016. The township would purchase 200 tons at this time. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

With no further business to come before the board, Kirk Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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