

Minutes June 14, 2016 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met June 14, 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 Heath Kilburn present. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag. Mr. Blanton asked those present to remain standing and offer silent prayers in honor of Trustee Kirk Ramsey who passed away June 12, 2016. Services will be on Thursday according to Mr. Blanton.

Others present: Chief Bill Harrison, Jesse McKeehan, Bob Glancy, Woodie Davis, Jim Yockey and Donald Lynch.

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

Cemetery Updates

6/3/16 James & Geraldine Sempsrott ashes together Sec 4 Lot 203 #2 SE Family

6/3/16 Virginia Cook Sec 4 Lot 101 #2 SE Corner Vales FH

6/3/16 Cathern Meenach Sec 5 Lot 6 #2 SW Corner Vales FH

6/13/16 Betty Richardson Sec 5 Lot 4 #2 SW Corner Vales FH

Zoning

Jesse McKeehan, zoning inspector, reported that he has had no response regarding the property on Morrow Rossburg Road. He does have someone who will do the clean-up for \$300.00. Ralph Blanton had another quote for \$1,000.00. He will make one more attempt through the real estate agent to get this taken care of. If that doesn't work, then the township will proceed to have it mowed.

A discussion followed concerning a resident who is interested in returning his property to commercial use. It was asked if there was anything in the zoning code to act as a guideline to determine if there is a business operating out of a residence. Heath Kilburn stated he has heard that the auto body shop that was across from the fire house has relocated to the property in question.

Bob Glancy told the board that the grass at the property located across from him on Lake Road is over knee high in height. It was also mentioned that the 5th house from the end of the road coming from Blanchester is in bad shape. There is a contact available for this property.

Fire Department

Chief Harrison is looking into changing the cable phone lines due to an increase from Verizon. He has looked into Time Warner and has a quote of \$500 per month which is less than they are paying now.

He is also working on refinancing the Fire Station Improvement Loan. At current rates if a new loan was approved, it would save around \$30,000-\$35,000 a year.

He reported they have been getting slammed lately with calls and serious rescues. There has been a water rescue, a man fell into the water when the bridge let go, a 2-vehicle

crash in front of Pinecrest and another 1-vehicle crash where both occupants had to be flown out.

Woodie Davis asked him if they still planned to put the levy on the November ballot. He told him that they did plan to put a 3.9 mill levy out to the voters.

Woodie also asked about the roof repair that was mentioned in the minutes. He was referring to the wind damage that was done several months ago. Mr. Blanton said the damage was taken care of and a new roof is not needed now, but probably in 10-15 years it will be needed.

Don Lynch asked about defining commercial versus residential. He mentioned what he interpreted as bias when determining a business. He claimed he was discriminated against with the enforcement of zoning issues.

Ralph Blanton answered him by talking about current zoning issues and how they are being handled; and said the past is past, and they are working fairly with all new problems.

Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper, Fiscal Office, requested the date for the Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2017 be set for July 12, 2016. The Board approved this date.

She then brought to the board's attention a communication received from the Warren County Department of Emergency Services regarding a meeting to revise the county's 9-1-1 final plan. Per statute two voting members can be selected by a majority of the townships. If a township does not care to nominate a member, they can abstain from doing so. Heath Kilburn made a motion that Salem Township would abstain from making a nomination. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Heath Kilburn brought up the new truck. Ralph said it is ready to go on the road. The crew will drive it and get used to it before winter. Plans are for Greg Webb to drive the new truck, Mike Gilbert will switch to Greg's old truck and the old '95 truck will be used as back up.

It was mentioned that a large tree was down and was blocking the road at Halls Creek and Trovillo, closing it for two days.

Heath mentioned that a Warren County Deputy had been shot in Deerfield Township. He asked that we all keep Katy Barnes in our thoughts along with the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

The fiscal officer prepared checks #17182-17225, 92227-92229 which totaled \$32,623.21.

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

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$4,584.04 which included receipts #9047 - #9052.

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

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