

# Minutes October 11, 2016 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met October 11, 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 members Heath Kilburn and Susan Ramsey present. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Don Lynch, Jesse McKeehan, Paula Smith

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

## Cemetery Updates

10/4/2016 Kris Robinson Sec 5 Lot 67 NW Corner Stines FH

## Fire Department

No updates at this time.

Paula Smith from the Warren County Elderly Services which is run by the Council of Aging made a presentation on the upcoming tax levy. They have a renewal of the present tax that will be on the November ballot. One of their services is to provide the Meals on Wheels program. Currently they are serving meals to 52 residents in Salem Township. She stated that almost 91% of the cost of services is being provided by this levy which was first approved in 2002 and renewed in 2011. This renewal will not provide any new taxes and the current rate would cost approximately \$34.18 per \$100,000 evaluation.

## Zoning Department

Jesse McKeehan, zoning inspector, turned in 3 zoning permits to the Fiscal Officer; 1 new home, 1 deck and 1 pool.

He told the board he would like to get started on the 1st step in the process for a text change in the zoning code for mix-use areas. He explained the order of operation to start the process. The trustees first have to approve to start the change and notify the Regional Planning Commission. They will have a public hearing and then make a recommendation to the zoning board. He believes this change would give the township more flexibility to work with residents who live in one of these mix use areas.

Donald Lynch stated he was totally against this proposal and went on to explain why.

Ralph Blanton explained it as he understood how things would change. It would open up a new category of zoning which would be called "mixed use". Jesse said it would allow more flexibility to work with residents. He also noted that this recommendation was included in the Comprehensive Plan done by the Regional Planning Committee.

Heath Kilburn then made a motion to approve the start of the process to make a text change in the Salem Township Zoning Code. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Jesse will call the auditor and ask about newspaper ads. Heath said he would call Keith Anderson, in the Warren County Prosecutor's office, to see what he advises.

Don Lynch stated that he thought there should be more public meetings before the zoning change moves forward. He also stated he was against putting up "No Parking" signs in Washington Way.

Heath Kilburn asked about the salt order. Ralph Blanton stated it could be ordered anytime the township wanted it. There is still a drainage problem with the salt bin structure that needs to be taken care of before salt is delivered.

Concerning the drainage problems in Wolf Run and Bramblebush, it has been explained to the residents that this is not a township problem, but the township can help them with it if needed.

Don Lynch asked if there was going to be a road going into the Gooch property.

#### Fiscal Business

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #17568-17618, 92321-92326 which totaled \$37,146.19.

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

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$16,766.19 which included receipts #9203 - #9211.

With no further business to come before the board Susan Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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