

Minutes December 12, 2017 meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met December 12, 2017 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. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Chief Harrison, Don Lynch, Kirk Ramsey, Jr.

Cemetery Updates

12/2/17 Void Blanton Sec 4 Lot 302 NE Corner Vale's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the November 28, 2017 meeting and Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve these minutes. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Fire Department

Chief Harrison presented the monthly report of runs for the month of November. They had several large fires with mutual aid from Hamilton Township.

Salem and Harlan Townships took part in a joint training recently.

The fire department budget for 4 years including 2021 was passed out. Chief said that the budget looked good and would like to revise the pay scale to be more in line with the surrounding fire departments. He proposed an increase of \$.50 per hour for the part timers and \$.75 per hour for the full time employees to be effective the first payroll in January, 2018. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve this increase; seconded by Susan Ramsey.

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

Next, he explained he was doing everything to keep the employees we now have and would like to add 2 new full-time positions now and maybe a 3rd later. Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve adding 3 full time positions in the fire department in 2018. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Chief Harrison reported that he had talked to 3 or 4 website providers with various costs.

Heath Kilburn then made a motion to increase the Fire Chief's annual pay to \$78,016 to be effective the first pay in January, 2018. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Heath Kilburn brought up tire collection and Ralph Blanton said he had talked to Terry Yeager at the Warren County Health Department. She is working on a grant for mosquito abatement that would include getting rid of old tires. She will contact the township in the spring.

Ralph Blanton brought up the current pay of the two full time township employees. He suggested increasing their pay by \$.35/hour which would increase Greg Webb to \$20.50 and Mike Gilbert to \$21.50. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve this increase to be effective the first pay in January, 2018. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Blanton then reported that Rob Glancy had done some work on the barn where the trucks are kept. He had asked him to look into some new lighting for this building. To rewire the whole barn, the estimate was \$2,500.00. No action was taken on this matter.

It was mentioned that a spot on S. Waynesville Road is washing out. It needs to be filled up with some rip rap. This will be taken care of this week.

Ralph Blanton brought up the cost of the dumpster at the maintenance building. He received a phone call from Republic Services, who services the dumpster, and was told there has been a computer glitch and we have been overcharged. They offered the correct price of \$75.00 a month and will credit our account.

Zoning – no zoning report for this period.

Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper presented the following appropriation modifications for approval:

Increase 01A15 \$10,500 Decrease 01A25 \$10,500

Increase 10A03 \$18,000 Decrease 10A06 \$18,000

Increase 10A02 \$10,000 Decrease 10A14 \$10,000

Increase 10A15A \$1,500

Increase 10A01 \$35,000 Decrease 10A06 \$36,500

Increase 14A05 \$1,000 Decrease 14A02 \$1,000

Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve these modifications; seconded by Susan Ramsey.

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

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #18969-19025, 92630-92638 which totaled \$62,827.56.

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, Mr. Blanton, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$11,362.28 which included receipts #9698 - #9703.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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