

Minutes January 9, 2018 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met January 9, 2018 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, Bob Glancy, Jesse McKeegan, and Ray Gatman

Cemetery Updates

1/2/2018 William Stevens Sec 5 Lot 125 #2NE Corner Vale's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the December 26, 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

Trustee Blanton then turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer to take nominations for President for 2018.

Debbie Harper then asked for nominations for President. Ralph Blanton nominated Heath Kilburn. There were no seconds for this nomination. Heath Kilburn then nominated Ralph Blanton, which was seconded by Susan Ramsey.

Vote: Heath Kilburn, yea Susan Ramsey, yea

Ms. Harper then asked for nominations for Vice President. Heath Kilburn nominated

Susan Ramsey and Ralph Blanton seconded that motion.

Vote: Heath Kilburn, yea Ralph Blanton, yea

Meeting was then turned over to President Ralph Blanton.

It was discussed and decided the meeting dates will stay the same; the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. Also, the mileage paid for travel will remain at the current \$.50/mile.

Fire Department

Chief Harrison reported the new protective vests and helmets had been received. He had a set to show the board. He said they are starting a rescue task force and will brain storm with other townships to make this work.

He also reported the money from the BWC \$40,000 grant had been received. It will be used to replace rescue equipment.

For the year-end report, he showed that runs were actually down from last year.

He then spent some time speaking about the trench collapse that took place December 28, 2017. It took over 10 hours to recover the body of the worker trapped. He spoke about how much help Heath Kilburn, as Morrow Police Chief, had provided during the 10 hours. He commended the fire crews, police department and rescue personnel who all worked hard. There were also teams from OSHA and Red Cross present.

Heath Kilburn stated that it was a situation that could have been teams working on their own, but instead, he said it was like one big team working together.

Ralph Blanton stated kudos should go to John Moenster, who led the first crew. He said they followed their training to a "t", and waited for proper procedures to take place before they started digging, even though it was hard not to get started on the digging right away.

Chief Harrison went on with the year-end report, saying there had been several fires at the end of the year, including an arson case.

Don Lynch asked about the Motorola radios, publicizing the grants and the bike trail.

Ray Gatman had a question regarding the electric aggregation. Ralph Blanton told him the process had started, but it would probably be spring before the rates were out and the option to take part or opt out would be given.

Jesse McKeehan also asked about the aggregation, but since the Village of Morrow was not involved with this program, as a resident of Morrow, he would not be eligible to take part.

Zoning

Mr. McKeehan then gave an update on zoning matters. He said he had been getting 5-6 calls a week. There have been problems being caused by the proposed development on Dallasburg Road. There are drainage problems and the RPC has become involved. He stated it is pretty much on hold until this matter is resolved.

Susan asked him about a problem with roosters running free in her neighborhood.

Don Lynch asked Heath about the bulletin board; no notices for the citizens. He mentioned zoning changes, computer program update, and stated no one wants the new bike trail.

Jesse McKeehan spoke up and said he and his family uses it all the time and a long discussion proceeded. Mr. Kilburn said he didn't want to sit here and listen to this discussion and ask that it be ended.

Fiscal Business

Issues brought up by the Fiscal Officer:

The annual mileage certification was due to be approved for submission to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Salem Township's certification from Warren County is at 24.305. Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve this certification; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

The Fiscal Officer requested the board approve the following transfer of funds: transfer \$20,281.18 from the Fire Fund to the General Fund to make the annual payment plus interest on the loan for Squad 73. Heath Kilburn made a motion to pass Resolution 2018-0109 to approve the transfer of funds from the Fire Fund to the General Fund to make the 2018 payment for the loan on Squad 73. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #19085-19128, 92652-92660 which totaled \$84,908.60.

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 \$8,817.65 which included receipts #9731 - #9735.

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

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