

# Minutes March 27, 2018 meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met March 27, 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. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Greg Gatman, Don Lynch, Mike Yetter and Fire Chief Bill Harrison

## Cemetery Updates

3/20/18 Mark Landwehr Sec 4 Lot 249 NE Corner Vale's FH

3/23/18 Anna Sharik Sec 5 Lot 109 #2 SE Corner ashes

3/24/18 Addie Foushee Sec 4 Lot 327 SE Corner Shorten Ryan FH

The trustees read the minutes from the March 13, 2018 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

## Zoning

Mike Yetter, who is currently the chief zoning inspector for Warren County, was present to express interest in the position of Salem Township's zoning inspector. The current township permit fees were discussed as they relate to other townships. Ralph Blanton suggested they table the idea of not having township zoning until all the details are known about what is involved.

Mr. Blanton reported the F550 needs new tires. The current price through state bidding for 6 tires is \$1,815 for Goodyear and \$1,645 for Firestone. Susan Ramsey made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the 6 Firestone tires through state bid.

Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Roads discussed: Giehls Carroll – road slippage, culvert; Waynesville Road slippage, Shadow Lawn – basin, try to use some rip rap

## Fire Department

Chief Harrison reported that they had eight calls yesterday. Today they did an inservice with the new rescue tools. He said it was very impressive what they could do.

He is getting quotes for lawn mowing at the fire house.

The mattresses for the firehouse beds need to be replaced. He has been looking and said they will last 5-7 years. He had a price from Sleep Outfitters for \$627 per bed. They need eight mattresses. It was suggested they buy one or two and have the men sleep on them to try them out, rather than purchasing all eight outright.

Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 mattresses, seconded by Susan Ramsey. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mrs. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

Chief then talked about the fish fry held Friday night. He said it was the second largest turnout for this event. There was a problem with the fish and the wait got very long.

#### County Bids

The county sent out information of the salt bid for 2018-2019. Heath Kilburn made a motion to pass Resolution 2018-0327 to agree to purchase 200 tons of salt from the Warren County Engineer's salt bid. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Ralph Blanton reported that the county will not be sending out for bids for chip sealing this year, but they will be doing a paving bid.

#### CEMETERY UPKEEP

There were four mowing bids for the cemetery. They were as follows:

Christman \$38,370 Creech Lawn & Garden \$41,176

Schneider's \$36,100 Ground Systems \$38,922

After looking at the bids and a brief discussion, Susan Ramsey made a motion to go with the bid received from Schneider's if the references prove favorable. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion. Vote: Mrs. Ramsey, yea Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

Other business: Susan Ramsey had talked to Jim Smith from S.Lebanon regarding crack sealing. They do it themselves by renting out a machine. She also talked about the large cracks on Washington Way and in Shadow Lawn. Regarding the problem cars & junk on Ward Road, she reported she had reached out to Jesse McKeehan regarding this problem but has not heard from him if he had sent letters out.

Heath Kilburn will be going to Columbus to work on the \$50,000 grant for road signs.

Don Lynch brought up the bulletin board and the problem with notifying residents of township matters.

#### Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper reported she had the renewal information from CareWorksComp to enroll in the Group Retrospective Rating Program for Workers' Compensation. She recommended remaining with CareWorksComp. Heath Kilburn made a motion to continue using CareWorksComp for the 2019 year. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #19357-19419, 92703-92718 which totaled \$89,923.54.

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 \$53,754.21 which included receipts #9799- #9824.

It was mentioned that Joe Garrett would be attending the next meeting for an update on the electric aggregation.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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