

# Minutes April 10, 2018 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met April 10, 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, Bob Glancy, Jerry Lindsay, Scott Belcastro, and Fire Chief Bill Harrison

## Cemetery Updates

4/5/18 Albert Braverman Sec 4 Lot 12 #2 SE Corner Vale's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the March 27, 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

There were no zoning updates for this time period.

## Fire Department

Chief Harrison reported that he had several quotes for lawn mowing at the fire station. They were as follows: Creech - \$155 per cut, Robert Haines - \$90 per cut, and Ultimate Lawns - \$80 per cut. He recommended using Robert Haines, as he had been cutting the grass for the last few years and was familiar with what needed to be done. Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve having Robert Haines continue with lawn service for the fire department; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

Chief then asked the board to approve hiring Dakota Couch as a volunteer. Heath Kilburn made a motion to add Dakota Couch to the active volunteer roster; seconded by Susan Ramsey. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mrs. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

Olivia Wolfe has all her paperwork turned in and Chief would like to start her full-time position effective April 20th. Heath Kilburn made a motion to move Olivia Wolfe to a full time position effective April 20, 2018; motion seconded by Susan Ramsey.

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

Chief reported that they had three back to back runs today and they handled it quite well. Susan Ramsey mentioned the old sign in front of the fire house that has been there since November. It will be removed.

Don Lynch asked about the cost of the mattresses to be purchased by the fire dept. Chief told him they had been purchased at a price of \$230 each for a twin long.

Greg Gatman asked about the township signs and mentioned the roadway breaking away due to the recent water main breaks.

Don Lynch brought up the website. He was told that the trustees had a conference call regarding the change and that all the old data will be transferred to the new site. It should be up by mid-June.

Mike Yetter is interested in the Salem Township zoning position, but it has to be cleared by the Warren County Prosecutor since he is employed by Warren County Zoning. Heath Kilburn reported that gravel is needed on Halls Creek Road going down the hill on the right. He also stated the crew needed to be reminded that if they saw a problem (i.e. a sign down) they should take care of it then.

Ralph Blanton reported that Jeff Jones from the county had gone out to look at some of the roads and found one spot that needs work, but it would be too costly to work on only such a small area. He suggested waiting until next year, when maybe more work would be needed. They plan to try to chip seal again next year. The quality of the stone has not been good, causing the repairs to break up. He told Ralph that an estimated cost of paving Shawhan would be around \$66,000.

Ralph Blanton reported the first cemetery mowing was done yesterday and looks good.

It was brought up that the handles of the lowering device for the cemetery are not working properly. The matter was looked into and it was found out that the funeral homes can contract with the vault companies to furnish this equipment for burials. The township would not be charged for this service. A discussion followed to determine if it would be wiser to let the vault company take care of this rather than purchase the new equipment needed. Heath Kilburn made a motion to notify the funeral homes that Salem Township would no longer supply the service of lowering the caskets and ask that the vault companies would handle this step in the burials. The funeral home would then charge for the service. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Scott Belcastro from Trebel Inc. was present to have the Board of Trustees decide which electric supplier they wanted to choose for the electric aggregation program. After discussing pricing options, Heath Kilburn made a motion to choose Constellation as the electric supplier; and appoint Ralph Blanton to be the designated signer for any contracts or other paperwork that needs to be signed. Motion seconded by Susan Ramsey.

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

#### Fiscal Business

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #19420-19466, 92719-92724 which totaled \$58,313.89.

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 \$4,966.55 which included receipts #9825- #9834.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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