

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

December 23,

2019

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met December 23, 2019 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: Vicki VonHolle, Ron Brinkman, Bob Stewart and son, Ron Stratton, Joyce Tubbs, Parker Tubbs, Greg Gatman, Don Lynch, and Mike Yetter

Cemetery Updates

12/18/2019 Edna Trovillo Sec 5 Lot 122 #2 SW Corner Vale FH

The trustees read the minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting and Mrs. 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 was on vacation but he had recommended that Ralph Blanton bring before the board the following names to be approved for hiring as full time employees:

James Montgomery effective December 27, 2019, John French effective January 10, 2020, and Derrick Treat effective January 24, 2020. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the hiring of the three men as full time fire fighters and the respective hire dates as shown.

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

Next, the zoning inspector, Mike Yetter, reported he had spoken to the Warren County Prosecutor about the damage that was done by a house fire at 6164 US 22-3. He will report further on that issue when he learns more.

He has been contacted by someone with interest in starting a wedding venue at the old White Oak Farm at the corner of Shawhan Rd. A zoning change would have been needed, but they plan to change it so it would qualify under a different code.

At this time, Susan Ramsey was sworn in for her new 4-year term beginning January 1, 2020. Ralph Blanton issued the oath of office for Mrs. Ramsey.

Trustee Blanton reported he had received a bid for cemetery mowing for the summer of 2020 from the company that had done the mowing this past summer. He brought up to the board whether they thought it should go out for bids. After a brief discussion, Trustee Kilburn made a motion to accept the bid received from Schneider's Lawn Care Service in Middletown, Ohio.

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

Mr. Blanton then brought up raises for 2020 for the crew. After a brief discussion, it was decided on a raise of \$.45 per hour for the two township workers. Susan Ramsey made the motion to approve an increase of \$.45 per hour for the township employees, Greg Webb and Mike Gilbert, to be effective the first pay in January. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Blanton reported that Jeff Jones from the county was out to measure Gheils Carroll Road to get an estimate for paving. For the entire road it would be approximately \$206,000. Heath Kilburn recommended that the township put it out for bids besides just from the county. The bidding will include Achtermann and Ghiels Carroll Roads.

Parker Tubbs was present to work on a Boy Scout requirement for a badge he is working towards. The board welcomed him and asked if he had any questions.

Greg Gatman had a complaint about an unsightly sign near the church in his area. He also asked about the street signs that needed replaced.

Ron Brinkman brought up the empty lot at the corner of Ward Road and wondered if anything was going in there. No one knew of anything at this time.

Don Lynch brought up the fact that he was singled out by not being allowed to speak more than 2 minutes. He brought up the contract that had been signed with the county to do the revision of the zoning. Mike Yetter told him there would be public meetings on any changes. He would oversee any change and Mr. Lynch would be able to attend all meetings as they will be open meetings.

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Susan Ramsey brought up that all the township employees could have email addresses through the township website hosted by Legend Web Works. It would be the 1st initial and the last name.

Heath Kilburn wished everyone a merry Christmas.

He mentioned that Paul Kilburn had called him about the culvert near Bramblebush had collapsed again. It was mentioned that Western Water is coming out to lower the water line in hopes of helping with this problem.

Ralph Blanton reported that 100 tons of road salt has been requested out of the state bid order we had.\

Fiscal Business

Fiscal Officer Debbie Harper, asked the board if they wanted to continue receiving their pay on a monthly basis and to have it expensed from the General Fund, the Road Fund and the Gas Fund. Heath Kilburn made a motion to continue paying the trustees on a monthly basis and charge their pay to the General Fund, the Gas Fund and the Road and Bridge Fund for fiscal year 2020. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mrs. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

Next it was decided the meetings would continue to be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to keep the days, time and place of the 2020 meetings on the current schedule, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey.

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

Ms. Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared checks #21643-21721, 93178-93198 which totaled \$122,290.77. The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Heath Kilburn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$27,187.14 which included receipts #10474 - #10478.

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

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

Ralph Blanton, Chairman

Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

Heath Kilburn

Susan Ramsey