

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

February 11,

2020

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met February 11, 2020 in regular session at the Salem Morrow Fire Station Conference Room for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. President Susan Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with board members Ralph Blanton and Heath Kilburn present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Chief Harrison, Bob Stewart, Gary Paynter, Mike Yetter, Greg Gatman, Bob Glancy, Ron Stratton, Ron Brinkman, Justin Jones, Richard Oeder and Vicki Von Holle

Cemetery Updates

There were no cemetery changes this time period.

The trustees read the minutes from the January 28, 2020 meeting and Ralph Blanton made a motion to approve these minutes. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Fire Department

Chief Harrison reported he had a new volunteer to add to the roster and asked the board to approve the addition of James Wiseman to the volunteer roster. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve the addition of James Wiseman as a volunteer; seconded by Ralph Blanton.

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

He then discussed the easement for the electric line that is being put in for a house on the property adjacent to the firehouse. They will put a new top on the existing box, and run the power from that box to the new house. Shirley Hopkins the property owner, is agreeable to letting the fire department work with the old pond and enlarge it to help keep the muskrats out of it.

Chief has the new fire vehicle, a Chevrolet model, ordered and has requested bids from Camp Safety and Cincinnati Outfitters to outfit the lights on the vehicle.

Mike Yetter, zoning inspector gave information about the status of the update to the township's zoning plan. The Warren County Regional Planning Commission has asked for the kick off to the start of work on the changes to be in late March. They are asking for representatives from township residents along with two members from the zoning board. There will be approximately eight monthly meetings to work on this. Bob Ware, from the WCRPC, is in charge of the project, and will have several members of his staff attend the meetings. Susan Ramsey stated she would also attend the meetings.

Mr. Yetter brought up the matter of whether the Salem Township Zoning Board members who attend these meetings should be paid their usual \$25 amount for attending zoning meetings.

Ralph Blanton made a motion to approve paying the current members of the Salem Township Zoning Board who attend the planning meetings, the current \$25/meeting they are now paid. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Blanton, yea Mr. Kilburn, yea Mrs. Ramsey, yea

Others in attendance who declared they would like to attend the meetings and take part in the process were: Ron Brinkman, Bob Stewart, Gary Paynter and Justin Jones.

Trustee Blanton brought up the repairs that are needed at the food pantry building. If the size is not changed, he thinks the ramp can be repairs or replaced. The current ramp is in bad shape and new railing is needed. Mrs. Ramsey and Mr. Kilburn agreed that new posts and railings should be put in as soon as possible. They also need to get up to date with the code for the spindles. Hopefully they can get some bids before the next meeting.

The county paving project was brought up. Ralph Blanton made a motion to pass Resolution 2020-0211 for the township to be part of the Warren County Paving project for the summer of 2020 with the intention of doing the needed paving on Gheils Carroll Road. The estimate for this paving is \$192,816. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Blanton then made a motion to take part in the county's salt bid for the winter of 2020-2021 with the amount of 200 tons. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Ralph Blanton brought up the slippage going on at the hill on Waynesville Road. This slippage needs to be retained somehow. It was brought up that there are some wire "cages" in the township building that could possibly be used to build up the walls.

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Susan Ramsey had received a call from a resident on Bramblebush regarding the cave in around the culvert creating a large sinkhole. It is thought a load of rock would fill in that large area.

Mrs. Ramsey told the board she had been contacted by David Farley with the census group, asking if they could use the conference room in the fire house for training census takers. Chief will call Mr. Farley and talk to him about this request.

Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared checks **#21842-21920, 93220-93222, 8-2020 thru 11-2020 which totaled \$167,764.25**. The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Ralph Blanton made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of **\$19,080.19 which included receipts #28-2020 thru 36-2020**.

With no further business to come before the board, Ralph Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

 Susan Ramsey, Chairman

 Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

 Heath Kilburn

 Ralph Blanton