

## Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

January 28,

2020

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met January 28, 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 member Ralph Blanton present. Member Heath Kilburn was absent. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Chief Harrison, Bob Stewart, Don Lynch, Debbie Ritchey Osburn, Teresa and Gary Paynter, Mike Yetter and Vicki Von Holle

### Cemetery Updates

There were no cemetery changes this time period.

The trustees read the minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting and Ralph Blanton made a motion to approve these minutes. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote Mr. Blanton yea Mrs. Ramsey, yea

### Fire Department

Chief Harrison reported to the board that he had two resignations. He requested the board approve the resignations of part-timer Mark Greatorex and volunteer Tony Gardner. Trustee Blanton made a motion to accept the resignations from these two employees; seconded by Trustee Ramsey.

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

He then went over the current rates for billing EMS services by Medicount Management. The rates have not changed for five (5) years. Medicount suggested the rates should be increased for the ambulance service. After looking over the worksheet Chief Harrison presented, Ralph Blanton made a motion to increase the amount billed for EMS runs by \$100.00 per run and the hourly rate increase from \$14.00 to \$16.00. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Blanton, yea Mrs. Ramsey, yea

The property owner who is building a house next to the firehouse, Shirley Hopkins, and Duke Energy have been in touch with the township regarding an underground electric line they want to run from the pole at the firehouse site, rather than put up another pole. Chief Harrison asked her if in exchange for this arrangement, she would let the fire department dump some excess dirt from digging out the pond, onto a low spot on her property. She agreed to this arrangement.

Chief Harrison reported that he had ordered the new fire truck. He decided to go with the Chevrolet model. Mrs. Ramsey thanked him for the EMS services provided, especially as her father was taken on a run this week.

Chief told the board that they were now involved in doing fire inspections at local businesses.

Mike Yetter, Zoning Inspector, reported that he had been working on these items: a re-build of a single family home, a lot consolidation (no permit yet), a neighbor complaint on Gheils Carrol Road property, an Ag Exemption for a Shawhan Rd property. He is working on getting the fire damaged home cleaned up on 22-3.

Teresa Paynter had a complaint about the amount of garbage and trash being thrown out on Waynesville Rd. and 22-3 and the state of the damaged house at Ward Rd and 22-3. As mentioned last meeting this problem is in the hands of the county prosecutor.

Debbie Ritchey Osburn from the Warren County Genealogy Society, was looking for an update on the cemetery records. The historical society wants to make an updated book that would be available to the public. Debbie Harper will look to see if any records can be obtained through the Pontem Cemetery program.

Don Lynch asked if the contract with Warren County Zoning for re-writing the township's zoning code had been signed yet. Mrs. Ramsey told him it had been signed. Ralph Blanton explained to him that the contract was only suggestions of things that could be done. Mr. Lynch was very upset about this matter and after a long vocal complaint was told his allotted time was up. He then said he has been discriminated against when he isn't allowed more than three minutes when others in attendance have spoken longer.

Mr. Blanton gave an update on the salt order: there are three more loads left to be delivered to complete our order. He will have it delivered rather than cancel the balance.

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Regarding spring paving, he reported that Mr. Kilburn is working on getting bids to see how they compare to the county's bid.

The back hoe has been delivered and the sign was replaced on Lake Road.  
Freeze Underground will be getting ready to start the initial work on the paving project.  
The Drug Task Force will attend the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with their annual report.

**Fiscal Business**

Debbie Harper, Fiscal Officer, presented the following amounts for the Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020:

General Fund	\$1,155,563.97	Motor Vehicle Fund	\$ 92,852.17
Gas Fund	\$ 645,947.67	Road & Bridge	\$ 475,434.39
Cemetery Fund	\$ 92,698.50	Cemetery Bequest	\$ 3,035.34
Street Lighting	\$ 7,765.25	Fire District Fund	\$2,131,768.09
Zoning Fund	\$ 10,682.19	Ambulance Fund	\$ 241,795.41
Permissive MVL	\$ 379,460.85		

Total Permanent Appropriations for FY2020 as approved by the Warren County Budget Commission for Salem Township are: \$5,393,509.56. Ralph Blanton made a motion to pass Resolution 20-0128 to accept the Permanent Appropriation for FY2020 as presented by the Fiscal Officer; seconded by Susan Ramsey.

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

Ms. Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared checks #21820, 93164-93175 which totaled \$82,110.38. The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Ralph Blanton made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Susan Ramsey, seconded the motion.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of **70,073.30 which included receipts #1-2020 thru 27-2020.**

With no further business to come before the board, Ralph Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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