

## Salem Township Trustees

**At the Salem Township Conference Room**

**February 25,**

**2020**

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met February 25, 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, Don Lynch, Teresa and Gary Paynter, Mike Yetter, Sheriff Simms, Ron Stratton, Ron Brinkman and Vicki Von Holle

### **Cemetery Updates**

2/28/2020	Cody Estep	Sec 5	Lot 68	NW Corner	Vale's FH
2/18/2020	Joan Reynolds	Sec 4	Lot 132	NW Corner	Tuft's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the February 11, 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

Mike Yetter, zoning inspector, reported he had issued a permit for a lot consolidation. He has sent a letter regarding the property on the corner of Ward Rd. and US 22-3. He is interested in getting a list of residents who have an interest in serving on the committee for the zoning updates.

### **Fire Department**

Chief Harrison reported to the board that he had received notice that Robbie Haines is working to cut back his mowing jobs and so would no longer be able to mow the fire department area. He had two bids for this mowing. One from Chrisman Outdoor Designs for \$100 per cut and one from Schneider Lawncare for \$125 per cut. Ralph Blanton made a motion to accept the bid from Chrisman Outdoor Design for \$100 per cut; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

Chief Harrison then brought up the matter of the current levy. It has been five years since the levy passed and it is due to be run again. It needs to be put on the levy as a renewal issue.

Ralph Blanton made a motion to pass Resolution 2020-0225 to allow for the placement on the ballot for the renewal of the Fire Department tax levy. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Chief reminded everyone of the upcoming fish fry on April 3, 2020.

He reported the crews have been busy this month. They provide mutual aid to Franklin and Saturday night they were called to a motor vehicle crash at Waynesville Rd and Rt 123. It was a serious accident in which they had to cut the driver out before he was flown out by air care.

The census people will get in touch with the chief regarding the use of the conference room to meet with census workers.

He is getting bids on a new vehicle to replace his current truck.

For this time period Chief reported 947 runs were made; 321 Fire and 626 EMS.

The busiest day was Wednesdays.

Vicki VonHolle, Fiscal Officer Elect, reported she had talked to Debbie Harper, current Fiscal Officer, regarding helping her with payroll until she can get the UAN program set up. Debbie would be paid on a per hour basis.

Larry Sims, Warren County Sheriff, gave his annual report to the township. He mentioned the yearly reports are available on their website. He spoke about the two cases that were in the news this year.

Greg Gatman asked about what amount was in the budget for road repair. Mr. Blanton stated that the Ghiels Carroll Road project would run over \$100,000 and would take most of the road budget for the year.

Mr. Blanton then reported that the Bramblebush project had been taken care of.

Wire cages will be used on the hillside near the Christmas Ranch. The Warren County Engineer is scheduling next year to replace the bridge.

All the culverts were in. Two culvert jobs are permitted. It was discussed that there are several culvert jobs that need to be done.

A resident on Achterman Road has requested a sign be put up.

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Susan Ramsey opened the three bids that had been received for the railing repair at the food pantry building. These bids were as follows:

Highland Homes	\$3,946.86
Johnson Remodeling	\$4860.00
R.J.Shutts	\$1,835.00

After a brief discussion, Heath Kilburn made a motion to accept the bid from R.J. Shutts in the amount of \$1835.00. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

**Fiscal Business**

Ms. Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared payroll checks #21876-21880, 21921-21948, 93223--93235 which totaled \$46,920.50. Payables checks #21876-21879, 21884-21895, 21949-21951 which totaled \$28,401.25. 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 26,406.16 which included receipts #34-2020 thru 52-2020.

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

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

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 Susan Ramsey, Chairman

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 Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

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 Heath Kilburn

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 Ralph Blanton