

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

May 14,

2019

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met May 14, 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 Susan Ramsey and Heath Kilburn present. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Don Lynch, Greg Gatman, Bob Stewart

Cemetery Updates

5/6/2019 Clifford Schulz Sec 5 Lot 35 #2 SW Corner Vale's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the April 23, 2019 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

Susan Ramsey mentioned the guard rail problem. Ralph Blanton said he needed to pick up some bolts to work on it. Susan said she could pick them up if he'd let her know what to get. She also brought up the schedule for mowing the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Mr. Blanton mentioned that he had received a call from Jason Fisher from the county. Mr. Fisher said when he was checking something out for the county on Woodward Claypool Road, he noticed some slippage on the road and wanted to make the township aware of this potential problem. The men will go up and look into this problem and see what needs to be done.

Fire Department

Chief Harrison was out of town, but left a packet of the fire department items he wanted the board to act upon at this meeting.

He had worked up a five-year budget plan to show the fire department was managing well with their money. He proposed increasing the full-time base pay by \$.25/hr. for the next 3 years and the part-time base pay by \$.50/hr. for the next 3 years.

He would like to promote John Moenster to Assistant Chief and created a new pay scale that included that position. Jamieson Benoit would move up to Captain. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve the new pay scale for the fire department for the next three years as submitted by the chief., and promote John Moenster to Assistant Chief and Jamieson Benoit to Captain. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Heath Kilburn, yea Susan Ramsey, yea Ralph Blanton, yea

Chief Harrison also requested changing Chris Glancy to a full-time Lt. position effective June 1, 2019 and moving Trevor Porginski to full-time effective June 2, 2019.

Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve the hiring of Chris Glancy and Trevor Proginiski as full time employees; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

Vote: Susan Ramsey, yea Heath Kilburn, yea Ralph Blanton, yea

Chief also reported that Ryan Tucker had resigned effective May 31, 2019; however, he owes for medic school since he did not fulfill the required working hours in order to have his training paid by the Fire Department. Chief proposed that Fireman Tucker would repay the township over the next 9 months at a rate of \$950.00 per month due by the 15th of the month. He will have a contract drawn up by the county prosecutor.

Susan Ramsey made a motion to accept Ryan Tucker's resignation with him repaying the Fire Department for his training. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

As it was previously brought up to possibly pay the truck off early to save on interest, it was decided it would be better not to spend the money up front as it may be needed for future road work.

Ralph Blanton mentioned several roads that need to have work done on them.

The crew had to pick up a new battery for the tractor used for ditching

The Wolf Run drainage problem was discussed. Rock has been used for filling in the area and hopefully that keeps it from flooding.

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A call had been received about drainage problems on Thornview in the Briarwood subdivision. Part of the problem is the township’s responsibility. Mr. Blanton suggested they get a load of rip rap and drop it in where it is needed. Both Mrs. Ramsey and Mr. Kilburn agreed this should be done.

Fiscal Business

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #20808-20859, 92991-92996 which totaled **\$107,968.08.**

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 **\$35,074.26** which included receipts #10234- #10244.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. 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