

## Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

October 8,

2019

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met October 8, 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, Bobbie Grice, Molissa Herman, Bob Glancy and Fire Chief Harrison

### Cemetery Updates

No cemetery updates for this period.

The trustees read the minutes from the September 24, 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

### Fire Department

Chief Harrison reported that on October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Warren County Health District along with the fire department will sponsor a tire recycling event. It will take place at the fire station the hours of 9 AM to 2 PM. There will also be a trunk or treat event on October 27, 2019.

Chief reported that Trevor Porginski has requested to go from full time to part time as he got a full time job at another department. Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve moving Trevor Porginski to a part time position; seconded by Ralph Blanton. Vote: Mrs. Ramsey, yea      Mr. Blanton, yea  
Mr. Kilburn voted no because he said he didn't want to see him leave as he was a good employee.

Next Chief Harrison asked to board to approve the hiring of Advance Fire Fighter James Montgomery who is coming from Blanchester Fire Department. A motion was made to accept his hiring.

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

Chief then requested the board remove Josh Lewis from the roster due to a disciplinary matter. A motion was made to remove Mr. Lewis from active employment.

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

Next item to be brought up was the annual fee to stay in the COSE group for health insurance. The fee this year is \$469. Chief Harrison state that we had saved around \$30,000 last year with this group rate. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve remaining with the COSE group for health insurance; seconded by Susan Ramsey. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea      Mrs. Ramsey, yea      Mr. 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 Proginski as full time employees; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

Regarding the matter of junk around the house owned by the church in Roachester, Trustee Blanton has talked to him and he said there is a new renter coming and they have taken 4 loads of junk away.

Greg Gatman brought up the matter that it appears someone has spray painted the street sign.

Timothy Berelsman, who is a partner with Dett and Drew Hunter in the LM Gig Company, presented information about the new video services company they have formed. They have purchased 29 miles of fiber and property to build an office in Morrow. They hope to be able to provide service by the end of the year. He said it will be a top notch company working with the Hunters.

Trustee Kilburn remarked that he knows Dett Hunter and he never does anything but top notch.

Don Lynch asked about the two recent zoning variances. Trustee Ramsey told him one was for a church to build a shelter and the other one for a house on a flag lot that is land locked. The hearing is set for October 15, 2019.

Mr. Kilburn mentioned that he had been under the impression that the new zoning inspector would be present at every meeting.

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Trustee Ramsey reported the tree on Washington Way had been taken care of and cleaned up. The backhoe is on order, but no projected delivery date as yet.

Trustee Blanton reported that Southeastern had come and serviced the mini-backhoe and worked on a mower.

He also mentioned a ditching issue on Anderson Road.

There is a problem on Waynesville Road where the guardrail has dropped down. Trustee Kilburn will have the county engineer's office look at it and give a recommendation on what should be done. He also mentioned another place on Waynesville Road that has culvert issues. He did mention that the cemetery was looking really nice.

Trustee Blanton reported there were flowers all over the road at the cemetery and military flags on the ground. He doesn't think it was caused by the wind and is wondering if kids are doing it.

Since there was a question that the variance meeting was November 15, not October 15, Ralph checked with Mike Yetter who confirmed it was for October 15.

**Fiscal Business**

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #21346-21409, 93121-93129 which totaled **\$63,715.78**.

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 **\$37,256.08** which included receipts #10405- #10409.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

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Ralph Blanton, Chairman

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Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

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Heath Kilburn

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Susan Ramsey