

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

September 11,

2018

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met September 11, 2018 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 member Susan Ramsey present. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Chief Harrison, Don Lynch, Greg Gatman, Mike Yetter and Mrs. Yetter, Bobbie Grice, Jerry Lindsay, Judge Gary Loxley and Judge Rob Fisher

Cemetery Updates

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| 8/30/1 | Susan Suss | Sec 4 Lot 80 #2 SE | Neidhard Young FH |
| 9/1/18 | Janine Davidson | Sec 4 Lot 283 Center West | Vales FH |

The trustees read the minutes from the August 28, 2018 meeting and Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve these minutes. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Bobbie Grice stated there was a problem with the cemetery. She stated it appeared there were graves nearly on top of graves and there were no lines to help show where the markers should be and for which grave. She thinks there is a stone on her husband's plot. Ralph Blanton told her that when Section 4 was set up the sexton at the time was allowing people to pick where they put the stones. This is no longer the case. He will meet with Bobbie at the cemetery to see if there is something that can be done.

Mrs. Grice then mentioned that Christmas on Main (in Morrow) will take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Judge Gary Loxley and Judge Robert Fisher from the Warren County Court were present to give a report on the operations of the court. Judge Loxley spoke first and told how the two judges divide the cases in the county by townships. He talked about Marcy's Law, bail reform and veterans court. Judge Fisher spoke about the changes in marijuana laws. He mentioned Issue 1 which will be on the ballot this fall. It would reduce the level of drug cases. Judiciary is opposing this issue.

He then talked about court updates and a grant for multimedia updates. They have received a \$100,000 grant for a period of two years for the mental health docket.

Fire Department

Chief Harrison asked the board to approve the hiring of Joshua Lewis as a part time FF/EMT. Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve the addition of Joshua Lewis to the active roster of the fire department; seconded by Ralph Blanton.

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

He has talked to Mr. Fraser about making signs. He will give us a quote.

Mike Yetter, zoning inspector, told the board there is an urgent need to get a zoning board together. He has had conversations with two people who are working on projects that will require a hearing by the zoning board. One is to add on to a commercial building and one is for a business at Ward Road and US Rt 22-3. There would need to be 5 members plus 2 alternates appointed. Mr. Blanton then asked Mrs. Grice if she would serve and she agree to do so.

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Don Lynch asked about the bidding for grass cutting on properties that need cutting. Mike Yetter told him there was a mix-up and the man who cut it last year, went ahead and did it again. Mr. Lynch gave his bids for grass cutting and trash removal. He said he would finish the job for \$200.00. Jimmy Bishop cut it for \$300.00.

Susan Ramsey asked about the size requirements for the “Amish barns” before a permit is required. She was told a barn can be up to 244 sq. ft. before a permit is needed.

Greg Gatman asked about paving and road repair. Mr. Blanton told him the township has been working on a large culvert issue on Ghiels Carroll Road this year. It will require a 40 ft. X 3-4 ft. culvert. They are trying to save the road. The Warren County Engineer’s office will put in a culvert in the creek to take the water away. The cost of this project is unknown at this time, but will probably use most of the paving budget.

Ms. Grice mentioned the dump trucks that have been going over Brant Road and driving really fast. Mr. Blanton told her Brant Road is a county road and she would have to contact them.

Don Lynch asked about the website. He was told it will be live within a few days.

Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper, Fiscal Officer, presented the annual Rates Resolution to be approved by the board. Susan Ramsey made a motion to pass *Resolution 18-0911 to certify the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission be accepted and that they be levied on the tax duplicate of Salem Township*. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #19948-19996, 92823-92830 which totaled **\$60,580.08**.

The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Susan Ramsey made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of **\$623,397.49** which included receipts #9996- #10002.

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

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

 Ralph Blanton, Chairman

 Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

 Heath Kilburn

 Susan Ramsey