

## Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

August 27,

2019

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met August 27, 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 Heath Kilburn and Susan Ramsey present. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Chief Harrison, Greg Gatman, Don Lynch, Bob Glancy, Mike Yetter, Molissa Herman, and Judy Neal.

### Cemetery Updates

There were no burials recorded this time period.

The trustees read the minutes from the August 13, 2019 meeting and Mrs. 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 has received two bids for carpet cleaning. Teasdale Fenton's bid was \$470 and Stanley Steamer was \$1,400. Susan Ramsey made a motion to accept the bid from Teasdale Fenton; Heath Kilburn seconded the motion. Vote: Mrs. Ramsey, yea                      Mr. Kilburn, yea                      Mr. Blanton, yea

He is also getting bids on painting, but is waiting on call backs.

Chief then asked the board to approve the removal of Bridget Oesterlin from the active roster. Susan Ramsey made a motion to remove Bridget Oesterlin from the roster; Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Chief Harrison had talked to Ryan Hurley who was interested in returning to work. He filled out an application and Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve the hiring of Ryan Hurley; seconded by Heath Kilburn,

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

Chief Harrison reported the squads have dealt with four heart attacks recently. He explained how they processed them to get them to the hospital as soon as possible and have medical personnel waiting at Bethesda North for the ambulance. Personnel at the hospital said they had done an awesome job.

Trustee Blanton asked about the new squad. Chief reported there was a slight problem with the transfer switch, but is being taken care of.

Don Lynch asked about old records and how they are kept. He was told that the township has a records retention schedule they follow.

Mike Yetter had received a notice from the county that they would be having a tire drive to get rid of old tires.

He has been working on some old cases. He has sent letters on these zoning violations. Greg Gatman reported the old car by the church in Roachester is gone now. The prosecutor's office will send out a letter to the property at 3800 Trovillo Rd.

Bob Glancy reported he had seen people taking several loads out of another home in question.

The Prosecutor's office is also working on the case involving the property at Ward Road and 22-3.

Susan Ramsey mentioned an old motor home or bus that has been empty and deteriorating on 22-3.

Heath Kilburn asked about the property that was recently mowed on Mason Morrow Millgrove Road. He said it is falling down. He will call the health department to take a look and board it up as a health hazard.

Judy Neal had questions concerning the cemetery records. She was concerned because she saw some really old books in the cemetery building. Trustee Blanton told her the original records were destroyed in the 1959 flood. He will go look at the books to which she was referring. She also brought up the matter of the trees that were recently blown down or taken down because they were creating a dangerous situation. She asked if the board could replace the tree. Mr. Blanton suggested she talk to Mike Breeze to see if she would be allowed to plant a tree on his property which is next to the cemetery. She also asked about planting a tree in the stump of the old one. She will talk to an arborist who is coming to the next meeting of their group.

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Don Lynch asked about the additional bid for mowing on the property he recently mowed. This is the property that is being looked into to be called a health hazard, so nothing will be done about mowing right now.

Trustee Kilburn brought up a letter that went out regarding a transmission line to upgrade the large power lines through some of the township property. It is a 2-year project and will be started in 2020; completed in 2021.

Trustee Ramsey mentioned that the road crew had replaced a culvert on Ghiels Carroll Road. They will do some patching on that road this week.

Penny Frazier contacted Mrs. Ramsey regarding ditching on McIntire Road.

Heath Kilburn has contacted Freeze Company to get a bid on 5 culvert replacements on Ghiels Carroll Rd. prior to next year's paving.

Ralph Blanton spoke on the problems at Gheils Carroll & Achterman Rds. He spoke to a resident who had a complaint about water in his yard. Jason Fisher from the county came over and looked at the problem and said the pipe was not large enough. The township is not responsible for the pipe in question since it is on personal property. Trustee Blanton said the township could do the junction box under the road. A commitment is needed from the resident before the township does anything.

It was reported there is an electrical issue with the 550 truck.

**Fiscal Business**

Fiscal Officer Debbie Harper, brought before the board the annual Street Lighting Resolution for approval. Susan Ramsey made a motion to pass *Resolution 19-0827 to approve the assessments for artificial street lighting in Lighting Districts of the Township, being Lakeside Park, Morrow Meadows and Dallasburg Woods.* Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

The Board will levy the special assessments on the 2019 Tax Duplicate to be collected in the calendar year 2020.

Ms. Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared checks **#21196-21248, 93083-93096 which totaled \$55,452.67.** The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Susan Ramsey made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of **\$39,391.57 which included receipts #10347 - #10371.**

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. 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