

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

July 23,

2019

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met July 23, 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 was in the hospital so could not be present. Vice President Susan Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with Trustee Heath Kilburn present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Chief Harrison, Bob Stewart, Greg Gatman and Don Lynch

Cemetery Updates

7/1/19	Barbara Conley Hylton	Sec 4 Lot 32 CE	Tufts FH
7/20/19	Sheldon West	Sec 5 Lot 181 CW	Vale's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the July 9, 2019 meeting and Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve these minutes. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Mrs. Ramsey then explained that Trustee Blanton was in the hospital and had by-pass surgery.

Fire Department

Chief Harrison requested the board approve the hiring of a new part time fireman, Jacob Mitchem. He reported that Jacob just came out of the career center. Trustee Kilburn made a motion to approve the hiring of Jacob Mitchem on the part time roster; seconded by Trustee Ramsey.

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

Chief reported he had been notified that the fire department had been awarded an EMS grant from the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$3296.00.

He is getting bids to have work done in the building such as painting the walls and steam cleaning the carpets. He noted the building is 10 years old now.

He stated that in 2020 the fire department will pay off the 2012 medic unit loan from the township. He stated he would like to look into replacing his vehicle since it has over 100,000 miles on it. It has been shutting off, so will look into what is causing that. He hopes to be able to replace it next year.

Regarding the policy manual, he is meeting with the sales rep next week before it goes to the printer.

Trustee Kilburn asked him about the old squad. Chief told him he is looking into what it would cost to junk it, or the option to sell it through gov.deals

Greg Gatman brought to the trustees' attention that there are some street signs that are illegible. Chief told him they are aware of the problem and are looking into it. Mr. Gatman also mentioned the need for mowing around his area. Mike Yetter was not in attendance to give an update on the mowing jobs.

Don Lynch had questions about the mowing as he wants to put in a bid on the job. Trustee Ramsey told him they would give him till next meeting to get his bid in since the other bid was not turned in yet. He has put in a bid on the 22-3 property and will present the other one at the next meeting.

He questioned the wording in the minutes regarding the Gooch property and deck. Mrs. Ramsey told him to forget about something that happened years ago and move forward.

Roads

It was mentioned that a resident on Roachester Osceola Rd had called about no speed limit signs and now that Rt 123 is closed, there is more traffic. It is a county road, and it was questioned whether a speed study could be done. There is also a problem with dumping.

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There is a need for the culvert to be replaced on Ghiels Carroll Road at the John Howard property.

Cemetery - It was brought up that a large branch has fallen in the cemetery and that this tree needs to come down. Trustee Kilburn said he had a bid from Adams Tree Service for \$6,500. Flint's Tree Service had a bid of \$6,000. After a brief discussion about the need to get this done, Trustee Kilburn made a motion to accept the bid from Flints and have them get it down. Trustee Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

The condition of the access streets in Washington Way was discussed. They have not been dedicated to the township, but are in bad shape and need to be taken care of. The township has worked on them in the past.

Fiscal Business

Ms. Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared checks **#21050-21131, 93057-93075 which totaled \$122,543.10**. 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: Mrs. Ramsey, yea Mr. Kilburn, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of **\$36,658.39 which included receipts #10306 - #10329**.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Ralph Blanton, Chairman

Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

Heath Kilburn

Susan Ramsey