

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

November 26,

2019

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met November 26, 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 member Susan Ramsey present. Mr. Kilburn was absent due to surgery. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Don Lynch, Greg Gatman, Mike Yetter, Chief Harrison, Bob Glancy, Vicki VonHolle and Bob Ware and Stan Williams from the WC Regional Planning Commission

Cemetery Updates

11/27/19 Sandra Gail Richardson Sec 5 Lot 165 CW grave Vale's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the November 12th meeting and Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve these minutes. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

President Blanton introduced Bob Ware and Stan Williams from the Warren County Regional Planning Commission. Bob Ware gave a background for the planning commission and zoning code. He stated there needs to be an update as the code is at least 36 years old. There have been changes to the Ohio Revised Code in the last 35 years, so the code needs to be updated to meet those changes and also it needs to be consistent with the comprehensive plan. He would anticipate that the process to make the changes would take about 12 months to complete. He went over the items that will be addressed in the changes. Ralph Blanton remarked that the Comprehensive Plan was recommended and passed but the changes were never reflected in the township's zoning regulations.

Mr. Ware explained how the township would go about making the changes.

Stan Williams added that the township could expect to have monthly meetings along with the zoning commission and zoning inspector which would be open to the public.

The contract with the county would be in the amount of \$8,000 for the complete change. Mr. Blanton said the township would look over the contract and make a decision. He then asked the township zoning inspector, Mike Yetter, if the current zoning code is disjointed enough to need a change. Mr. Yetter said he thought it needed to be looked at and changes made.

Mr. Blanton said the board would look at it and make a decision on making changes.

Mr. Yetter didn't have any new zoning matters to bring before the board.

Greg Gatman, member of the BZA, reported he had signed off on all the meetings that they had and understood they were to be paid \$25.00 per meeting.

Mike Yetter explained there had been some meetings for which they should have been paid. He will send the list to the Fiscal Officer and checks will be issued for what they are owed.

Chief Harrison reported that while the tinting was being done on the windows, two were broken. The company has replaced them. That job will be completed next week.

Regarding the status of his hiring 2 full time employees, he reported he has done the final interviews and will bring his two final choices to the next meeting.

Christmas on Main will take place this Saturday. The Fire Department is handing out candy and bringing in Santa Claus.

He reported that the wires to the speakers in the bays were bad. He re-ran the wires and everything is working now.

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He received one quote for a new phone system. There are problems with the current system and it's been down lately. He will get a few more quotes, and is looking at the same system the county uses.

Chief brought up that he would like to replace his vehicle in the coming year. He has a quote of around \$53,000 for the vehicle. It will be on the state bid coming up.

Fiscal Business

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks #21528 - 21581-, 93023-93163 which totaled **\$274,626.25**.

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 **\$28,180.22** which included receipts #10450-10472.

With no further business to come before the board, Susan Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Ralph Blanton, Chairman

Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

Absent

Heath Kilburn

Susan Ramsey