Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room   **October 23,**   **2018**

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met October 23, 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 members Susan Ramsey and Heath Kilburn present. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Chief Harrison, Don Lynch, Jerry Lindsay, Greg Gatman

Cemetery Updates
10/11/18   Judy Blanton   Sec 4 Lot 225 #2 NE cremation   Stines FH
                    Buried on lot of husband, Billy Ray Blanton

The trustees read the minutes from the October 9, 2018 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

Chief Harrison brought up the health insurance renewal. He has been working with the agent to see if there is something we can do to lower the cost. If we move to Medical Mutual, there would be a savings of about $13,000 on the year.
Susan Ramsey made a motion to change the health insurance to Medical Mutual for 2019 to be effective January 1, 2019.   Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.
Vote: Mrs. Ramsey, yea   Mr. Kilburn, yea   Mr. Blanton, yea
Chief reported that there is an additional program you can enroll in known as "Healthiest You" which allows a member to "call in" and talk to a doctor if you need a prescription. This would cost an additional $5 per person per month. Susan Ramsey made a motion to add the "Healthiest You" option to the plan; seconded by Heath Kilburn. Vote: Mrs. Ramsey, yea   Mr. Kilburn, yea   Mr. Blanton, yea

Chief Harrison is also working on many of the Fire Department policies. There are possible grants from OTARMA for this work.

There was a structure fire last week on Brant Road that started in a metal fire place. They were able to save the house with minimal damage.
They have been averaging 3-4 runs a day, but last Saturday had 11 runs back to back. Due to the extreme winds that day, trees and power lines came down.

Other items: The township signs have been ordered
                    The chassis for the new squad should be in and they will go over the
                    specs either the end of October or early November
                     He has been working on getting the part to fix the old squad

Ralph Blanton reported that a very large tree had come down in the cemetery during the recent winds and knocked over a tombstone. He called Flint's Tree Service to cut it down as it is a bigger job than the crew can handle. The cost will be $2,800 to cut down and remove the limbs.

The winds also blew a lot of flowers and containers off the gravesites. Flower toppers were also blown off. There is a whole trailer full of urns and flowers that the crew picked up but had no way of knowing which gravesite they belonged to. The cemetery is now looking good again with everything pick up.

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Don Lynch asked about the proposed insurance coverage in relation to pre-existing conditions. He also brought up record retention and website figures.

The annual Warren County Township Association Dinner will take place Thursday, November 8th. Susan and Ralph plan to attend.

Fiscal Business

The Fiscal Officer had prepared checks **#20091-20144, 92850-92863** which totaled **$73,054.33.**
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 **$99,803.78** which included receipts **#10036- #10054.**

With no further business to come before the board, Susan Ramsey Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.
Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea   Mrs. Ramsey, yea   Mr. Blanton, yea

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Ralph Blanton, Chairman   Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

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Heath Kilburn   Susan Ramsey