

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

August 13,

2019

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met August 13, 2019 in regular session at the Salem Morrow Fire Station Conference Room for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. Vice President Susan Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in place of President Ralph Blanton, who had just gotten out of the hospital and was working on recovery, but was in attendance. Trustee Heath Kilburn was also present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Others present: Chief Harrison, Bob Stewart, Greg Gatman, Don Lynch, Bobbie Grice, Bob Glancy, Mike Yetter and Mrs. Yetter.

Cemetery Updates

7/31/19	Dale Whitacre	Sec 4 Lot 7	#2 NW Corner	Vale's FH
8/7/19	Donald Volkerding	Sec 4 Lot 308	#2 SW Corner	Vale's FH
8/8/19	Jeffrey Downing	Sec 5 Lot 54	Center East	Stine FH
8/10/19	Tacy Rice	Sec 4 Lot 272	#2 NW Corner	Vale's FH
8/12/19	Wanda Proctor Hill	Sec 4 Lot 159	Center West	Family cremation
8/13/19	Shirley Hopkins	Sec 5 Lot 163	Center East	Vale's FH
8/15/19	George Oliver	Sec 4 Lot 161	Center East	Vale's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the July 23, 2019 meeting and Mr. Kilburn made a motion to approve these minutes. Susan Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

Fire Department

Personnel Matters

Chief Harrison requested the board approve the hiring of 3 new volunteer firemen, Jaymes Thompson, Christopher Thomas and Daniel Head. Heath Kilburn made a motion to hire the three listed names to the volunteer roster; seconded by Ralph Blanton.

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

Chief then asked the board to approve the addition of Dalton Ellis to the Cadet Roster. Heath Kilburn made a motion to add Cadet Ellis to the cadet roster; seconded by Ralph Blanton

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

Chief Harrison then reported that he had received a resignation from Christopher Dotson on August 11, 2019. His last day worked will be August 9, 2019.

Heath Kilburn made a motion to accept the resignation of full time employee, Christopher Dotson; seconded by Ralph Blanton. Vote: All ayes

He then told the board that Scott Milner had turned in his resignation from the part time position as he is no longer able to give any time to work. Susan Ramsey made a motion to accept the resignation from Scott Milner; seconded by Heath Kilburn. Vote: All ayes

Chief Harrison then explained several ways he had come up with in order to retain the employees for a longer period of time. One item was to pay the volunteers at least \$1.00 per hour when they show up for a run. This would be in addition to the current hourly rate they now receive. He also would like to add a vacation benefit for the part time employees.

The other item he suggested to help retain the employees was a proposed Longevity Pay. After explaining how it would work, he asked the trustees to approve this benefit. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve the proposed Longevity Pay increases; seconded by Susan Ramsey.

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

Chief Harrison reported he had received three (3) quotes for steam cleaning the carpet in the firehouse, and 1 quote for painting that needs to be done. He will see if he can get another quote on that.

There have been 561 runs this year as the end of July. They have been busy.

He has applied for a \$15,000 grant to purchase a Lucas device, which is a machine that does CPR. It would take the place of an EMT when you are short a man and the run can go out.

Heath Kilburn brought up the possibility of keeping the old squad to use as an extra vehicle.

It was mentioned that there would be a parking problem in the new development in the Woodlands. This property is in the Morrow Village limits so the township has no jurisdiction, but it could be a problem for the fire department to get vehicles through on a run.

Greg Gatman brought up issues about old vehicles.

Mike Yetter had been on vacation and did not have a report. He had bids on the two properties that had tall grass to be cut. Two bids were received on the property at 5565 Rte. 22-3 owned by Michael Haun: \$85 from Rob Haines and \$333 from Don Lynch. Heath Kilburn made a motion to accept the \$85 bid from Rob Haines; seconded by Ralph Blanton.

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

Mr. Haines will be notified that he can do the mowing.

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The next bid was for a property at 4414 E. Mason Morrow Millgrove Road. A bid was received from Donald Lynch in the amount of \$555. Heath Kilburn made a motion to accept that bid and have the mowing done. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Blanton, yea Mrs. Ramsey, yea Mr. Lynch was asked if he understood the boundaries of the area to be cut, and he responded he did.

Bob Glancy brought up a junky area on Lake Road that is a rental property. Mike Yetter said he has talked to the owner about the problem.

Other items:

Susan Ramsey mentioned the family on Roachester Osceola Road wanting speed limit signs. It is a county road so would be up to the county to provide the signs.

There were six burials in the last few weeks so the crew has not been able to keep up with the mowing and other township problems.

Ralph Blanton spoke on the problems on Gheils Carroll Road. There are repairs that need to be done and a culvert or two that need replaced. Trustee Kilburn stated there are five culverts on that road. Trustee Blanton suggested that since the crew has been so busy with funerals right now, that it may be a good idea to get bids for these culvert replacements. Mr. Kilburn said he would get some bids for this work.

Trustee Blanton stated that a sign is needed coming down the hill on Gilmore Road.

He also had a call from Dennis Lewis about a large dead ash tree near his driveway. They need to check it out to see if it is in the right of way or on his property.

Fiscal Business

The Fiscal Officer reported she had received the annual renewal for the liability insurance through OTARMA. The renewal cost for 2019-2020 is \$37,711. Heath Kilburn made a motion to accept the proposed quote on the liability insurance from OTARMA; seconded by Ralph Blanton.

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

Heath Kilburn mentioned that since Debbie Harper is not running for re-election to the Fiscal Officer position, that we should try to work with the person who is running for that position to get training started.

Ms. Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared checks #21135-21195, 93076-93082 which totaled \$110,076.75. The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Heath Kilburn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of **\$8,843.35 which included receipts #10330 - #10346.**

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Ralph Blanton, Chairman

Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

Heath Kilburn

Susan Ramsey