

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

January 14,

2020

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met January 14, 2020 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: Vicki VonHolle, Ron Brinkman, Don Lynch, Greg Gatman, Bob Glancy, Gary Paynter, Asst. Chief Moenster, Kristin Jones, and Bob Stewart

Cemetery Updates

1/5/19 Johnny Osborn Sec 5 Lot 124 SW Corner Ashes
1/5/19 Connie Gilbert Sec 5 Lot 118 #2 SW Corner Ashes

The trustees read the minutes from the December 23, 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

President Ralph Blanton then turned the meeting over to the Fiscal Officer for the election of officers for 2020. Debbie Harper opened the nominations for chairman of the board... Mr. Blanton nominated Susan Ramsey for Chairman; Heath Kilburn seconded the nomination. Vote: all yeas

Nominations were then open for vice chairman and Mr. Blanton nominated Heath Kilburn for the position.

Vote: all yeas

Mrs. Ramsey asked Mr. Blanton to chair this meeting since she didn't feel she was prepared to do so.

Fire Department

Chief Harrison requested the board approve the hiring of David Flanders as a part time firefighter. Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve adding David Flanders to the position of part time firefighter; Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Chief told the board that the phone system has been struck by lightning twice now. It is 12 years old and you can't get spare parts for it anymore. He went to the county to see what type of system they were using. He was told that they would help with the cost if the fire department went to their system. He had a quote from another company for a new system. Ralph Blanton made a motion to get a quote from the county to piggyback their system. Heath Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Next, Chief brought up the fact that he would like to replace his vehicle this year. The state bid for A Ford F250 is at \$31,736. He has budgeted approximately \$52,000 for this purchase out of this year's budget. He also had quote from McCluskey Chevrolet for \$32,555. These prices do not include the upgrades required for fire service. A discussion regarding Ford vs. Chevrolet followed and Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve the purchase for either a Ford or a Chevy. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Kilburn, yea Mr. Blanton, yea Mrs. Ramsey, yea

The chief then told the board that they have been able to handle all the runs this year without calling mutual aid. He has applied for a grant for the purchase of a Lucas device for both vehicles. He is hopeful that they will get this grant.

Greg Gatman asked about the sign again. Trustee Blanton told him that he had looked at the sign and agreed it needed replaced. The board will replace it with a new sign.

Trustee Kilburn presented the four (4) quotes he had received for the culver replacement project on Ghiels Carroll Rd. They were: Freeze Underground, LLC - \$18,500 DK Bobcat - \$21,000

Porginski Excavating LLC - \$29,850 Hembree Construction Services - \$22,986

After a brief discussion, Trustee Blanton made a motion to accept the bid from Freeze Underground for \$18,500; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

Mr. Kilburn brought up a problem on S.Waynesville Road near the Christmas Ranch and Mr. Blanton added that stone is needed near Willie Watson's property where it is washing out. Mr. Kilburn will order some heavy duty stone to have on hand so the crew can work on the problem.

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It was mentioned that the new back hoe will be delivered on Friday.
Greg and Mike have been working on switching some things around in the trucks

Mr. Blanton asked Mr. Kilburn if he had been in contact with the company that had done some paving in the Village of Morrow. He is working on that.

Debbie Harper reported it was time to certify the township road mileage to the county engineer. She had received notification from the engineer's office that they had the township road responsibility at 24.305 miles, which is the same as last year. The trustees agreed that was correct and signed the required paper to verify it to the county.

Heath Kilburn brought up the possible use of niches in the cemetery in place of full size graves. The cemetery is getting full and thoughts about what to do in the future were discussed.

Fiscal Business

Ms. Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared checks **#21723-21758, 93199-93207 for payroll totaling \$32,027.13 and checks #21759-21788 which totaled \$38,465.01.** 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 **\$15,043.18 which included receipts #1-2020 thru 9-2020**

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

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

Ralph Blanton, Chairman

Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

Heath Kilburn

Susan Ramsey