

Salem Township Trustees

At the Salem Township Conference Room

December 10,

2019

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met December 11, 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 board members Heath Kilburn and Susan Ramsey present. Mr. Blanton led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

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

Cemetery Updates

12/6/19	Dorsey Woody Hopkins	Sec 5 Lot 192 NE Corner	Stine's FH
12/7/19	Rayden Nathaniel Diss	Sec 5 Lot 177 CE	Stine's FH

The trustees read the minutes from the November 26, 2019 meeting and Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve these minutes. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton yea
Mr. Kilburn was absent at that meeting so refrained from voting.

Fire Department

Chief Harrison requested the board approve the addition of 3 new cadets to the cadet roster. They are Hunter Wiseman, Hannah Wolfenbarger and Brandon Richardson. Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve the addition of these three cadets, seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

Chief Harrison then reported he had interviewed Mitchell Fisher to be added to the volunteer roster. Susan Ramsey made a motion to accept Mitchell Fisher as a volunteer; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

Next, Chief Harrison brought before the board three applicants' names who have applied for full time positions. They need to pass one of the required tests yet, but he would like to have it approved to offer them the full time position pending those tests results. Susan Ramsey made a motion to approve the hiring in a full time position Darrick Treat, James Montgomery and John French; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

He reported there were three heart attack runs yesterday with no fatalities. Also there was a large barn fire on Wilmington Road that required several departments to put that fire out. Also there were six of our firemen who went on the baby non-breather run. He has offered two meetings with them to be sure they were doing ok with this wrenching experience. He felt like they were handling it ok.

Ralph Blanton then explained to Don Lynch that he had done some research in the ORC meeting rules. He told Mr. Lynch that we would be following ORC procedures and allow him three minutes to speak. Mr. Lynch replied by stating he didn't think he was unruly at the meeting. He then brought up the proposed contract with the Warren County Regional Planning Commission for help in getting the zoning code updated and in line with what is needed in the township. He felt it was not a good contract for the township.

It was then brought up that the next scheduled meeting would fall on December 24, Christmas Eve. It was decided that meeting would be held on Monday, December 23rd instead.

Ralph Blanton then brought up the matter of the proposed contract and recommendations from the WC Regional Planning Commission and stated that he didn't think they would get anyone outside the county to do the job and who knew the township for that price. After a brief discussion, Heath Kilburn made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$8,000 with the Warren County Regional Planning Commission to lead the township in revising and updating the current code. Motion seconded by Susan Ramsey.

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

Trustee Ramsey brought up the matter of the property on the corner of Ward Road and 22-3. She said it was an awful mess and they needed to do something about it. Trustee Blanton said he would check with the prosecutor on the matter.

Mrs. Ramsey also brought up an issue regarding keeping in touch with what the crew has been doing. She suggested that at least once a month they should attend the meeting and give a report of what they had been working on. After again suggesting they be required to attend the meetings, Ralph Blanton said he disagreed on that suggestion since he acts as their supervisor and they check in all the time with him. But he said that if the board felt like it was needed, he would agree with it.

Mr. Kilburn said he had wanted to check on the log they keep a few years back, but it was never done. He thinks it would be helpful to know what is being worked on. He will work on getting a log book set up to keep track of what work is being done.

Chief Harrison stated he has a daily log sheet that the firemen use. He thinks it would work for the township employees as well.

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Ralph Blanton brought up that the contract for the PUCO license needs to be renewed to allow the township to continue its electric aggregation program. It was a 2 year contract.

Susan Ramsey made a motion to renew the contract with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for another 2 years to continue the township's electric aggregation program; seconded by Heath Kilburn.

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

Mr. Blanton reported that he had asked Chuck Petty if he had anything going out for bids that could include the 5 (five) culvert replacements needed on Gheils Carroll Road. Heath Kilburn added that he thought there was a need for another culvert on that road in the area that was recently repaired.

Mr. Blanton added that they needed to get a list to the county for the 2020 paving projects. It was discussed that paving the entire length of Gheils Carroll Road would be necessary. They will also look into all the culverts.

A letter was received from a resident on Misty Meadows concerning a swell in the road. Trustee Blanton has looked at it and is not sure anything needs to be done. They need to keep an eye on it and see if it needs to be built up.

Fiscal Business

Debbie Harper, Fiscal Officer, presented the following appropriation modifications to the board for approval:

Appropriation Modification 4B01 \$10,000 Decrease 4B2 \$10,000

Increase Appropriations:		Decrease Appropriations	
1A5	\$45,000	5A8	\$3,857
3A6	\$14,000	6A3	\$ 300
4A6	\$9,070.35	7A1	\$ 69.22
10A8	\$10,000	14A1	\$3,400
10A9	\$10,000	15A4	\$1,846.90
10A14	\$34,240.76		
13A03	\$2800		
Total Increases:	\$125,110.11	Total Decreases	\$9,473.12

Ms. Harper then presented the Temporary Appropriation for FY2020 to be approved by the board as follows:

General Fund	\$808,500.00	Motor Vehicle Fund	\$ 55,000.00
Gas Fund	\$400,612.00	Road & Bridge	\$323,200.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 40,000.00	Cemetery Bequest	\$ 700.00
Street Lighting	\$ 2,500.00	Fire District Fund	\$812,576.68
Zoning Fund	\$ 3,000.00	Ambulance Fund	\$ 60,000.00
Permissive MVL	\$200,000.00		

Total Temporary Appropriations for FY2020 is \$2,706,088.68. Heath Kilburn made a motion to pass Resolution 19-1210B to accept the Temporary Appropriation FY2020 as presented; seconded by Susan Ramsey.

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

Ms. Harper, Fiscal Officer, had prepared checks #21582-21642, 93164-93175 which totaled \$78,723.13. 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 Mrs. Ramsey, yea Mr. Blanton, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$14,927.30 which included receipts #10473 - #10478.

With no further business to come before the board, Heath Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Ralph Blanton seconded the motion.

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

 Ralph Blanton, Chairman

 Deborah Harper, Fiscal Officer

 Heath Kilburn

 Susan Ramsey