

**May 28, 2024**

**Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room**

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on May 28, 2024 in regular session at the Salem Township Fire Station Conference Room for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. Trustee Susan Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with Trustee Ralph Blanton and Trustee Heath Kilburn present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- The trustees read the minutes from the May 14, 2024 meeting. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

**\*\*\*\*Reminder effective July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – the Township will be going to one meeting a month\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month\*\*\***

**Guest:** Karie Novesl with The Ohio Plan Insurance Co. and Patrick & Lisa McIntosh

**Fire Department: Asst. Fire Chief Moenster reported:**

- Update on Tanker – It is here and we are very happy with it.
- Kitchen fire on Welch Rd.
- Would like to offer part-time firefighter position to Logan Conger, pending successful completion of our physical agility test and a pre-employment physical exam. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to hire Logan Conger, pending successful completion of our physical agility test and a pre-employment physical exam. Mr. Blanton second the motion. .

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

- Would like to add two new cadets to our roster: Jackson Adams and Jack Stewart. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to add two new cadets to our roster: Jackson Adams and Jack Stewart. Mr. Blanton second the motion. .

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

**Guest:**

- Karie Novesl with The Ohio Plan Insurance Company attended tonight's meeting to ask for the opportunity to bid on the Insurance renewal coming up in July. It is her understanding that they submitted a lower bid last year and the Trustees chose not to go with them and stay with OTARMA (who the Township currently has had for many years). She wanted to clarify some things regarding replacement cost and how that works when there happens to be a disaster like what happen in Goshen Township. The Trustees thanked her for coming and Fire Chief Harrison said he will send her the information so she can work on the quote.

**Zoning: Mr. Yetter reported: Nothing at this time.**

**Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:**

- Stop sign at Gilmour and Mason Morrow blocked by trees. Mr. Blanton said he will add it to the list for the road crew to take care of it.
- New Maintenance building – received two quotes to add concrete inside the building:
  - William Freeze \$23,000.00
  - Troy Gaddis Construction \$21,930.00Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to accept the bid from Troy Gaddis in the amount of \$21,930.00. Mr. Kilburn second the motion.

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

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**Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:**

- Received contract renewal from Republic Dumpster company. Same price we are currently paying \$287.50 – renewal contract for 36 months. Mr. Blanton made a motion we accept and sign the new contract. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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

- New Arm mower is down and waiting on parts. They should be in soon.
- Ward Rd update – received about 16 to 18 loads of dirt. It is starting to look good.

**Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:**

- Tree down on McIntier (Rick Frasier’s property) Mr. Blanton said he will add it to the list for the Road crew to take care of it.
- Received letter from the Humane Association of Warren County. They are hosting an Open House on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm.
- Reminder we are going to one meeting a month starting July 9<sup>th</sup>. Asked Fire Chief to add on Township Website and post flyers in town. He agreed.

**Cemetery updates:**

**May 2024 Cemetery**

05/23/24      Joan Smith                      Sec 5 Lot 183                      NE#2                      Stines

**Fiscal Business: Vicky VonHolle, Fiscal Officer**

- Presented the trustees with payroll and bills that are ready for payment. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the payroll and to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea                      Mrs. Ramsey - yea                      Mr. Kilburn – yea

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to come before the board, Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

Vote: Mr. Blanton – yea                      Mrs. Ramsey - yea                      Mr. Kilburn – yea