

August 13, 2024

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on August 13, 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 Heath Kilburn and Trustee Ralph Blanton present. Mrs. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge to the flag.

Meeting Minutes:

- The trustees read the minutes from the July 9, 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

- The trustees read the minutes from the July 16, 2024 special meeting. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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

Zoning: Trustee Mrs. Ramsey presented two (2) Order and 7 day notice to remove vegetation garbage & other debris per section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code – to be posted on the principal structure/residence for 7 days that she received from Zoning inspector Mr. Yetter:

1. Mr. Blanton made a motion to post and mail the notice to 6307 Morrow Rossburg Rd per ORC 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

2. Mr. Blanton made a motion to post and mail the notice to 5068 Salem Rd. per ORC 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Guest: Bob Hutsenpiller, Nick Hutsenpiller, George Flynn, Mitchell Fischer, Caroline Whitacre, Greg Gatman, Aaron Lakanen, Theresa Paynter and Ron Brinkman

- Mr. George Flynn and his associates attended tonight’s meeting to present the idea they have to purchase and re-vamp the Morrow Plaza in the Village of Morrow. They understand that the property is in the Village and that the Trustees have no say on the project, however they are hoping they can appreciate the vision they have for the plaza and support their ideas. The key to the purchase of the Morrow Plaza is to have long term tenants, such as Family Dollar, the Post Office and the Salem Morrow Library. They have met with them several times and presented their plan to them as well. They have another meeting with the library on Thursday August 15, 2024 at 2pm with their board. That meeting is open to the public. The Library has made it public that they are interested in purchasing land and building a new library. However we feel that we can offer them a better and improved place to have the library and they can keep it in town where it is very accessible to the community. They have also been contacted by the Countryside YMCA showing interest for an outpost area They appreciate the trustee’s time and support for this project.

- Village of Morrow Mayor Mitchell Fischer commented that the Village purchased the Plaza to make sure that the right owners who would be able to come in and purchase it and make the updates and improvements to the building but also to help better the community. The Village along with Hamilton Township is looking into grant funds to put in a sidewalk from the High School to the Village. Another reason for the library to consider to stay in the plaza.

- Village of Morrow Administrator Carolyn Whitacre commented that they have done their research on this developer and they know plaza development. The Village has had several offers from other companies and developers, such as a Store & Lock, Recycling Co. and others. This Group has the vision and ability to do something good for our community and we really hope the Library considers staying in the plaza for a long time.

Guest Continued:

- Mr. Kilburn also thanked them all for coming to the meeting and letting us all know what the plans would be. His personal opinion is that he would like to see the improvements they presented. He would also like for the Library to stay in the location they are in for the Community that they serve. He assured Mr. Flynn that they have his support.

- Mrs. Ramsey thanked them for coming and confirmed that he is correct that the Salem Township Trustees have no vote on the project. However her own opinion of the project is that it would be wonderful for the community.

- Mr. Kilburn asked guest Theresa Paynter, a member of the Salem Morrow Library board her opinion on the presentation. Mrs. Paynter made it very clear that she is at tonight's township meeting as a resident of Salem Township and NOT as a representative of the Salem Morrow library. But in her personal opinion she has always felt like the plaza has been an eyesore for the community and is very excited to see someone come in and clean it up if that includes a library or not.

Fire Department: Asst. Fire Chief Moenster reported:

- Responded and assisted with Tornado and Storm Damage in the community.

- Participated in the National Night Out in Morrow. Great Event and appreciate being invited and looking forward to next years. Mr. Kilburn thanked them for coming to the event. Mr. Blanton complemented the Village saying it was well organized and everyone did a good job

- Participating in UC Aircare training with Harlen, Hamilton and Clinton-Warren Fire Depts.

- One of our own, Sean Oaks lost everything in a house fire. The department and the Association put together a donation for him and his wife.

- Retirement of Captain Ralph Blanton effective August 31, 2024 after more than 43 years of dedicated service to his community. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to accept Captain Ralph Blanton's resignation. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Would like to offer a part-time firefighter position to Luke Wade pending successful completion of our physical agility test and a pre-employment physical exam. Mr. Blanton made a motion to offer a part-time firefighter position to Luke Wade pending successful completion of our physical agility test and a pre-employment physical exam. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Request to add Alexander Garcia as a fire cadet LMHS, ROTC. Mr. Blanton made a motion to add Alexander Garcia as a fire cadet. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Accept resignation of Part-timer Jeff Shaffer effective 07/26/2024 – moved back to Tennessee. His final shift worked was 07/25/2024. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept resignation of Jeff Shaffer. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

Fire Department Continued:

- Accept resignation of Part-timer Alex Burkett effective 08/01/2024 – taking a position with Dayton PD. His final shift worked was 03/27/2024. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept resignation of Alex Burkett. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Remove Ryan Dalton – Hired on 07/09/2024 meeting. He took another job. Mr. Blanton made a motion to remove Ryan Dalton. Mr. Blanton made a motion to accept resignation of Alex Burkett. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

Zoning Inspector Mike Yetter reported:

- Answered several calls
- Received one permit
- Will be on vacation at the end of August

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- Construction on Washington Way tore up road after we paved it. Contacted contractor and they took care of it. Repairs looks good.

Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Received a complaint about 5039 Roachester-Osceola Rd. with drainage issues. Let them know it was a county road and let the County Engineers Dept. know about it.
- Thanked Trustee Ramsey for getting notice letters out to residents on Shadow Lawn. Work is in progress and should be done this week.
- Thanked Trustee Blanton for helping crew with cemetery graves.
- Ward Rd. – Had three more loads of gravel delivered. Moving along – we are close to the turn.

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Received quote for new tractor with cab from Ag-pro in the amount of \$42,622.88. Mr. Kilburn made a motion to purchase a new tractor from Ag-Pro in the amount of \$42,622.88. Mrs. Ramsey second the motion.

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

- Getting a quote for gutters for the new building and lighting will be next.

Fiscal Business Vicky VonHolle, Fiscal Officer reported:

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

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

Adjournment:

- With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Kilburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Mr. Blanton seconded the motion.

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