

September 10, 2024

Salem Township Trustees - At the Salem Township Conference Room

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The Salem Township Board of Trustees met on September 10, 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 August 13, 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 August 21, 2024 special meeting. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Kilburn seconded the motion.

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

Fire Department: Fire Chief Harrison reported:

- Received \$4,029.26 in EMS Grant
- We have been having issues with keeping our Volunteers. The last nine years all the volunteers we have put through training and invested in them have left. After their training is complete we don't have full time positions available and they leave. We do have a clause that they have to reimburse us for the cost of their training if they don't stay. Most of the time we have been lucky and received the funds back. We are proposing that we eliminate our Volunteer Program at this time. We do want to keep our cadet program going. The cadet program starts at age 15. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to eliminate our Volunteer Program at this time – due to the Chiefs recommendation. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

Asst. Fire Chief Moenster reported:

- Would like to offer a part-time firefighter position to Dalton Shiver, 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 Dalton Shiver pending successful completion of our physical agility test and a pre-employment physical exam. Mrs. Kilburn second the motion.

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

Zoning: Trustee Mrs. Ramsey reported that Mr. Yetter was not able to attend tonight's meeting. She has received a complaint about chickens on Woodward Claypool. She will ask Mr. Yetter to follow up on it.

Guest: William Hall, Greg Gatman, Matt Cox and Jerry Martin

- Mr. Gatman asked if the Trustees have heard any more about the library staying in the plaza. Mr. Kilburn reported that the last he heard is that the Library is looking at owning their own property for the library rather than leasing. Which was a recommendation from the County Auditor Matt Nolan.
 - Mr. Gatman also asked the trustees to inform Mr. Yetter that the notice that was posted on Salem road is still on the door. Mrs. Ramsey said that she will let him know.
- Mr. Matt Cox attended tonight's meeting to discuss the opening of the back of Ward Rd. Discussion was made about the decision by the trustees to do this project and the expense that it will cost and has already cost the township. Mr. Cox proposed that he would like to talk to adjoining property owners Jason Smith and Mr. Conn to work out an easement agreement between the three of them and eliminate all liability from the township. The trustees like the idea and of course will have to run everything through our legal counsel. They thanked Mr. Cox for coming.

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Trustee Heath Kilburn reported:

- Suggested we purchase a quick hitch to go with the new case equipment in the amount of \$650.00. Also to purchase a set of forks to go with the case equipment at around \$1,000.00. Mr. Blanton made a motion to purchase a quick hitch in the amount of \$650 and a set of forks for the case equipment in the amount around of \$1,000.00 to go with the new case equipment in the amount of \$650.00. Mr. Kilburn second the motion.

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

- Would like for us to look into the cost of buying pre-cast from monument companies. Mr. Blanton stated that we have before but not all the time. He will have Greg look into the cost.

Trustee Ralph Blanton reported:

- Shadow Lawn update – need to look at putting in second culvert before we pave. Mr. Kilburn will get quotes from Freeze and Clark for late fall.

Trustee Susan Ramsey reported:

- WC Association Meeting coming up on September 26, 2024 at 6pm at the Union Township Meeting room.
- WC Board of Commissioners holding a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the WC Subdivision regulations on September 24 at 9:30am at the office the Board of County Commissioners.
- Fall open house for the Little Miami History Connection coming up on Wednesday September 11, 2024 from 6pm to 8 pm at the History center located in Maineville Elementary at 373 E. Foster-Maineville Rd.

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

Executive Session

Mr. Kilburn made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:49pm to discuss Personnel Issues. Mr. Blanton second the motion.

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

Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:14pm. Mr. Kilburn second the motion.

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

Adjournment:

- With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Blanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Mrs. Ramsey seconded the motion.

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