

# Minutes November 9, 2010 Meeting

The Salem Township Board of Trustees met November 9, 2010 in regular session at the Salem Morrow Fire Station Conference Room for the purpose of transacting the business of the Township. President Kirk Ramsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with members Dick Dare and Ralph Blanton present. Mr. Ramsey led all those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Others present were: Donald Lynch, Mike Kassalen, Frank Schlake, Mr. & Mrs. David Opperman, Fred LaFollette, Ron Stratton, Bob Vail, Woodie Davis, Donna Vonderhaar and a deputy from the sheriff's office.

The minutes were approved as read and were posted in the building.

## Cemetery Update

11/5/10 Jerry Howard Sec 5 Lot 2 SW Corner - cremation

## New Business

Donna Vonderhaar from Aretz Florist introduced a new service her business was offering. She is creating temporary crosses to be used at the gravesite until the headstone is placed. These can also be used by those who want a marker and cannot afford to purchase a headstone. She asked if the board would approve her placing a small sample cross at the cemetery for people to see. The board approved this request.

Donald Lynch stated he was making the third trip to the shop for repairs to his camera. He is claiming that when Mr. Blanton stopped his camera and took it outside to him after a meeting, damages were done. Mr. Blanton agreed he would not move the camera again, but he would have to come in immediately if he were outside when the meeting was over. Mr. Lynch disputed the meeting minutes that he was given for the variance hearing. He stated he didn't know why the zoning inspector was not included in the variance hearings. He wanted a review of the minutes.

The Deputy on duty stopped by to see if the township had any concerns for him. He told the board that they hoped they have the culprits who are responsible for recent break-ins. He said there are two different groups of people breaking into houses and cars. He reported that there has been a change in supervisory personnel at the office and he will bring the new man to the next meeting to introduce him to the board.

Bob Vail mentioned the completion of the Eagle Scout project which was the sign for the Salem Township Public Library. It was good to see it completed and is an asset to the town.

Frank Schlake told the trustees that he had gone to the county to get his question answered regarding the easement on his property. He was told that his neighbors cannot plant on the easement and that the user pays the property taxes on the easement; however, it is not considered their property.

### Zoning

Mike Kassalen stated that he would be available to attend any appeals board meeting if they wanted him to be there. He turned in one permit for a sign. Also, he told the board that the owner of the apartments in front of the lake is thinking about turning them into a store-n-lock.

At this time, Don Lynch asked what was going in at the top of the hill on Route 123 going out of town. Kirk told him the owner of the property has a permit from the state to put an entrance in. There is nothing approved on the development yet, but the time is running out on the permit so he is putting the entrance in now.

### Fire Department/Roads

Chief LaFollette asked the board to approve a request from Capt. Moenster to carry over a couple of vacation days to March of next year for use after the birth of his baby. The board approved this request.

Chief also talked about the need for a fence around the fuel tanks. He has quotes of \$4325 from Security Fence plus an additional \$4,000 for the concrete posts, and \$4270/\$1650 from Ashlee Fence. Ralph Blanton made a motion to proceed with the purchase from Ashlee Fence. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

### Fiscal Business

#### Resolution for Transfer of Funds

The Fiscal Officer requested the board approve a transfer from the Fire Fund to the Debt Service Fund to make the interest payment on the fire truck acquisition note and a transfer from the Fire Levy Fund to the Debt Service Fund to pay principal and interest on the Fire Station Improvement Note. Dick Dare made a motion to pass Resolution 10-1109 to allow for the transfer of \$7,876.50 from the Fire Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of making an interest payment on the fire truck acquisition note, and also transfer \$165,500 from the Fire Levy Fund to the Debt Service Fund to pay principal and interest on the Fire Station Improvement note. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea

#### Approval to Pay Bills

The fiscal officer presented checks #9856 - #9907, 10032 which totaled \$387,162.38. The board examined the bills that were ready for payment and Ralph Blanton made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Dick Dare seconded the motion.

Vote: Blanton, yea Dare, yea Ramsey, yea

For this reporting period the fiscal officer deposited receipts in the amount of \$245,787.33.

This amount included receipts #6901– #6910.

With no further business to come before the board, Dick Dare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Kirk Ramsey seconded the motion.

Vote: Dare, yea Ramsey, yea Blanton, yea