

Salem Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Brent Halverson called the Salem Town Board meeting to order after the Annual Meeting at 6:20 p.m. Notice of meeting was published in the Pierce County Journal, Town of Salem Website and the Town of Salem Shop.

Present were board members Brent Halverson, Kyler Hinrichs, Ben Schommer, Ann Larson-Graham and Karee Schladweiler. Also present were Mike Graham, Carrie Schommer, Lonnie Diesing, Dawn Hendershot, Ron Hendershot, Roxanne Larson, Jerry Stein, Kay Kashian, Kristina Ahern, Jennifer Rohweder, Teresa Davis, John Huffaker, Charlen Torchia, Lucy Bauer, Tim Caswell, Phil Kuhns, Maite Kuhns, Larry Brenner, Greg Wolf, Brad Gerrits and Craig Flynn, Maintenance Person.

Last Month's Minutes: The minutes from the March 11, 2025 board meeting were read. Kyler made a motion to approve the minutes with Ben's correction about Ridge Breeze has to use CC, change to Ridge Breeze's main driveway will go to CC, Ben seconded the motion with the correction, motion carried with all in favor.

Visitor Comments: At the Annual Meeting, Kristina Ahern presented a 2025 Town of Salem Annual Meeting Resolution titled "Take No Action on the \$18 Millian Bond Sale for Loan to Ridge Breeze Mega-Dairy". Greg Wolf said that Ridge Breeze will no longer pursue the Town of Salem's approval of financing through the Public Finance Authority (PFA). Wolf stated they were approached by the people that run the PFA program and that they had talked to the Town Board about it. Wolf said they had been seeking a waiver from the Town for the PFA loan but they always had other financing in place and are pulling their request for a waiver and the hearing. Ahern asked if there should still be a vote on the resolution and Brent said no need since they are withdrawing.

Kristina went on to ask if we could continue to discuss pursuing an Operations Ordinance. Stated there were a lot of manure trucks on the road recently and the CAFO has an impact on the