

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Vermilion Township Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday January 3rd, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:54pm by Chairman Robert Kurtz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Kenn Baughman, Mr. Robert Kurtz & Mr. Rodger Scott were present.

Minutes from the December 6th 2023 trustees' meeting were distributed and approved.

Kurtz made a motion to approve the treasury reports. Baughman seconded the motion. Baughman, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230103-02**

Ninety-two bills/warrants totaling \$55,460.71 were submitted for payment. Kurtz made a motion to approve the warrants. Scott seconded the motion. Baughman, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20240103-03**

Vermilion Township Fire Chief Frank Triana reported on runs for December & reports have been submitted to the state. EMS-63, Public Assist-2, Smoke odor-1, Commercial fire alarm-1, Residential fire alarm-2, Brush fire-1, MVA-6. Squad 813 is scheduled for regular maintenance at Liberty Ford. Squad 811 is scheduled for maintenance at L&M Towing and Repair. One Airpak is out-of-service and waiting on parts. Triana asks for approval to donate an old, unused jaws-system (comprised of the jaws, cutters, ram & cord reels, portable combi-tool and power unit for that tool) to Flatrock FD RFD 5 from Johnson County Arkansas. Kurtz made a motion to donate the jaws system to Flatrock Fire Department RFD 5, Johnson County, Arkansas. Baughman seconded the motion. Baughman, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20240103-04**

Vermilion Township Road Crew Foreman Steve Young reported the crew is working on cleaning ditches. Township Clean-Up Days will be Saturday, May 18th, 2024 and Saturday, September 14th, 2024 from 7:30am to 3:00pm. No tires accepted. Young is working on a list of township road projects for 2024 and a culvert inventory for the county.

Vermilion Township Fiscal Officer Stephanie Johnson presented a list of Supplemental Appropriations for the remainder of 2023. Kurtz made a motion to Approve the 2023 Supplemental Appropriations from April 1st, 2023 through December 28th, 2023. Baughman seconded the motion. Baughman, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20240103-05**

Kurtz made a motion to schedule the Redwood Development Public Hearing & Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 6:00pm at the Vermilion Township Office Complex. Baughman seconded the motion. Baughman, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20240103-06**

Due to the Ohio Township Association (OTA) Winter Conference being held on the first Wednesday in February, it is necessary to reschedule the February trustees' regular meeting. Kurtz made a motion to hold the February 2024 Vermilion Township Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February

6th, 2024. Time to remain the same at 6:30pm. Baughman seconded the motion. Baughman, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20240103-07**

Kurtz stated new meeting rules were passed at the organizational meeting including: each person will be allotted a maximum of five minutes to discuss issues that are relevant to the meeting agenda or other business that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of this board. All speakers are required to direct all comments to the Chair exclusively. Negative comments of an accusatory or insulting nature or profanity will not be tolerated.

Kurtz opened the floor to the audience.

Chris Ksenich of Darrow Road asked the purpose of blanket certificates and if there will be a second monthly meeting.

Don Rowe of Kneisel Road asked why the newly appointed zoning inspector & township administrator was given a higher salary than the fire chief. Rowe also stated Scott's comments at the 12/6/23 meeting about Johnson were retaliatory for her speaking out about Scott & former Trustee Hill watching her on live-streamed cameras and that Scott had violated meeting rules.

Kurtz stated new meeting rules were similar, but stricter. Scott's comments at the 12/6/2023 meeting were uncalled for, unprofessional, and way out of line. That type of behavior will not be tolerated in this room anymore.

Nancy Hall of Stanley Road asked about the status of the zoning rule update regarding chickens.

Pete Spears of Tappan Circle asked how Baughman can sit on the board with litigation pending the same board; if he will recuse himself on any voting regarding the Novotny litigation and if Kurtz did any unlicensed inspections when he was Vermilion Township Building & Zoning Inspector.

Jim Wellman of Cherry Road asked about burn barrels.

Steve Krispinsky of Risdan Road asked about a damaged street light that has not been replaced, located at the corner of Risdan Road & Darrow Road.

Baughman proposed an idea to update the zoning rules for chickens for residents with adjoining lots; clothing allowance for the road crew; giving employees the day off for Eclipse Day 2024; censuring Scott for conduct unbecoming of a trustee. Baughman apologized to Johnson for the treatment she has received.

Scott said he has a plaque for Cliff German, 2024 Vermilion Township Person-of-the-Year.

Kurtz stated items for the agenda, plus any accompanying paperwork, need to be forwarded to the fiscal officer in advance of the meeting. Baughman clarified new meeting rules will be posted on the township office bulletin board and the township website.

Kurtz made a motion to adjourn at 7:51pm. Scott seconded the motion.