

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 5/5/21***

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Ronald L. Dickel.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Ronald L. Dickel, Trustee; Carl E. Hill, Trustee; Charles T. Trinter, Trustee; Brenda J. Zsebik, Fiscal Officer; Robert Baker, Building Official/Zoning Inspector; Frank R. Triana, Vermilion Township Fire Chief; Tina L. Karres, Township Secretary.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Hill to approve minutes to regular meeting held 4/21/21 and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Hill, second by C. Trinter to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Packet dated 5/4/21. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by R. Dickel to approve and pay warrants 25207 through 25220 and payment vouchers 202-2021, 203-2021, 204-2021, 205-2021, 206-2021, 207-2021, 208-2021, 210-2021, 211-2021, 212-2021, 213-2021, 214-2021, 215-2021, 216-2021, 217-2021, 218-2021, 219-2021, 220-2021, 221-2021, 222-2021, 223-2021, 224-2021, 225-2021, 226-2021, 227-2021, 228-2021, 230-2021, 231-2021, 232-2021. Warrants and payment vouchers totaled \$59,238.00. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Pat O'Brien, and two staff members, from Pat O'Brien Chevrolet were in attendance to voice their concerns regarding the township purchasing a 2021 Chevrolet Trax LS outside of the township/county from Spitzer Automotive in Amherst, Ohio rather than his dealership located in the township. Residents in attendance voiced their opinions and support for Mr. Pat O'Brien regarding the purchase of the township vehicle outside of the township. Trustee Dickel explained that the Board wanted to purchase the vehicle from Pat O'Brien Chevrolet, but two quotes were received, and the Board had an obligation to purchase the vehicle from the dealership with the lowest bid. It was not done to degrade or disrespect Mr. O'Brien. Resident complimented the road crew stating the township roads were in great shape. Volunteer residents that are helping to restore Cuddeback Cemetery were in attendance reporting on the continued progress they are making at the Cemetery and appreciated the ongoing group effort being made and wish for continued support for this worthwhile project. Sperry Road residents, husband and wife, voiced their concerns regarding cleaning up Sperry Road. Mr. Bob Baker, Building Official/Zoning Inspector stated inspections were done on Sperry Road, and zoning regulations/enforcement were explained. Resident inquired about the training of the new Building Official/Zoning Inspector, overtime hours, and the Board's responsibility. It was clarified why the extra time was needed and how the last Building Official would not train or show staff the new system, would not give records to staff, changed forms, and how the system had to be set up properly while using the system for daily business. It was noted the township normally runs smoothly with all employees being cross trained and working together as a team.

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SPEAKERS:

None present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING INSPECTOR:

Building Official/Zoning Inspector, Robert Baker, reported for April the Zoning Department issued 10 zoning permits (\$666.50) and 1 lot split (\$25.00) with a total fee collection of \$691.50; the Building Department issued 31 permits with a total fee collection of \$4,045.00 and total valuation of work being done at \$469,287.50.

VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief F. Triana's report: Fire Runs between 4/1/21 – 4/30/21. EMS – 50; MVC – 2 (w/injury); MVC – 1 (w/o injury); Open Burn – 4; Citizen complaint – 1; Standby per OSP – 1; Possible boat fire – 1; Wire down -1; YTD: 245 Runs.

Firefighter's Association would like to thank all those who attended their Drive-Thru Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 11th. Breakfast was a great success and the support they receive is always awesome.

The front tires on 813 have been replaced and balanced. Front end alignment will take place Friday, May 7th.

FF's Association would like permission to plant a tree with a small plaque in memory of Alec Koutsopoulos.

The Chief is working with Atlantic Fire Equipment to establish dates for pump and chassis p.m.'s, which once completed, they will complete pump testing. The Chief did consider moving to a different company; however, after discussing concerns with Atlantic Fire Equipment, the Chief was assured those concerns would be addressed.

April 2021 fire reports are complete and have been submitted to the State.

Biomedical Instrumentation Services was on station Tuesday, May 4, 2021 and service their Lifepak 15's and our AED's. One AED had a battery that was ready to fail and was replaced. All other units checked out with no issues.

Building and fire apparatus extinguishers are due for inspections. If the board so wishes, the Chief can set this up to take place.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Hill authorizing the fire department to plant a tree with a small plaque in memory of Alec Koutsopoulos. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

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MOTION BY C. Hill, second by R. Dickel authorizing the Fire Chief to set up inspections for all building and fire apparatus extinguishers. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

None present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Secretary presented estimates for repair of the township's flagpole. Harbortown Flag, Inc. located in Vermilion quoted parts at a cost of \$136.98 but could not install due to installer being injured; Flagpoles Etc., located in Sandusky estimate to install stationary single pulley truck-silver, restring, bucket truck access \$1,906.00; and McQueen Sign Company located in Vermilion estimate to install 1 new truck assembly was \$333.00.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter authorizing McQueen Sign Company, Vermilion to repair flagpole by installing 1 new truck assemble at a cost of \$333.00. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Hill authorizing to hire Baxter Construction, 6415 Coen Rd. Vermilion to do concrete work in front of old west building, new area, and concrete pad in rear of building at a cost of \$6,952.00. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-21

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Baker, Building Official/Zoning Inspector informed the Board a nonconforming certificate was issued last week to Wild Waves, LLC. for allowing them to do outdoor assemblies for weddings, graduations, and such after a pause in their business.

Mr. Baker informed the Board a tall grass violation will be mailed to the Novotny Farm Market. Mr. Baker also explained that Mr. Novotny was granted variances to put the business in and there has been an issue on the last variance request. Mr. Novotny agreed to put a tree line of some shrubbery along the back side where he has all the pallets of mulch and he has not complied to date. He had a choice of putting arborvitae trees six-foot-tall fence line or a regular fence. This issue has been going on for three years, so a violation letter will be sent to take care of this issue.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter hereby adopting the Erie County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as the Official Plan of Erie County. In doing so, Vermilion Township will be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) post disaster mitigation funding. (The Erie County Commissioners formally adopted the plan per Resolution No. 21-18.) Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-21

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MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Hill authorizing re-enrolling in the Sedgwick Program for 2022 with a 42 percent group discount and a service fee of \$1,630.00. The policy will be effective January 1, 2022. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-21

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter approving the use of Strawser Construction, Inc. located at 1392 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215 for the purchase and installation of bituminous products (Onyx Surface Treatment @ a unit price of \$2.10 per square yard) for Colonial CT, Frailey, Hickory, and Sassafras east, and using the Ohio Department of Transportations's (ODOT's) Cooperative Pricing Program as defined on the 101L-22 Contract. Total approximate cost is \$50,106.00.

Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-21

MOTION BY C. Hill, second by C. Trinter accepting the Erie County Engineer's Preliminary estimate of cost for the Ashmont Road Culvert V-312 Replacement Project and placing the project out for bids. The estimated bid construction cost for this project is \$113,000.00. (See Attachment 1-A).

Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-21

Spring Cleanup to be held Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th.

MOTION BY: R. Dickel, second by C. Hill to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m. with no further business to discuss. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

Ronald T. Dickel

Trustee

Trustee

Charles T. Trinter

Trustee

Yvonne A. Karsen

Township Secretary