

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 8/21/19***

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Ronald L. Dickel.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Ronald L. Dickel, Trustee; Christopher R. Decker, Trustee; Charles T. Trinter, Trustee; Brenda J. Zsebik, Fiscal Officer; Robert Kurtz, Building Official/Zoning Administrator; Tina L. Karres, Township Secretary.

Absent: Frank R. Triana, Vermilion Township Fire Chief.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Decker to approve minutes to regular meeting held 8/7/19 and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Decker, second by C. Trinter to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Packet dated 8/20/19. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by R. Dickel to approve and pay warrants 23634 through 23690 (39-2019, 41-2019 Adjustment). Warrants totaled \$71,360.34. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Steve Young, Road Foreman, reported on the following: One plow has been completed regarding sandblasting and painting, the other one should be completed in the next day or two. They attended a demonstration at SealMaster in Sandusky, Ohio regarding a coating system for roads called Liquid Road. Mr. Young stated the cost was approximately \$2.00 per square yard. Still awaiting backhoe parts. Bins are all ordered for Fall Clean-Up day and the tire guy has been notified. Will be completing a tile job (600 ft.) on Kneisel Road as soon as homeowner gets materials. Still awaiting parts for boom mower head. Discussed trim being removed from garage doors and replacing seal around doors. Discussed starting work earlier while helping the City of Vermilion cut some brush. Mr. Young extended a "Thank You" to the Vermilion Township Fire Department firefighter's who tried to help find his daughter-in-law.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

No audience participation.

SPEAKERS:

None present.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Robert Kurtz, notified the Board there will be a Board of Zoning Appeals hearing to be held at the Vermilion Township Office Building on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. There are two applications on the agenda. The first one is at address 13815 Darrow Road. The property owner would like to erect a pole barn in the front yard due to the unusual shape of his lot and the fact that the house is located way at the back and the septic field is behind the house. Mr. Kurtz noted he understood the hardship that the property owner has. The second one is at address 7804 Barnes Road. The Board of Zoning Appeals will be acting as the Board of Building Appeals. The gentleman has been working with a shed company to have a garden shed put on his property. The shed is 580 square feet and was going to be set on a stone pad, but on July 1, 2019 the new residential code of Ohio went into effect. The prior code stated any accessory structure less than 600 square feet did not require to have frost footers. On July 1, 2019 that exemption was removed from the code. Now, anything over 200 square feet needs to have footers. The companies that sell these pre-built sheds need to be aware that the code has changed, and footers are now required on accessory structures over 200 square feet. The owners request is to put the shed on his property without footers. Mr. Kurtz does not have any objection to this request simply because two months ago this would have been permitted and the owner had already started the process of looking at the shed and already negotiated with the company.

Mr. Kurtz will be attending the Erie Regional Planning Commission Meeting today regarding the 2020 Census. The Commission wants to make sure that the Census Bureau has an accurate list of addresses from all jurisdictions in Erie County.

VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief F. Triana's report: Fire Runs between 8/1/19 – 8/20/19. EMS – 43; Residential fire -1; Residential alarm -1; Odor Investigation – 2; MVC –1 (non-injury); YTD: 449 Runs.

Squad 811 is back from Fallsway and back in service.

Squad 813 will go into to Liberty this week for minor preventative maintenance.

Engine 821 is out at Fallsway in Akron for evaluation of the transfer case. The Chief should know more in the next few days.

The Firefighter's Association received the balance of their order for life jackets. Their donation is much appreciated. These have been placed in service and are on 842 with two on Squad 813.

Firefighters will be replacing the carburetor on Engine 822's generator. Fuel presently is not getting to the motor. This repair will allow for auxiliary lighting during night-time calls.

One-year anniversary for EMS transports. From August 19, 2018 through August 18, 2019 they saw a total of 660 runs. Of those 660 runs 580 runs or 69% of the calls were EMS related. Of those EMS calls VTFD transported 401 patients to area Emergency Rooms.

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NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

None present.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kurtz has been working with Sue Brown, Erie County Prosecutor's Office. Mrs. Brown did agree with the township's position on overgrown landscaping that it is very subjective in nature. Resolution 98-20, regarding vegetation and debris nuisance resolution, will be updated to bring it up more with current standards and to also establish a maximum height for grass. Mr. Kurtz asked the Board what they feel is an appropriate number to set as the maximum height for tall grass. Mr. Tom Lalonde, Road Crew, also added a comment to consider responsibility when damage occurs to property or mower upon the township mowing the property in violation. Mr. Steve Young, Road Foreman, recommended increasing the price regarding mowing a property. After discussion, considering the violation procedure, the Board agreed on the maximum height of grass to be set at 8 inches.

MOTION BY C. Decker, second by C. Trinter to set the maximum height regarding tall grass violation letters to 8 inches (8") or taller. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

Trustee Trinter asked Mr. Kurtz if he discussed the equipment use agreement with the Prosecutor. Mr. Kurtz stated he did talk to her about it and he's waiting for her to get back to him.

Mr. Young asked Mr. Kurtz if he's received any quotes on the building yet. Mr. Kurtz said he's still waiting.

MOTION BY: R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 a.m. with no further business to discuss. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.



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Township Secretary