

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 2/3/21***

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Robert Kurtz, Building Official/Zoning Administrator.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Hill to approve minutes to regular meeting held 1/20/21 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 2/2/21. 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 25077 through 25088 and payment vouchers 23-2021, 25-2021, 26-2021, 27-2021, 28-2021, 29-2021, 30-2021, 31-2021, 32-2021, 33-2021, 34-2021, 35-2021, 36-2021, 37-2021, 38-2021, 39-2021, 40-2021, 42-2021, 43-2021, 44-2021, 45-2021, 46-2021, 47-2021, 48-2021, 50-2021, 51-2021, 52-2021. Warrants and payment vouchers totaled \$39,693.97. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

No audience participation.

SPEAKERS:

None present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated January 28, 2021 from Eileen Bulan, President, Board of Directors, Main Street Vermilion thanking the township for joining Main Street Vermilion regarding their 2021 business membership.

BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

No report.

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VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief F. Triana's report: Fire Runs between 1/20/21 – 1/31/21. EMS – 20; YTD: 61 Runs.

The area above the gear storage has been modified to store extra gear and past fire records. This alleviated a much-needed space above the maintenance area for records retention and additional fire storage. The Chief expressed his appreciation to all who worked on this project and Lt. Willard for all his hard efforts.

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

The Chief has completed the requested information gathering for the FEMA (DHS) grant. This was submitted to Gatchell LLC per their request to complete the application process. An email with another work sheet was received prior to meeting and will be completed and returned upon completion.

The Chief did purchase two sets of extra straps for the Stryker Cots at a cost of \$444.00. This allows the department to do a thorough Decon of the existing straps when needed and return to service more efficiently.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Larry Deem, Northern Ohio Rural Water Representative was in attendance to give their annual report. They have installed 274 new taps which brings the system total to 12,709 customers. They have also installed 12.6 miles of new water lines. The financial position is strong with a 2019-year end net profit of \$1,676,776.00. Mr. Deem left the Northern Ohio Rural Water report from the Ohio Auditor of State for the year ended December 31, 2019 for public viewing. There is also a new line being laid from the Middle Ridge tank to State Route 60/Mason Road. It is a redundancy of a line that is already present but is needed as a backup in case there is ever a break in that line (Baumhart Road tank).

Mr. Deem also announced that his term will be expiring at the end of January 2021 and asked that the Board consider him for re-election to the Northern Ohio Rural Water Board.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Hill to reappoint Mr. Larry Deem to serve a term of (4) four years on the Board of Trustees of the Northern Ohio Rural Water. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-21

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Triana informed the Board that most of the monies from the CARES Act has been encumbered. The only equipment that the department is currently waiting for arrival is the firefighter's gear. The Chief encouraged the Board to see what the department has accomplished and to inspect all their new equipment (power cots, gear dryer, storage area etc.) at their own leisure. The Chief asked the Board for their approval to purchase a five (5) year maintenance agreement for the MTS Power Load, Power-Pro XT, and Lucas 3 equipment at a total cost of \$33,008.80 from Stryker Corporation. The Chief

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noted the maintenance agreements are a very good value when considering the capabilities of the said equipment and allows all equipment to be maintained and ready to go at all times. These agreements include maintenance and repair on all five pieces of equipment.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by R. Dickel authorizing The VTFD Chief to purchase a five (5) year Preventative Onsite Maintenance Agreement for MTS Power Load (\$15,232.80), Power-Pro XT (\$11,598.40), and Lucas 3 Version 3.1 (\$6,177.60) from Stryker Sales Corporation at a total cost of \$33,008.80. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-21

Trustee Hill stated Mr. Dan Frederick, Architect was contacted due to lack of progress being made on the road department office addition. Mr. Frederick followed up the issue by contacting the contractors involved. Office is back on schedule and should be completed by next week.

Trustee Dickel contacted Mike Farrell, P.E. Erie County Engineer's Office regarding the Ashmont Road Culvert Project. Mr. Farrell still has a little more paperwork to complete but will contact the township upon completion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Hill brought up an issue with a resident parking on the north side of Stanley Road hindering snow plowing. Board agreed the resident will need to be contacted to address the issue since vehicles should not be parked near the roadway.

Trustee Trinter attended the Erie Regional Planning Commission on Thursday, January 28. The ERPC election of officers for 2021 was conducted and remain the same as last year. Trustee Trinter explained the Committee discussed the updated Erie County Subdivision Regulations from the 2004 version which will be up for approval at the next meeting. There is some controversy being generated by the new regulations concerning the authority, the county engineer, and his approval of some of the things and also a couple of other issues. Mr. Daniel Frederick, Milan Township, sent an email which addresses four different issues. Trustee Trinter welcomed any opinions regarding this topic so the township could vote appropriately when the regulations come up for approval in February.

MOTION BY R. Dickel amending Resolution 9-21 to correct salary to \$17.67 per hour for the Vermilion Township Secretary. Motion not seconded; motion failed.

MOTION BY C. Hill, second by R. Dickel to go into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. for employee personnel procedures/complaints. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, no; Motion Carried.

Trustee Dickel adjourned from Executive Session and returned to regular session at 8:17 p.m.

Trustee Dickel stated a date needs to be set to inspect roads. Board agreed to discuss at the next regular meeting and set date with consideration of weather.

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MOTION BY: R. Dickel, second by C. Hill to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 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

Carl Hill
Trustee

Charles T. Trinter
Trustee

Tina A. Karres
Township Secretary