

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 8/4/21***

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, Vermillion Township Fire Chief; Tina L. Karres, Township Secretary.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Hill to approve minutes to special budget meeting held 7/21/21 and regular meeting held 7/21/21 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 8/3/21. 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 25325 through 25337 (25147 adjustments) and payment vouchers 359-2021, 360-2021, 361-2021, 362-2021, 363-2021, 364-2021, 365-2021, 366-2021, 367-2021, 368-2021, 369-2021, 370-2021, 371-2021, 372-2021, 373-2021, 375-2021, 376-2021, 377-2021, 378-2021, 379-2021, 381-2021, 382-2021, 383-2021. Warrants and payment vouchers totaled \$27,679.98. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Michael Ashar, Attorney, was in attendance representing Mr. Brian Novotny and explained that at the July 7, 2021, Board of Trustee Meeting his client, Mr. Novotny, was granted a 30-day moratorium on a cease-and-desist order. This gave all parties involved (Mr. Novotny, Mr. Ashar, Attorney, and Mr. Baker, Building Official/Zoning Inspector) time to work out a solution. Mr. Ashar stated the parties could not come to a final agreement. An offer was made but rejected. Mr. Ashar followed up by stating they believe they are in compliance with the fence issue. The other zoning issues, the permits to occupy and so forth could be resolved relatively easily. Mr. Ashar recommended the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the legal issues and try to resolve the issue if they agree with him or they could proceed. The Board agreed to proceed on. Mr. Ashar recommended the Board get legal advice from their prosecutor and extend the issue another thirty days. The Board thanked Mr. Ashar for his comments.

Mr. Brian Novotny, resident, stated he felt he was still in compliance and does not know why it is an issue. The Board of Zoning Appeals told him he had to put up screening and cited section 17.3 6 d. stated the screening shall be a completely opaque wall at least six (6) feet high, shall be provided when a butting or adjacent to any residential district. Mr. Novotny says his screening meets the code. Mr. Ashar added the Ohio Building Code, Section 102.1 – Work exempt from approval. Approval shall not be required for the following, number 2. Fences not over six feet high. Mr. Ashar states the building code does not apply. The Board agreed to move on.

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Mr. Kenn Baughman, resident, asked if the county was going to be doing anything more with the landscaping near the sidewalk that was repaired on State Route 60. Trustee Dickel stated the landscaping had not been fully completed by the county and they would be coming back to finish it.

SPEAKERS:

None present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo received July 26, 2021, regarding the Buckeye State Sheriff Association (BSSA) Northeast District Meeting, "Take A Break on the Lake Cruise" on Monday, August 30, 2021, in Sandusky, co-hosted by Sheriff Phil Stammitti, Lorain County Sheriff and Sheriff Paul Sigsworth, Erie County Sheriff. The event is \$35.00 per person which includes cruise and dinner. Reservations due by August 16, 2021.

BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING INSPECTOR:

Building Official/Zoning Inspector, Robert Baker, reported for May the Zoning Department issued 11 zoning permits with a total fee collection of \$1,253.00; the Building Department issued 25 permits with a total fee collection of \$5,085.00 and total valuation of work being done at \$989,986.00.

VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief F. Triana's report: Fire Runs between 7/1/21-7/31/21. EMS – 61; MVC – 4 (w/injury); Open Burn Complaint – 2; CO Alarm – 1; Assist Law Enforcement – 1; Propane gas leak – 1; YTD: 464 Runs.

VTFD out a Volunteer Bay for the annual July 4th Parade.

Sutphen Fire Corporation was on station July 15 and July 16 for truck PM's and pump testing. Sutphen will return to change the oil and filters and PM's will be completed.

811 developed a coolant leak and this was repaired by L & M.

841 & 813 will go to Liberty Ford for general maintenance on Friday, August 6, 2021.

New Fire and EMS reporting software went online July 1, 2021. It appears in the early going that this is a much easier software to use and allows them to generate EMS reports in the field and transmit data gathered directly to the end version report which eliminates having to manually input this information twice. Once the Firefighters use it a few times, they will more than likely have their reports ¾ completed by the time they have returned from a call and can submit their report to the destination hospital in a prompt manner. Fire reports will be submitted next week as the Chief will be working with University Hospitals IT people learning this portion of the software with their guidance. Two oxygen sensors have failed and have been ordered.

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On Saturday, September 11, 2021, the Firefighter's Association will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 1907 State Road, Vermilion. Raffle tickets will be available.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

None present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Hill brought up for discussion the salt shed in need of repair. He felt it was dangerous for the road crew and did not want them in there since it could possibly collapse. Trustee Hill stated he had the Building Official inspect it and he advised getting a structural engineer to look at it and added that the road crew could possibly add another brace to it like they did previously. Trustee Dickel stated they had looked at it in the past and recommended getting estimates to replace it with a new one. He agreed it needed to be replaced and stated he talked to the road crew about bracing it temporarily.

Trustee Dickel presented three estimates regarding tree trimming/removal on Ridsen Road and along the lake. They were as follows: Carty's Tree Service, Berlin Heights, OH at a cost of \$3,040.00; Ecotree, Lorain, OH at a cost of \$3,100.00 and one from Quality One Tree Service, Wakeman, OH at a cost of \$2,400.00.

MOTION BY C. Hill, second by C. Trinter authorizing to hire Quality One Tree Service, Wakeman, Ohio for tree trimming/removal on Ridsen Road and along the lake. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Hill asked what the Board wanted to do with the newly recognized federal holiday, Juneteenth day. Trustee Hill stated the county had the day off. The Board agreed to discuss it at a later date.

Fiscal Officer Zsebik announced there are monies available from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act that the township is eligible to apply for. Mrs. Zsebik asked for a motion from the Board to apply for the monies available. The deadline is September 4, 2021.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Hill authorizing the Fiscal Officer to apply for the federal relief funding for townships through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

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MOTION BY: R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:56 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

Vina A. Karres
Township Secretary