

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 1/8/20***

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Charles T. Trinter.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to approve minutes to regular meeting held 12/18/19 and special "End of Year" meeting held 12/30/19 and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Hill, abstain; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Packet dated 1/4/20. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Hill, abstain; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to approve and pay warrants 24087 through 24130. Warrants totaled \$31,763.80. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Hill, abstain; Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Dina Bauer, City of Vermilion resident located at 1490 Lexington Drive, voiced a concern regarding an incident that occurred on Monday, January 6, 2020 approximately 7:45 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer heard multiple repetitious gun shots behind their home. She reported they had lived at this address for fifteen years and had never heard gun shots prior. It sounded like someone was shooting at a target. Mrs. Bauer stated the issue generated several calls to the Vermilion Police Department. They were informed it was Vermilion Township property owner, Gregory Stark who had an open shooting range on his property. Mrs. Bauer described his property as being long and narrow and comes up to State Route 60. She stated this issue of shooting guns is a problem due to his proximity to other residents, businesses, and the Vermilion Local School District which abuts Mr. Stark's property and was a great concern to Mr. and Mrs. Bauer, as well as, those surrounding Mr. Stark's property. They were not aware of the exact location of his shooting range nor did they know which direction he was shooting. They are bringing their concern to the township and asking for assistance to determine the legalities and zoning laws for shooting and discharging a firearm in the township. They are aware the laws for the City and Township are different, but because of his proximity to his surroundings, especially the school district property, they are asking the township for a solution. They have concerns whether this is legal or not. Mr. Bauer did speak with Mr. Kurtz, Zoning Administrator, and he informed them he would be following up with the Erie County Prosecutor's Office as far as what legal aspects are in place. An aerial shot of the property in question was explained and passed out for the Board to review. Mrs. Bauer mentioned an Ohio Revised Code that she felt was relevant which discussed discharging a firearm in the proximity of a school. An article written by the Buckeye Firearms Association from January 2018, which mentions the Ohio Revised Code, was also given to the Board for their review. Trustee Trinter asked if this issue just started happening. Mrs. Bauer confirmed it just started occurring on Sunday night as reported by their neighbors. Another neighbor added he also heard the rapid gun fire Monday night as well and wasn't quite sure what was going on.

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In conclusion, the residents are asking for the township's help in coming to a fair solution for all parties involved. Mr. Kurtz said he was waiting for the Prosecutor to get back to him regarding the situation. Mr. Kurtz stated that shooting on your own property is legal in the township. Proper safety precautions must be followed and there are certain regulations applied. Mr. Kurtz added he was not able to get a hold of Mr. Stark to inspect his property but did speak with the Vermilion Police Department. They told him that they were shooting behind the building to the west into a u-shaped target area comprised of twelve-foot-high stacked concrete blocks filled with sand. Mr. Kurtz stated when the information is received from the Prosecutor, he will share the Prosecutor's opinion with the Board and get back with the residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs were in attendance again to discuss and follow-up their request for the Board to send a letter to the Address Management Systems (AMS) in Cleveland, Ohio asking them to do a minor boundary realignment for the addresses discussed to match the township lines. Mr. Riggs stated the township would need to first pass a resolution and then proceed with the minor boundary realignment letter. Mr. Riggs stated other neighbors have had mailing issues as well. Trustee Hill asked if all the affected residents wanted this change. Mr. Riggs stated he has not been able to contact all the residents, but some were contacted. Mr. Riggs informed the Board he also followed up with the GIS Coordinator, Mark Wroblewski but he does not have the authority to handle this issue. Erie County does not have the addressing authority. Mr. Riggs stated they would like to get the issue fixed before the situation gets worse. Trustee Trinter stated the information will be reviewed and a resolution may then be prepared.

SPEAKERS:

None present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from Hanson Aggregates Midwest LLC. regarding the 2020 Price Lists from Sandusky Crushed Quarry in Castalia, Ohio and Wagner Quarry in Sandusky, Ohio. Prices are subject to change at any time.

Letter dated December 30, 2019 from Barbara A. Sessler, Erie County Recorder (per ORC Section 317.081) advising the township of the annual official notification that the board has a duty under the Ohio Revised Code at Sections 303.11, 303.12, 519.11 and 519.12 to file any newly enacted zoning resolutions or amendments with the County Recorder. The fee for filing a resolution is \$50.00 and an amendment is \$20.00. Any questions can be directed to Barbara Sessler at 419-627-7684 or BSessler@eriecounty.oh.gov.

BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Robert Kurtz, reported for December the Zoning Department issued 4 zoning permits for a total fee collection of \$742.10; the Building Department issued 18 permits with a total fee collection of \$4,249.00 and total valuation of work being done at \$853,842.00.

The streetlight at the corner of Cemetery Road and Darrow Road was replaced.

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Mr. Kurtz attended the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee at the Bowling Green State University Firelands Campus to discuss ways for the different jurisdictions to help spread the word about the census. The cards will be mailed in March. The census can be completed online. The Census Bureau is prohibited from sharing any information to any other agency with the exception of total count.

VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief F. Triana's report: Fire Runs between 12/18/19 – 12/31/19. EMS – 22; Open Burn – 2; Dumpster Fire – 1; Natural Gas Leak – 1; YTD: 672 Runs.

Semi-annual maintenance for the breathing air compressor/system is complete. No issues reported; however, upon VTFD personnel using the unit the pressure relieve is not functioning properly. The Chief has contacted Breathing Air Systems and advised them of the issue.

The Chief took Engine 822 out of service December 26, 2019 due to an issue with the fan. Finley Fire is addressing the issue. Engine 821 is the front line engine for now.

Thermal Imager camera charging station in Engine 822 has stopped functioning. This has been sent in to have the necessary repair made. For the time being, they will rotate batteries out with the charger in 821/842 if needed.

December 2019 fire runs have been completed and submitted to the State.

The Chief would request a few minutes at the end of this meeting to conduct the Fire Indemnity Board Meeting for 2019.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

None present.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

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MOTION BY: C. Trinter, second by C. Hill to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:14 p.m. with no further business to discuss. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Hill, yes; Motion Carried.

Charles T. Trinter

Trustee

Ronald L. Dickel

Trustee

Carl Hill

Trustee

Tina G. Karses

Township Secretary