

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Vermilion Township Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday December 6th, 2023 at 6:30pm

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodger Scott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Carl Hill, Mr. Robert Kurtz & Mr. Rodger Scott were present.

Kurtz made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1st, 2023 Trustee's Meeting. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-01**

Kurtz made a motion to approve the treasury reports. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-02**

One hundred eighteen bills/warrants totaling \$104,594.05 were submitted for payment. Hill made a motion to approve the warrants. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-03**

Josh Decker from the DeGironimo Companies asked for a letter of support from the trustees for grants or other funding sources for water lines and infrastructure from Huron to Poorman Road in Vermilion. The trustees recommended to contact State of Ohio Senator Nathan Manning and State of Ohio Representative Dick Stein.

Vermilion Township Fire Chief Frank Triana reported 61 runs for November & reports are submitted to the state. EMS – 6, structure fires – 2, Structure fire/mutual aid – 1, MVA – 4, open burn – 4, brush fire – 1, residential fire alarm – 2. Atlantic Emergency Solutions was on station and completed repairs to 821, 831, 842. Accurate Business Machines replaced the controller magnet on the West man-door. The fire department received a State of Ohio Public Safety Division EMS grant of \$1200.00 for EMS supplies, these supplies have been ordered. The 2023 OTARMA MORE Grant of \$1000.00 will go toward ice rescue suits. With the balance of \$1500.00 being paid for by the Hindmarsh Foundation. Four adapters were purchased to connect older style SCBAs to newer style SCBAs. The Firefighters Association has donated \$2000.00 towards equipment including Wildland fire hose. The fire department is working with Gatchall LLC for Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Grants.

Vermilion Township Road Crew Foreman Steve Young reported roadside mowing is complete for the year. Township road widths were measured as per a requirement from the Erie County Engineer's Office. Property clean up & trimming was completed at the township hall. Snow plowing markers have been placed in various locations throughout the township. Young asked if both the road crew's credit card limits could be raised from \$500.00 each to \$1000.00 each. Scott made a motion to raise the Vermilion Township Huntington Bank credit cards for Steve Young and Tom Lalonde to \$1000.00 each. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-04**

Vermilion Township Fiscal Officer Stephanie Johnson stated the 2024 Temporary Appropriations needed to be approved and sent to the Erie County Auditor by December 31st, 2023, so business can continue on January 1st, 2024. Johnson listed the following appropriations:

<i>Fund:</i>	
General	\$600,000.00
Road & Bridge	\$700,000.00
Fire District	\$700,000.00
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$100,000.00
Gas Tax	\$300,000.00
Permissive MVL Tax	\$24,000.00
ARPA	\$174,398.44
Misc. Capital Projects	\$123,372.10
Expendable Trust Fund	\$153.70
Total	\$2,721,924.24

Scott made a motion to approve the 2023 Temporary Appropriations. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-05**

The 2024 Erie County Sheriff’s Dispatching Agreement for the Fire Department for \$19,000.00 needed approval to pay. Johnson noted the cost for 2024 was the same as 2023. Scott made a motion to pay the agreement as stated. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion.

20231206-06

Nuhn Farms has rented a 9.82-acre parcel of township land on Barnes Road and asked for a continuation through 2026 at the same price of \$120/acre. Rent to be paid at the end of each year. Scott made a motion to accept Nuhn Farms proposal of \$120/per acre on parcel #12-01487.00 for 2024, 2025 & 2026. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept he motion. **20231206-07**

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) is offering a webinar subscription plan for \$250.00/year/township. If all nine townships in Erie County subscribe, the price drops to \$175/year/township. Scott made a motion to subscribe to the OTA webinar program. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept he motion. **20131206-08**

Hill was asked again to provide proper documentation for sale of the township cell phones that were sold on his personal eBay account.

Trustee-elect Kenn Baughman would like to donate 20 chairs to the township for use in the meeting room. Scott made a motion to accept 20 chairs from Kenn Baughman. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-09**

Vermilion Township Zoning Inspector Pete Fisher reported 5 permits issued (accessory structures – 4, sunroom addition – 1) for a total valuation of \$118,000.00. Fisher stated the Vermilion Township Zoning Code Book was last updated May 7th, 2010. He would like to update the book and is looking to outsource the work.

Hill read from the 2023 Erie County Engineer’s list of completed road projects & stated Vermilion Township completed ten projects.

Kurtz made a motion to offer a letter of support for the DiGeronimo Companies through the State of Ohio Capital Budget and Community Investment Fund. Kurtz stated replacement of the water line is critical especially for fire suppression as currently there is not enough gallons per minute or enough

pressure. The support is no cost to the township. Scott seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-10**

The trustees are looking to change vision care providers for township employees to Vision Service Plan (VSP) as it is more widely accepted. Kurtz made a motion to use VSP for township employees vision care. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-11**

Scott made a motion to nominate Cliff German of German's Villa Event Center as Vermilion Township Resident of the Year. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20231206-12**

Scott opened the floor to residents.

Don Rowe of Kneisel Road congratulated newly elected officials Bob Kurtz, Kenn Baughman & Stephanie Johnson.

Brad Schwab of State Farm Insurance spoke on Operation Christmas Joy where food and gifts are taken to families in need. 105 families from the Vermilion School district are on this year's list. Schwab asked for volunteers to help sort the items and make deliveries.

Kurtz stated the 2024 Vermilion Township Organizational Meeting would be at 5:30pm on Wednesday, January 3rd 2024. With the regular Board of Trustees Meeting to follow immediately after.

Scott made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm. Kurtz seconded the motion.