

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Vermilion Township Budget Hearing

Held Monday July 14th, 2025

The hearing was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Baughman at 6:30pm.

Vermilion Township Fiscal Officer Stephanie Johnson gave a presentation on the Township's 2026 New Budget of Estimated Revenues & Expenditures. The hearing was adjourned at 6:37pm.

Minutes of the Vermilion Township Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday July 14th, 2025

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kenneth Baughman at 6:37pm

The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Kenn Baughman, Mr. Kurt Johnson & Mr. Don Rowe were present.

Vermilion Township Administrator & Zoning Inspector Joe Baxter reported he is still gathering estimates for tree trimming and concrete. Baxter read a letter to the Vermilion Township Board of Zoning Appeals from Scott Orille, attorney for Robert & Jessica Dunn. (See attached). Baughman said the letter should be forwarded to the appropriate Board.

Baughman made a motion to approve the 2026 New Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures as presented. Rowe seconded the motion. Baughman, Johnson & Rowe voted to accept the motion.

20250714-01

Baughman opened the floor to the audience. There were no speakers.

Rowe introduced Resolution 2025-17 *RESOLUTION TO PROCEED AND TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF VERMILION TOWNSHIP OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO, THE QUESTION OF THE REPLACEMENT, WITH AN INCREASE, OF AN EXISTING TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE POINT SIX-NINE (1.69) MILLS, ABOVE THE TEN MILL STATUTORY LIMIT, TO BE REPLACED BY A TAX OF FIVE POINT ZERO (5.00) MILLS ABOVE THE TEN MILL STATUTORY LIMIT, AMOUNTING TO AN INCREASE OF THREE POINT THREE-ONE (3.31) MILLS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, MECHANICAL RESUSCITATORS, UNDERWATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER FIRE EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFOR, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFOR, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE-ALARM COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PAYMENT OF FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES OR PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 145.48 OR 742.34 OF THE REVISED CODE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF OTHER RELATED COSTS AS PROVIDED IN OHIO REVISED CODE §5705.19(I), AND CERTIFYING SAME TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF ERIE COUNTY, OHIO;* and moved it forward. Baughman seconded the

resolution. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Vermilion Township (two, thirds of all members elected thereto concurring) that this Board determined and declared that the amount of Taxes that may be raised from the 1.69 mill levy, when added to the Ten (10) Mill limitation, will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Vermilion Township Fire Department and that is necessary to REPLACE that levy. The current One Point Six-Nine (1.69) Mills Levy shall be INCREASED BY Three Point Three-One (3.31) mills, with a new permanent tax, in the amount of Five Point Zero (5.00) Mills, in excess of the Ten (10) Mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under § 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs as provided in ORC §5705.19(I). The Replacement Levy shall commence in tax year 2025 and be first due in Calendar year 2026. The Replacement 5.00 Mill levy will not expire. Baughman noted the resolution was prepared by the Erie County Prosecutor's Office in coordination with the Erie County Auditor's Office. Rowe commented composing levy resolutions are very time consuming and thanked everyone involved. Baughman, Johnson & Rowe voted to adopt Resolution 2025-17. Baughman mentioned the resolutions will now be forwarded to the Erie County Board of Elections. **20250714-02**

Rowe made a motion to renew the term for John Burich for the Vermilion Township Zoning Commission for five years, expiring on July 31st, 2030. Johnson seconded the motion. Baughman, Johnson & Rowe voted to accept the motion. **20250714-03**

Rowe made a motion to approve a Vermilion Township credit card be given to Vermilion Township Roads Assistant Ryan Kohl for work related purchases. Johnson seconded the motion. Johnson asked the credit limit to be set at \$1000.00, to match the credit limit of Vermilion Township Roads Foreman Steve Young. Baughman, Johnson & Rowe voted to accept the motion. **20250714-04**

Baughman announced the next meeting would be Wednesday August 6th, 2025 at 6:30pm

Baughman adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.