

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Vermilion Township Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday September 6th, 2023

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.

Scott announced the meeting was a limited public forum for trustee business. Due to the recent storm the only items residents should talk about are ditches, tree branches, electrical issues and flooding. Residents can call, email or set an appointment with a trustee to discuss any other issue.

Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 2nd, 2023 Trustee's Meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230906-01**

Kurtz made a motion to approve the treasury reports. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230906-02**

142 bills/warrants totaling \$144,395.17 were submitted for payment. Hill made a motion to approve the warrants. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230906-03**

Kurtz read a notification from the Erie County Health Department regarding standing water making ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. The health department can treat these areas with larvicide. Residents can contact the Erie County Chief Environmental Public Health Officer Craig Ward at cward@echdohio.org or (419) 626-5623 x5118.

Vermilion Township Fire Chief Frank Triana reported on runs for August & reports have been submitted to the state. Runs included 50 EMS, 2 structure fires, 1 brush fire, 1 kayak in distress, 2 commercial fire alarms, 2 open burns, 7 MVC, 1 vehicle fire, 2 public service and 5 pole fires/wires down. The fire department has 42 SCBA cylinders in need of disposal. Triana recommended these be donated to a fire department in need outside of the United States. 2021 Department of Homeland Security Grant was rejected. 2022 Department of Homeland Security Grant was not processed due to a DHS computer system shutdown. 2023 First-Half reports for EMS billing company Medicount has been received. The fire department has a collection rate of 102%. Triana congratulated the officers and firefighters on their accuracy, timeliness and attention to detail for report submittals. Triana asked for expenditure approval of \$3212.42 plus mileage to Atlantic Emergency Solutions for repairs on Engine #821, Tanker #831 and Rescue #842. Triana read a letter of appreciation from the Outreach Coordinator of ProMedica Air and Mobile.

Scott made a motion for \$3212.42 plus mileage for repairs. Hill seconded the motion. Kurtz amended the motion to include Atlantic Emergency Solutions would take care of the repairs to #842, #821 and #831. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230906-04**

Kurtz asked if it was common to send SCBAs to other countries because they don't have National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) rules. Triana confirmed many items are sent and explained the process. The other option is to dispose.

Hill made a motion to donate 42 cylinders. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230906-05**

Vermilion Township Zoning Inspector Pete Fisher reported 7 permits issued (2 additions, 2 decks and 2 accessory buildings) for a valuation of \$75,000.00.

Vermilion Township Fiscal Officer Stephanie Johnson reported the Erie County Solid Waste Management District has made available Community Clean-Up Grants for any qualifying recycling/clean up projects. Johnson submitted an invoice from the May 2023 Township Clean-Up Day and received a check for the full amount.

On August 23rd, 2023, The Budget Commission of Erie County approved the Vermilion Township 2024 Budget of Estimated Recourses & Expenditures. Kurtz read into resolution the *Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor*. (See attached) Kurtz made a motion to approve the resolution. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230906-06**

Vermilion Township Road Crew Foreman Steve Young reported the following projects have been completed: Chip-seal repairs, Western Star repairs, a round of roadside mowing and in-house crack sealing. Waiting on road striping to be done. The 2024 road salt price is \$57.41/ton-delivered. Plenty of salt is still on-hand. No salt was purchased in 2023 and Young is not anticipating needing any in 2024. If so, this would be a cost savings of \$44,000.00. Young announced the township clean-up day was ONLY Saturday, September 16th, from 7:30am to 3:30pm. No after-hours dumping. Due to the recent storm 10 trees fell over roads and widespread flooding was across the township. Young reminded residents the road crew is not allowed to touch a tree if it is in the wires as they could be live.

Hill thanked Carolyn Hill for weeding Cuddeback Cemetery.

Scott stated all employees, volunteer, part-time, full-time will be issued a handbook. Employees signatures will be on file with the fiscal officer stating that they have received a book.

Scott opened the floor to residents.

Don Rowe of Kniesel Road asked if chip-seal could be done before it rains to keep the dust down and clarified with Young that TVs will NOT be accepted for clean-up day.

Gary Gradisek of Cherry Road commented on the flooding in his yard.

Kenn Baughman of State Road asked for clarification of new meeting's rules.

Brian Novotny of Haber Road asked how he should address the trustees about other concerns.

Erie County Assistant Prosecutor Charles Bennett was on hand to address residents about the "open to the audience" section of the meeting.

Scott made a motion to adjourn at 7:28pm. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion.