

**VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES*****Record of Proceedings  
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 2/7/18***

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; Christopher R. Decker, 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 C. Decker, second by R. Dickel to approve minutes to regular meeting held 1/17/18 and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Decker, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Decker to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Packet dated 2/5/18. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Decker, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Decker, second by C. Trinter to approve and pay warrants 22047 through 22079. Warrants totaled \$39,410.16. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Decker, yes; Motion Carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mrs. Katie Lalonde, resident, addressed the Board with a proposal to consider developing a community playground area. The proposal was a progressive plan starting with the purchase of one playground structure for example, at an approximate cost of \$60,000.00 (Grant of \$37,000.00 leaving balance of \$23,000.00), and then expanding the playground area to include separate playground structures to accommodate different aged children, restroom facilities, a pavilion, benches, trash cans, and parking lot. In regard to funding the project, Mrs. Lalonde, stated grants could be applied for, donations acquired, and township monies. Mrs. Lalonde felt it could be very fitting to the community, bringing people in which, in turn, gives back to the community and the children. The suggested site was the township owned property located on Barnes Road. She also noted the township would need to acquire insurance information. Trustee Trinter asked how much research was done to see the community interest in the idea. No extended research was done, but she felt the interest would draw people from the City as well. Mrs. Sara Lalonde, South Amherst resident, added there are not a lot of safe places for children with adequate fall zones or structures that are appropriate for their age and for children with special needs in this area. She felt this would be great for the township and local communities. Trustee Trinter thanked Mrs. Lalonde for bringing the proposal forward. Trustee Trinter advised resident to continue her research and see what other interest there may be in a community playground. Trustee Decker recommended using facebook to see what the interest may be and possibly contacting the City of Vermilion and using Sherod Park since they already have parking, walking paths, restrooms, and some playground equipment. Trustee Decker added maybe grants and money could be donated for the project and it could be a joint venture since the security lighting was also there and it would be a major expense to put that on Barnes Road. Trustee Dickel and Trustee Trinter agreed that Sherod Park would be a possible site. Grants, funding, and insurance were further discussed. Mr. Kurtz stated he would follow-up with the City.

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**SPEAKERS:**

Robert England, Chief Environmental Public Health Officer, Erie County Health Department was in attendance to discuss the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund regarding replacement or repair of private sewage treatment systems in the county without sanitary sewers. Over the last three years, six or seven systems have been placed in Vermilion Township to low or moderate-income families/older homes. The qualifications for funding have been expanded to include higher income ranges which will help assist more households. The average cost for a system is between \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00. Mr. England next discussed the Housing Urban Development (HUD) Grant. In 2017, the county was awarded a lead hazard control grant (through HUD) in the amount of \$1.5 million to be used in Erie and Lorain Counties to protect children and families from dangerous lead in homes. Homes constructed prior to 1978 are likely to have lead exposures within the home. Mr. England would like to use the township conference room to conduct a training session for lead abatement contractors, who are working with this grant, from February 26, 2018 through March 2, 2018. The class will consist of approximately 14 people which will be trained by a contractor. The Board agreed to let the county use the conference room for training. For more information on how residents can apply for the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Replacement Program or the HUD Lead Hazard Abatement Program please go to the Vermilion Township website at [www.vermiliontownship.com](http://www.vermiliontownship.com).

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Robert Kurtz, reported for January the Zoning Department issued 3 zoning permits (\$110.00) and 1 lot split (Exempt) with a total fee collection of \$110.00; the Building Department issued 9 permits with a total fee collection of \$2,628.00 and total valuation of work being done at \$345,122.00.

**VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief F. Triana report: Fire Runs between 1/17/18 - 1/31/18. EMS Assist – 14; MVA – 2; Commerical Fire Alarm – 1; YTD: 38 Runs.

All SCBA air cylinders are back from Warren Fire. No issues, all passes hydrostatic testing. January 2018 fire reports have been completed and submitted to the State. Firefighters were out on the ice, Monday February 5, 2018 going over skill sets for Ice Rescue.

Chief Triana reported he attended a valuable conference in Port Clinton at the Border Control Office Facility. It was a meet and greet with Marblehead Coast Guard Station sharing what equipment they have, performing skill sets and asking fire chiefs and anyone connected with ice rescue what type of equipment they had. The goal was to improve communication between agencies and sharing information regarding equipment etc.

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**NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:**

None present.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kurtz gave update on pending lawsuit. The township attorneys have filed a motion for a summary judgement which it appears the magistrate will grant since this is just a refiling of the previous lawsuit. The township was previously dismissed from that lawsuit, so it's basically a formality.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Decker accepting the 2017 Township Highway System Mileage Certification sheet. Vermilion Township certifies that as of December 31, 2017, the township is responsible for maintaining 21.432 miles of public road. The certification sheet will be returned to the Erie County Engineer's Office and then forwarded to ODOT no later than April 1, 2018.

Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Decker, yes; Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-18**

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Decker authorizing Sattelight Electric to repair and restore lights on flag pole at the township offices at a cost of \$665.00. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Decker, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by R. Dickel accepting the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018, as made by the Budget Commission of Erie County, Erie County Auditor's Office (See Attachment A). Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Decker, yes; Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4-18**

MOTION BY C. Decker, second by C. Trinter authorizing to renew membership with the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, located at 5495 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion for the year 2018 at a cost of \$85.00. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Decker, yes; Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-18**

Trustee Trinter inquired if there was any feedback regarding the Ohio Township Association's Annual Winter Conference that was held in Columbus last week. Mr. Kurtz responded the workshops were very informative, topics were good, and the attendance was high. The Board agreed the attendance was very high at this conference. There were a lot of new trustees in attendance.

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MOTION BY: C. Trinter, second by R. Dickel to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m. with no further business to discuss. Roll Call – R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; C. Decker, yes; Motion Carried.

Charles T. Trinter

Trustee

Ronald L. Dickel

Trustee

Chris M

Trustee

Vina A. Karres

Township Secretary