

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Vermilion Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday April 6th, 2022

Vermilion Parks Supervisor Marc Weisenberger gave a presentation on the new inclusive “destination playground” for Sherod Park. Weisenberger asked the Trustees for a letter of support to get possible grant funding through the Erie County MetroParks. The playground will cost approximately \$450,000 and will be funded through the Vermilion Parks Levy, other numerous donations, and grant funding.

Hill made a motion to go into Executive Session. Scott seconded the motion.

Trustee Hill made a comment that they would talk with their legal counsel before any decisions are made.

Alex Johnson, Stark Enterprises, is working on a development on the east side of Route 60, 40 acres zoned commercial, looking at building rental units, 182 units. There will be a mixture of duplex, 4 plex, and 6 plex structures. Mr. Johnson was looking for direction in getting this project underway.

Trustee Hill withdrew motion to go into Executive Session.

Frank Triana, Vermilion Township Fire Chief, gave a report on fire activity from March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022; 24 EMS runs, 1 vehicle fire, 1 structure fire, 3 motor vehicle accidents. Reported on vehicle maintenance and some other testing. Asked the Trustees to approve hose and ladder testing at a cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000. Entered into a contract with MediCount for ambulance billing, current rate is 7.5% and new rate will be 7.75%. Currently new fire applicants are reimbursed up to \$2,400 for Fire tuition and sign a letter of intent to stay with the Township for 3 years. Chief Triana is asking the trustees to approve up to \$3,000 for tuition. Chief Triana said that he would be taking over purchasing cleaning supplies for the Township Administration & Fire building.

In old business, there was discussion on the proposed salt shed. There were three possible drawings for a 500 – 600 ton capacity structure, two had hoop structures and one had a peak structure. Hill made a motion to ask Dan Frederick, Architect, to put Option A for the salt shed out for bid. Dickel seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Scott, Dickel, and Hill all voted yes. **20220406-1**

Trustee Dickel asked about a new proposed contract with American Tower. This contract should be reviewed by the Prosecutor’s office.

Hill made a motion to rescind motion that involved the township building cameras. Scott seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Scott, Dickel and Hill all voted yes. **20220406-2**

Hill had an updated proposal for cameras eliminating the camera in the kitchen and the camera in the Sheriff’s Department, adding cameras for all of the Township Road Building, \$7,342.85. Hill made a motion to have Accurate Business Machines install the new cameras at a rate of \$7,342.85. Scott seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Hill and Scott voted yes, Dickel voted no. **20220406-3**

In new business, Trustee Scott talked about the change in contracting with the City of Vermilion to run the Township’s building department. It should be a cost savings to the Township. Scott also noted that the Township’s census numbers have dropped; in 2010 census at 4945 and in 2020 census at 4775.

Scott also noted that the budget needs to be addressed in a public meeting.

Brenda Zsebik, Fiscal Officer, turned in a letter of resignation to Trustee Carl Hill and Trustee Rodger Scott on March 16, 2022 that will be effective March 31, 2022. Tina Karres resigned effective March 24, 2022. Lorraine Bailey resigned effective March . The Trustees thanked the three for their service to the Township. Hill made a motion to accept the resignation of Brenda Zsebik effective March 31, 2022. Scott seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Hill, Scott, and Dickel all voted yes. **20220406-4**

Trustee Hill attended the Erie County Regional Planning meeting.

Trustee Hill requested that the Chevrolet Trax be put out for bid; it is not necessary for the Township to have this vehicle. Trustee Dickel recommended that they wait until a Zoning Inspector is appointed.

The Trustees agreed to put an ad in the newspaper for the Fiscal Officer. The PhotoJournal will be used along with the Morning Journal and the Sandusky Register.

Hill made a motion to pay Tom Carlton, commercial inspector, through the end of April, 2022 for inspections and zoning services. Scott seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Dickel, Scott, and Hill all voted yes. **20220406-5**

Trustee Dickel had proposals for renewing health benefits for the Township. Trustees Hill and Scott have not seen these papers previously. Trustees will check with the sales person on the details of the proposals. This will be considered at the next meeting.

Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. Scott seconded the motion. In a roll call vote, Dickel, Scott, and Hill all voted yes.

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