

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 11/6/19***

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Ronald L. Dickel.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Ronald L. Dickel, Trustee; Christopher R. Decker, Trustee; Charles T. Trinter, 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. Trinter, second by C. Decker to approve minutes to regular meeting held 10/16/19 and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Decker, second by C. Trinter to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Packet dated 11/5/19. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by R. Dickel to approve and pay warrants 23863 through 23902. Warrants totaled \$20,120.03. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Residents, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, were in attendance to discuss a postal service issue they were experiencing regarding building a new house located at property address 5118 State Road, in Vermilion Township. They stated the postal service is trying to assign everything located up to Sperry Road a Wakeman zip code (44889) and mailing address. Mr. Riggs has been discussing the issue with Mr. Kurtz and doing research on his own. He has found the postal service to have an address management system data base. In the postal code, section 439.322 they discuss a boundary line realignment. The residents would like to get their postal zip code realigned with the township line to have a 44089 zip code rather than a 44889 zip code. He has also talked to the county GIS Coordinator and the 911 Telecommunications Coordinator and they stated he has a 911 address of Vermilion for the Emergency Management Systems. He was informed in order to do a minor boundary request; it would have to be requested through the governing body of the area. Mr. Kurtz stated the problem has occurred in other areas of the township before and he has been doing his own research on the issue. Basically, the resident has a Vermilion address, 911 is Vermilion Township, but the Post Office wants them to have a Wakeman mailing address, so they are trying to figure out how not to do that. Mr. Kurtz asked the resident what they need from the governing body. The resident stated they would have to send a letter to the Address Management Systems (AMS) in Cleveland, Ohio requesting the minor boundary realignment. It was discussed everything south of Sperry Road is a Wakeman mailing address. Trustee Decker felt the best recommendation would be to let the GIS System Coordinator handle these issues. The resident agreed syncing the data bases would make sense. Another resident asked if this would affect any other residents if this change was requested. They stated they felt the neighbors they have discussed this issue with would support transitioning their address to Vermilion rather than the Wakeman zip code. Trustee Trinter stated there would be approximately four or five houses affected. The resident will forward all information to the Board for their review.

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Resident, Carl Hill, asked if the township could pursue investigating whether the township could extend the Columbia Gas lines. Mr. Kurtz stated he will follow-up with the request through a Columbia Gas representative.

SPEAKERS:

None present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated October 22, 2019 from Peter Schade, MPH, RS Health Commissioner, Erie County Health Department informing the Board there will be a Data Release event on Thursday, November 14, 2019 where they will release the final results of the 2019 Erie County Community Health Assessment. The event will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Cedar Point Center located on the Bowling Green State University Firelands Campus.

BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Robert Kurtz, reported for October the Zoning Department issued 7 zoning permits (\$912.70), 2 BZA variance applications (\$600.00) with a total fee collection of \$1,512.70; the Building Department issued 20 permits with a total fee collection of \$5,034.50 and total valuation of work being done at \$676,173.00.

VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief F. Triana's report: Fire Runs between 10/16/19 – 10/31/19. EMS – 17; CO Alarm – 1; MVC – 1 (Injury); M/A City of Verm. – 1 (Structure Fire); YTD: 570 Runs.

Run reports are complete and have been submitted to the State.

Pump testing will be Saturday, November 23rd here on station.

Fire Department Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 p.m. Location is at the VFW on Poorman Road. Chief Triana extended an invitation to the Board and Office Staff to join the department.

The Firefighter's Association submitted a request to the Hindmarsh Foundation for additional rescue equipment. This is per the Foundations request. All money received will go towards the purchase of rescue equipment.

The Chief presented to the Board of Trustees, for their consideration, the option to present the volunteers with a year-end Honorarium. This year the members accrued 2,347 points in total. The dollar amount is at \$24,056.75. This is an increase over last year of 169 points or \$1,732.25.

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MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter establishing an Honorarium for the Vermilion Township Firefighters for 2019 in the amount of \$24,056.75 for all the work the firefighters' have done over the past 12 months and in doing so pay each firefighter \$10.25 per point as established by the Vermilion Township Fire Chief. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-19

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

None present.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Triana informed the Board that Finley Fire will be coming in to look at the Kussmaul triple charger in 811. New batteries were installed in the truck approximately one and a half months ago and they are right about at 60-70 percent which tells them the Kussmaul is not charging them adequately enough. Finley Fire is now having them rebuilt rather than replaced which will save the department some money. They also have an old one that they will be evaluating as well, which will give the department a spare in-house.

Mr. Kurtz reported that the company that wanted to stage their equipment in the back of the township building has found another place, but he was contacted by another company, PennLine Service. This is the tree trimming company that is working for Ohio Edison currently. They would like to park six to seven trucks behind the township building for a few months while they are conducting tree trimming. The company informed Mr. Kurtz they were having trouble with their trucks being broke into, where they were currently parking, which is why they were seeking a new place to park. Mr. Kurtz asked the Board for their thoughts on the matter. Trustee Dickel stated in regards to letting companies park in the back of the building, we have to consider the helicopter pad and the fire department. Chief Triana stated PennLine Service contacted him, as well, in regard to parking in the rear of the building. The Chief told PennLine in the event that they were having so much vandalism, they could temporarily park along the north side until a suitable place was found. Trustee Trinter felt the township really didn't have the space any longer for parking, but it was up to the fire department. Trustee Dickel explained there are other issues to consider such as liability, disasters, and if you let one use parking lot for staging, then then how do you say no to another. Trustee Decker stated he would say no to letting them use the parking lot and voiced concerns regarding the height of their booms which could be a problem for the helicopter especially since they are not lit up. Chief Triana wasn't aware their booms would be up and agreed that would be a cause for concern. The Board agreed it would not be a good decision to let them park in the rear parking lot. Mr. Kurtz stated he would notify PennLine of the decision.

Mr. Kurtz also reminded the Board it was time to appoint part-time snowplow drivers. Trustee Dickel stated he has talked to one driver and will contact the other two if the township wants to use the same drivers. The Board agreed to use the same drivers.

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Trustee Dickel stated Lake Erie Construction has completed the repair of the guardrail on Barnes Road.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter authorizing to pay the OTA (Ohio Township Association) 2020 Winter Conference Fees for the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Building Official/Zoning Administrator, and Fire Chief to attend from February 5, 2020 through February 8, 2020 at the Columbus Convention Center. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Decker authorizing to pay the Erie County Emergency Management (EMA) 911 service fee for the year 2020 at a cost of \$3,251.83 to be payable to Erie County Commissioners. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-19

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by R. Dickel to allow Nuhn Farms, LLC to rent 9.8 tillable acres (Farm No. 3919) of Vermilion Township property on Barnes Road for a one (1) year time period and compensate the township \$120.00 per acre payable in full by December 31, 2020. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-19

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to go into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. for personnel matters employment. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

Trustee Dickel adjourned from Executive Session and returned to regular session at 9:27 p.m.

MOTION BY: R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:28 p.m. with no further business to discuss. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

Samuel T. Dickel

Trustee

Chris Decker

Trustee

Charles T. Trinter

Trustee

Vina A. Karres

Township Secretary