

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Vermilion Township Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday September 7th, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Hill.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Ron Dickel, Mr. Carl Hill & Mr. Rodger Scott were present.

Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17th, 2022 Trustee's Meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220907-01**

Dickel made a motion to approve the treasury reports. Hill seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220907-02**

Eighty-eight bills/warrants totaling \$77,301.43 submitted for payment. (See attached) Scott made a motion to approve the warrants. Dickel seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220907-3**

Vermilion Township Road Crew Department reported the township fall clean-up will be ONLY Saturday 9/10/2022 from 7:30am to 3:30pm at 7325 Barnes Road. No afterhours dumping allowed. "Loose Gravel" and "Road Work Ahead" signs have been posted throughout the township in preparation for Chip-Sealing on 13 of the township roads. Labor Day road side mowing was completed the week of August 22nd, 2022. One more road side mow will be done before winter. The road crew has been laying the foundation for the salt shed's 40x30 apron in preparation for the asphalt work. Makena Construction has completed the concrete portion of the new salt shed & the hoop roof structure has an installation schedule of September 26th, 2022. The delivery of new International truck from Rush Trucking had been delayed due to a transfer case on back order. New estimated delivery date is November 19th, 2022. Kalida Equipment has the dump-bed ready, but snow-plow has not been received.

On August 23rd, 2022, The Budget Commission of Erie County approved the Vermilion Township 2023 Budget of Estimated Recourses & Expenditures. Hill 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) Hill made a motion to approve the resolution. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220907-4**

City of Vermilion Parks Supervisor Marc Weisenberger gave an update on the Sherod Park Playground Project. With the help of a support letter from the township, \$3000.00 of grant money has been obtained. The city is looking for help with the following parts of the project: Six foot wide by 400 foot long walkway to connect the North & South parking lots; drain tile installation; trucking in smaller stone; assist with installation of landscape fabric & tire mulch; backfilling the walkways; general site repairs & clean-up; top soil & trucking of top soil to site. Weisenberger said he was working with Erie Soil & Water about cleaning up the creek that runs through the park. Groundbreaking is scheduled for Monday, September 12, 2022; weather permitting.

City of Vermilion Public Service Director Tony Valerius reported when the city took over the building department for the township it did not go as smoothly as predicted and read a list of issues. The city submitted an invoice to the township for \$4099.33 for services they feel were above & beyond the original contract agreement. The trustees will have the Erie County Prosecutor review the invoice before taking action.

Vermilion Township Zoning Inspector Pete Fisher reported issuing 9 permits with a total valuation of \$548,000.00.

Vermilion Township Fire Chief Frank Triana reported for the month of August 2022 the department responded to 39 EMS runs, 2 motor vehicle crashes, 2 water rescues (jet-skis in distress), 1 smoke alarm activation, 1 dispatch error & 1 car fire. Squad 813 is at Norwalk Truck for service. August reports have been completed & submitted to the state. For the OTARMA Police & Fire Grant of \$1000.00, the chief is looking into a 45 gallon fire proof cabinet to store fuel cans.

Scott asked Chief Frank for past reports. Scott asked the chief why Protegis Fire & Safety did not inspect the fire extinguishers at the road crew garage at the same time they inspected the fire extinguishers at the fire house.

Hill reported tar & chip seal should begin on the township roads next week. The Erie County Engineer stated this application has very little dust.

Hill noted when Electrical Service Systems removed the electric baseboard heaters, repairs needed to be made before the painting crew could continue. Tim from The Tradewinds Painting Service did the repair & submitted a supplemental invoice of \$400.00 for those repairs. Hill made a motion to pay The Tradewinds Painters \$400.00 for additional repairs. Dickel seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220907-5**

Hill stated there are two estimates to install the apron on the new salt shed. Erie Blacktop cost estimate is \$20,512.00 to be installed from 10/3/22 to 10/5/22. Precision Paving cost estimate is \$22,484.00 to be installed from 10/17/22 to 10/30/22. Hill noted hooped roof installation was to begin 9/26/22 and should take a few days. Dickel made a motion to hire Erie Blacktop at a cost of \$20,512.00 with installation from 10/3/22 to 10/5/22. Hill seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220907-6**

Hill showed an artist's rendering of proposed phase 2 for Cuddeback Cemetery. Plans are for stone slabs for easy walking, a sitting area paved with pavers, an engraved boulder, flag pole & benches. Hill was hoping for interest, support & donations to cover the cost. Cowboy Rocks stone company out of Avon, OH has agreed to donate some material & stone carving labor. Hill noted Cuddeback has the original residents of the area & would like to honor them as such. Hill is working with the county & Vermilion Rotary to determine the actual boundary lines for the grounds.

Scott said he was receiving reports of more people walking down Route 60 than usual & to keep doors locked.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has informed the township that brine from the old salt shed has leaked down the embankment toward the highway, damaging vegetation. The brine has also leaked toward the property next door where a pine tree has died and some maple trees are in danger. The

township will work with ODOT to correct this issue once the new salt shed is complete, salt moved from the old shed into new shed & old shed removed. Dickel made a motion to have the township road crew cut down the dead pine tree, remove debris & fill with dirt at the David Marks property next to the Vermilion Township Garage. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion.

20220907-7

Vermilion Township building & property insurance company Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) Risk Control Specialist Kim Arnold with KLA Risk Consulting is scheduled to meet with township officials on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022 at 10:30am.

Hill reported Pete Schade from the Erie County Health Department was working on getting stockpiles of various vaccines. Schade also was pleased with the progress of the Road to Hope Center in the City of Vermilion.

RKS Power Solutions out of Norwalk, OH has given an estimate for maintaining, testing & 24/7 remote monitoring of the township office Generac generator. The plan is a one-time fee of \$575.00 then \$70.00 per year. Dickel made a motion to hire RKS Power Solutions to monitor/maintain/test the generator for an initial \$575.00 then \$70.00/year going forward. Hill seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220907-8**

Dickel stated the township should look at also having a generator at the township road crew garage. Fisher stated he would contact RKS Power Supply for an estimate.

Dickel reported residents concerns with unsafe intersections in the township of Barnes Road & East Stanley Road, South Poorman Road & Darrow Road and West Bailey Road & Joppa Road. Hill stated he already spoke to Erie County Deputy Engineer Tim Lloyd about a traffic study at the intersection of South Poorman Road & Darrow Road. Hill will ask Lloyd to add the other two intersections to the study.

Dickel reported residents concern with traffic congestion at the intersection of State Route 60 & Sailorway Drive during morning school drop-off time. Residents are asking for a 3rd lane or designated turn lane from State Route 60 South onto Sailorway Drive. Dickel noted that State Route 60 is the State of Ohio's jurisdiction. The trustees agreed to contact the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) concerning the matter.

Hill opened the floor to residents.

Hill made a motion to adjourn. Dickel seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept he motion.