

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Vermilion Township Board of Trustees' Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday April 5th, 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.

Hill made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1st, 2023 Trustee's Meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-01**

Scott made a motion to approve the treasury reports. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-02**

146 bills/warrants totaling \$171,474.85 were submitted for payment. Kurtz made a motion to approve the warrants. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-03**

Erie County Special Investigator Dan McLaughlin spoke on financial abuse and scams committed against elderly residents.

Vermilion Township Fire Chief Frank Triana reported 44 runs for March & reports are submitted to the state. Squad #813 & chief's car #800 were in for service. Municipal Emergency Service tested all SCBAs. One HUD needs repair. The State of Ohio Drug License for VTFD has been renewed through March 2025. Triana asked to renew the annual radio contract with VASU Communications & if the old, unworking copier can be disposed. Scott made a motion to renew the annual VASU Communications Radio Maintenance Contract at \$4545.75. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-04** Scott made a motion to dispose of the old fire department copier. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-05**

Vermilion Township Zoning Inspector Pete Fisher reported issuing 5 permits (pole barn, deck, accessory structure, fence, driveway) for total valuation of \$71,000.00. Plaz Vilka Beachfront Cottages were seeking a letter of support from the trustees in applying for the 2023 Destination Development Grant to restore historic Cottage #2 on site. Scott made a motion to write a letter of support for the grant for Plaz Vilka. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-06** Fisher cited two citizens' complaints of garbage & debris at Dollar General and at Get-Go Convenience Store & Gas Station. Fisher spoke with Dollar General who had it cleaned up by the next day. Fisher noted to Dollar General that their screening fence is in need of repairs & will follow up at a later date. Inspection of Get Go showed no garbage or debris.

Vermilion Township Fiscal Officer Stephanie Johnson stated there was a price change for the purchase of SCBA tanks for the fire department and asked to amend the price in motion 20230301-11 by \$120.00 (20 tanks at \$1016/each = \$20,320.00.) Kurtz made a motion to amend the amount of motion 20230301-11 from \$20,200.00 to \$20,320.00. Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-07**

Vermilion Township Road Crew Assistant Tom Lalonde reported the road crew continues to clean ditches. Lalonde thanked the Erie County Highway Department for their continued support & help with the county Vactor vacuum truck. Equipment will be transitioned from winter to summer. Liquid Road resurfacing by Buck Pavement Restoration on Colonial Court, Sassafras Drive East & Hickory Drive has been scheduled for July/August. The 2023 Township Roads Worksheet has been turned in to the Erie County Engineer's Office. Chardonnay Street sidewalk repair by A-1 Concrete Leveling is on the schedule for April. The Alamo rotary head mower/brush cutter has been ordered from Akron Tractor. The new International CV 515 from Rush Trucking has been delivered to Kalida Truck Equipment to be outfitted. The 2000 International 4900 Dump Truck can be put up for sale as it will no longer be needed. Scott made a motion to sell the 2000 International 4900 Dump Truck, minimum bid of \$10,000.00, sealed bids to be opened at the May 3rd, 2023 meeting. (Truck information and details available on Vermilion Township website, advertised in 3 local papers & by calling Vermilion Township Road Crew Foreman Steve Young). Hill seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-08**

Hill stated the Coen Road (North) project needs further review. Hill made a motion to rescind motion 20230301-09 awarding the Coen Road (North) project. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-09** Hill addressed open ditches & ditch flooding issues on Coen Road South, a survey has been requested and a conversation has been started with U.S. Representative from Ohio's 9th Congressional District Marcy Kaptur about a grant. Hill made a motion to have RKS Power Solutions install two propane generators at the Vermilion Township Road Crew garage (one in East building & one in West building) to include monitoring & weekly start-up for \$24,384.00. Scott seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-10**

Kurtz asked about the status of Hidden Drive signs & stated there are still seven of these signs on township roads. The Erie County Prosecutor recommended they stay in place. Kurtz noted the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Erie County & the City of Vermilion have removed these signs from their respective roads citing drivers do not slow down & they give a false sense of security. Kurtz will follow up with the prosecutor.

The Erie County Commissioners are asking the townships to consider prohibiting large scale wind & solar farms. Kurtz stated after careful consideration the township property would be better served with something else. Scott read A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF VERMILION TOWNSHIP AS BEING A RESTRICTED AREA FOR WIND AND SOLAR FACILITIES. Whereas, the Ohio General Assembly passed legislation know as Senate Bill 52 which was then signed into law by the Ohio Governor and became effective on 10/11/2021 which created a process under which a board of county commissioners may designate all or part of the unincorporated area of a county as a restricted area to prohibit the construction of a (wind & solar) utility. (see attached) Scott made a motion to adopt the RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF VERMILION TOWNSHIP AS BEING A RESTRICTED AREA FOR WIND AND SOLAR FACILITIES. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20230405-11**

Scott opened the floor to residents.

Erie County Health Commissioner Pete Schade listed programs available through the county including applying mosquito deterrent to wet property, performing lead risk assessments on homes and testing residents' well water with their state-of-the-art water lab. The county now has a walk-in clinic & health center at Vermilion High School open to all residents. A list of grants available through the county was

given. Schade wanted to make all residents aware of a new, dangerous synthetic opioid more potent than fentanyl called Isotonitazene (aka nitazene or ISO).

Scott made a motion to adjourn at 7:32pm. Kurtz seconded the motion. Hill, Kurtz & Scott voted to accept the motion.