

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Vermilion Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

Held Wednesday June 1st, 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 May 18th 2022 Trustee's Meeting. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220601-01**

Hill made a motion to approve treasury reports. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220601-02**

Thirty-two bills/warrants were submitted for payment totaling \$24,999.95.

Hill made a motion to accept the warrants. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220601-03**

President Hill opened the floor to residents.

Road Crew Foreman Steve Young reported the first round of roadside mowing is done & the next round will be done before Independence Day. He reminded residents that the road crew cannot do anything about water, dead animals, etc. on State Route 60 & State Route 6. These roads are not in the township's jurisdiction. Young was advised by Kalida Truck Equipment to order the dump box set-up & snow plow set-up now, at the cost of \$33,500.00. This would allow for the equipment to arrive on a similar schedule to the truck chassis. He also reported Kneisel Road has a bad section of potholes. This section will need to be ground down and repaired before the scheduled tar & chip. Erie Blacktop quoted an additional \$4700.50 for this repair.

Hill made a motion to order the dump box set-up & snow plow set-up from Kalida Truck Equipment, who had the lowest bid, at the cost of \$33,500.00. Dickel seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220601-04**

Dickel made a motion to have Erie Blacktop make the necessary repairs to the 60-70' section of Kneisel Road at the cost of \$4750.00. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220601-05**

Zoning Inspector Pete Fisher reported one new permit issued for a fence. Permit fees collected were \$25. Total valuation of work being done is \$18,000.00. He advised of two tall grass complaints, which have been resolved.

Fire Chief Frank Triana listed the May Fire/EMS runs & reports have been sent to the State of Ohio. Chief Triana made a presentation about Bridgehill Multiple Use Fire Blankets. The blankets are for EV/hybrid vehicle fires and can be deployed approximately 30 times. He asked approval to purchase one blanket

from Atlantic Emergency Solutions which had the lowest cost of \$2950.00. Chief Triana also submitted lesson plans to the Ohio EPA to train for this type of fire at the Vermilion Township FD facility.

Hill made a motion to purchase a Bridgehill Multiple Use Fire Blanket from Atlantic Emergency Solutions at the cost of \$2950.00. Dickel seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion.

20220601-06

Chief Triana continued with reminding he would like to staff the fire house from 7:00pm to 7:00am with 2 part-timers, at an approximate cost of \$93,684.00 for the remainder of the year. A grant has been written for funding for 3 full-time positions. Estimated response to grant is November. Scott asked to table the discussion until the next meeting. Hill agreed.

In Old business, the Township received 3 bids for construction of the salt shed. Two bids fulfilled the requirements. Of those 2 bids, Makena Construction had the lowest bid at \$240,000.00. Flooring to be decided.

Hill made a motion to award the bid to Makena Construction for \$240,000.00 with a completion schedule for early October. Dickel seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion.

20220601-07

Hill gave a report to the Erie County Engineer's Office listing roads to chip & seal under the Erie County Commissioners Infrastructure Funding.

Hill made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22G1 Personnel Matters. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220601-08**

The trustees ended the executive session & reconvened regular session.

Hill made a motion to hire Sharon Brill to clean the township offices 2 times a month at \$75.00 per time. Scott seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. **20220601-09**

Hill made a motion to increase the pay for Zoning Inspector Pete Fisher to \$19.00 per hour. New pay rate to start next pay period beginning Sunday, June 5th, 2022. Scott seconded the motion. Hill & Scott voted to accept the motion. Dickel voted against. **20220601-10**

Hill reported that stone/gravel supplier Hansen has raised the price of gravel. A discussion is needed if township residents need to bear some of the gravel cost when installing ditch/drainage tiles for them.

Dickel made a motion to move the thermostat from the fiscal officer's office to a central location in the hallway. Work to be done by Raymond Plumbing & Air Conditioning, the company that installed the HVAC system & thermostat. Hill seconded the motion. Dickel, Hill & Scott voted to approve the motion.

20220601-11

Fiscal Officer Stephanie Johnson reported she was aiming to have a preliminary budget ready for the trustee's meeting on 6/15/2022. Then a budget hearing can be scheduled for the trustee's meeting on 7/6/2022.

Hill announced that the Erie County Township Association would like to make the townships aware of Ohio Senate Bill 52 signed by Governor DeWine regarding revising the law governing wind farms and solar facilities.

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

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