

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 7/17/19***

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.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; Tina L. Karres, Township Secretary.
Absent: Frank R. Triana, Vermilion Township Fire Chief.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Decker to approve minutes to regular meeting held 7/3/19 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 7/16/19. 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 23540 through 23591 (34-2019; 36-2019; 23465 Adjustment). Warrants totaled \$392,331.13. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

Steve Young, Road Foreman, reported on the following: Received complaints regarding the trees on Frailey Road. Recommended evaluating charges for lawn mowing. Discussed repairing backhoe and not being able to get ahold of the equipment repair company. Reported trees laying on wires which will be reported to appropriate company for action. Trustee Dickel recommended driving to the equipment repair company to obtain follow-up action. There will be a crew in the area from the county for wedge coating.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

No audience participation.

SPEAKERS:

None present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

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BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Robert Kurtz, reported that he attended the Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy in Columbus. Mr. Kurtz has completed the general workshop and five of the six electives and will complete the final elective class at next years Winter Conference. Mr. Kurtz stated he would like to attend the federal session which he believes is scheduled in Washington and will then be able to graduate from the Leadership Academy.

Mr. Kurtz stated the ODOT sign grant for the township was approved. The total of this award was \$8,920.61. The inventory list for this grant includes a few additional signs, but for the most part includes new sign posts.

VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Assistant Chief Kurtz read Chief F. Triana's report in his absence: Fire Runs between 7/1/19 – 7/16/19. EMS – 19; M/A – 1 (Dumpster Fire – City of Vermilion); Nat'l Gas Leak – 1; YTD: 370 Runs.

812 was serviced at Liberty Ford on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. New front tires, front end alignment, battery, two (2) spindle nuts and front bearing repacked.

811 will be scheduled for maintenance in the coming week.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

Mr. Larry Deem, Northern Ohio Rural Water Representative, was in attendance to report they have approved an engineering study for a major water line replacement from Middle Ridge Road to State Route 60 and Mason Road. The object is to have a redundancy since that line supplies water to the entire system. They want to have two lines for precaution in case one line breaks and shuts completely down. Mr. Deem believed most would be going through Henrietta Township. Most of the water comes from Elyria, but some does come from Lorain. The second issue he mentioned was that management was asking for a price increase. Mr. Deem stated he has asked them for cash flow statements so they can determine what they need it for. Trustee Trinter asked how much of an increase was being talked about. Mr. Deem stated they were discussing a 3 percent increase.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kurtz asked for a few more weeks to obtain more quotes for the foundation for the new office and restroom.

Mr. Kurtz stated it took him a while to get a hold of Dave from Quality One Tree Service regarding tree removal, previously discussed by the Road Department, but he is scheduled to meet for a quote this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Kurtz also mentioned talking to the City of Vermilion Service Director and reported they do have a bucket truck if the township would like to use.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kurtz discussed a house on Sperry Road which he has recently received a complaint regarding the landscaping around the house. This property has been a problem in the past regarding mowing. The last two summers, the owner had been sent notices to mow his lawn and he had mowed it after the letters were sent. This year started out the same way, a letter had been sent to mow his lawn, and the letter was not accepted; therefore, the township has mowed this property twice. Mr. Kurtz showed the Board pictures of the property which displayed overgrown trees and bushes. Mr. Kurtz, quoting the ORC code 505.87 (Board has authority to control/abate vegetation), explained the difficulty in determining overgrown landscaping versus mowing a lawn. He explained that a lawn is easily determined to be in violation due to the number of inches its overgrown, but landscaping is much different and more subjective. Mr. Kurtz has referred this issue to the Erie County Prosecutor's Office and is awaiting an opinion. The Board agreed to wait for the Prosecutor's opinion in determining a property a nuisance.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Decker to enter into the annual software support agreement for the SmartSearch Document Management System with MT Business Technologies, Inc. from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 at a cost of \$1,000.00 per year. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-19

MOTION BY: R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:24 a.m. with no further business to discuss. Roll Call – C. Decker, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

Ronald Z. Dickel

Trustee

Chris Decker

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Charles T. Trinter

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Jessie A. Karres

Township Secretary