

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 11/3/21***

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Ronald L. Dickel, Trustee; Carl E. Hill, Trustee; Charles T. Trinter, Trustee; Brenda J. Zsebik, Fiscal Officer; Robert Baker, Building Official/Zoning Inspector; Frank R. Triana, Vermilion Township Fire Chief; Tina L. Karres, Township Secretary.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Hill to approve minutes to regular meeting held 10/20/21 and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Hill, second by C. Trinter to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Packet dated 11/1/21. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by R. Dickel to approve and pay warrants 25440 through 25457 (25147 adjustments) and payment vouchers 527-2021, 528-2021, 529-2021, 530-2021, 531-2021, 532-2021, 533-2021, 534-2021, 535-2021, 536-2021, 537-2021, 538-2021, 539-2021, 540-2021, 541-2021, 542-2021, 543-2021, 544-2021, 546-2021, 547-2021, 548-2021, 549-2021, 550-2021, 552-2021, 554-2021, 555-2021, 556-2021. Warrants and payment vouchers totaled \$44,750.72. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Malcolm Williams, resident, extended congratulations to re-elected Trustee Ronald Dickel and to the newly elected Trustee, Rodger Scott and noted the township had more votes for Trustee than the City of Vermilion had for Mayor.

Rodger Scott, resident, thanked all candidates for cleaning up their political signs stating that the township looked nice, but there were some things to work on. Mr. Scott asked what kinds of things will be accomplished through the end of the year. Trustee Dickel responded the annual end of the year resolutions such as wages etc. He asked the Board to table any pay raises and such since Trustee Trinter will be voting, and he will no longer have any skin in the game. He felt he would have to be taking up the slack. Trustee Dickel stated the Board will complete what they need to and if anything needs to be changed it can be discussed later. Trustee Trinter suggested to take Mr. Scott's suggestion in regard to end of the year decisions. Mr. Scott thanked the Board. Trustee Dickel noted until Mr. Scott's term begins, decisions need to be made and nothing is set in stone. Mr. Scott added that the township needs more community involvement.

SPEAKERS:

None present.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated October 22, 2021, from Marilou Suszko, Executive Director, Main Street Vermilion extending a thank you to the township for their recent payment of \$2,340.00 to help support the Main Street Vermilion marketing program to be used for the Lake Erie Shore and Islands 2022 Travel Guide.

BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING INSPECTOR:

Building Official/Zoning Inspector, Robert Baker, reported for October the Zoning Department issued 8 zoning permits with a total fee collection of \$613.30; the Building Department issued 25 permits with a total fee collection of \$3,450.00 and total valuation of work being done at \$663,046.00.

Mr. Baker recommended to the Board to consider increasing the residential electrical inspector wages from \$50.00 per inspection to \$60.00 per inspection. Gas prices and insurance prices have increased, and the wages haven't increased for years. The commercial inspector gets paid \$75.00 per inspection.

VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief F. Triana's report: Fire Runs between 10/1/21 – 10/31/21. EMS – 44; MVC – 5 (w/o injury); Residential alarm – 1; Natural gas lead – 2; M/A Fire – 1 (Berlin Twp.); Open Burn – 1; Commercial fire alarm – 1; YTD: 654 Runs.

October fire reports are complete and have been submitted to the State.

811 is back in service after repairs at L & M. Much thanks to them for getting the department back in service as quick as possible.

841 has a check engine light and will go to Liberty Ford next Wednesday, November 10th, for injector pressure control module.

A thank you to all who attended the firefighters pancake breakfast on October 10. Very nice turnout.

Truck or treat at Pat O'Brien Chevrolet was very well attended and the department enjoyed seeing all the kids dressed up.

The Chief was contacted a week ago by the Hindmarsh Foundation informing them that the Firefighters Association will be receiving a donation this year. The firefighters this year with the donation will purchase four (4) Portable LED Scene Lights. These units provide three levels of lighting from low (1,300 lumens), medium (2,500 lumens), and high (5,300 lumens). The lights are self-contained and can extend up to 72" in height and are rechargeable. They will place two lights on each engine. Total cost of the project will be \$2,748.00 and \$248.00 will come from the fire budget. The department is humbled to receive such a gracious donation (\$2,500.00) from the Hindmarsh Foundation and thanked them for their continued support.

The Chief asked the Board to support the yearly Honorarium to be given to the firefighters for 2021 in the amount of \$25,185.00. This will be disbursed to the firefighters, as in the past, based on their individual points value accrued.

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The Chief reported they received a new dispatching contract from the Sheriff's office. They still have the old contract due to expire in 2026. The hope is that the Board of Trustees will step away from the old contract and begin 2022 with the new contract. The dispatch advisory board advised that with the major increase in run volume for the Vermilion Township Fire Department over the past several years that the Board would consider and advise that the newer contract be put in place. The department was paying approximately \$1,400.00 annually. The department runs similar volume to Margareta Township Fire Department which places Vermilion Township Fire Department in equal amount paid for services rendered. The Fire Chief fully supports what the contract stands for and supports the payment increase to \$18,000.00 annually in the newer contract. The Chief claimed it was a bit of a shock, but it was fair value for all involved. Trustee Dickel added that when the fire department was paying the \$1,400.00 that was exclusively for the fire department, since then EMS has been added which increases the township's call volume. The Chief agreed that EMS increased the call volume. The Board tabled this so the contract could be reviewed.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

None present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Hill announced the 450 should be repaired tomorrow.

Trustee Dickel stated he contacted ODOT regarding their schedule of cleaning ditches on State Route 60 and was informed they are going to start from Mason Road going north, cleaning the open ditches on the west side of the road. They informed him they were having issues due to Covid.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Hill establishing an Honorarium for the Vermilion Township Firefighters for 2021 in the amount of \$25,185.00 for all the work the firefighters' have done over the past 12 months and in doing so pay each firefighter \$15.00 per point as established by the Vermilion Township Fire Chief. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried
RESOLUTION NO. 52-21

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter authorizing to renew membership with the Vermilion Chamber of Commerce, located at 5495 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion for the year 2022 at a cost of \$85.00. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried
RESOLUTION NO. 53-21

Malcolm Williams inquired about having a link from the Chamber of Commerce to the township website promoting the township since Vermilion Township has the only hotel. That will be investigated.

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MOTION BY: R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 p.m. with no further business to discuss. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

Ronald T. Dickel

Trustee

Carl Hill

Trustee

Charles T. Trinter

Trustee

Tina A. Karres

Township Secretary