

VERMILION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES***Record of Proceedings
Minutes to Regular Meeting Held 5/19/21***

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Ronald L. Dickel.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Ronald L. Dickel, Trustee; Carl E. Hill, Trustee; Charles T. Trinter, Trustee; Robert Baker, Building Official/Zoning Inspector; Tina L. Karres, Township Secretary.

Absent: Brenda J. Zsebik, Fiscal Officer; Frank R. Triana, Vermilion Township Fire Chief.

MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Hill to approve minutes to regular meeting held 5/5/21 and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Trustee Hill noted he felt names should have been stated in audience participation regarding Sperry Road complaint and the vehicle purchase should have stated lowest and best bid rather than just lowest bid. Township Secretary explained names are sometimes withheld to avoid conflict regarding neighbors and the minutes reflected what was actually stated in the meeting regarding the lowest bid. Roll Call – C. Hill, no; 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 5/18/21. 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 25221 through 25242 (25147 adjustments) and payment vouchers 233-2021, 234-2021, 235-2021, 236-2021, 237-2021, 238-2021, 239-2021, 240-2021, 241-2021, 242-2021, 243-2021, 244-2021, 245-2021, 246-2021, 247-2021, 248-2021, 249-2021, 250-2021, 251-2021. Warrants and payment vouchers totaled \$59,259.50. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Resident asked if the township was going to offer Covid vaccines like they did for the flu previously. It was explained that the outreach clinics were offered, at the township location, by the Erie County Health Department and they were cancelled due to the Covid pandemic and have not resumed to date. The township will follow-up to see if or when they will be resuming. Resident inquired about the funding that was available through the State of Ohio for townships and if the township had any thoughts on what they might do with the money to benefit the township. Trustee Dickel explained that the Ohio Township Association, which the township is a member, was reviewing the information regarding funding for townships. Trustee Hill added there was a problem in the wording of the bill and the Ohio Township Association is looking into changing the wording of the bill to include more townships. If the township did qualify for funding, the Board would then discuss what needs could be addressed depending on the qualified amount received. Resident inquired about grants and grant writing procedures.

SPEAKERS:

None present.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence.

BUILDING OFFICIAL/ZONING INSPECTOR:

No report.

The Board discussed what guidelines they would be following regarding the wearing of masks.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second by C. Hill authorizing to follow the state guidelines regarding masks while allowing personal preference when entering the township office building. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

VERMILION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No report.

NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER REPRESENTATIVE:

None present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Hill stated the road crew asked for him to bring to the meeting the fall clean-up address needed to be changed from Stanley Road. The Township Secretary stated the clean-up location that was listed on the website had the correct Barnes Road address for the township clean-ups, but if there ever was a correction or a problem that needed to be addressed it should be reported to the office immediately rather than wait until a scheduled meeting. Trustee Hill stated the road crew just reported it. Township Secretary added any problem Trustee Hill has can be addressed in the secretary's office and noted Trustee Hill had not been in the office for almost a year. Trustee Hill stated he did not have a problem but would relay the message.

Trustee Hill reported on the leaf vacuum machine that is for sale stating there has been some interest.

Trustee Hill discussed the HB 393 by Governor Strickland (April 2012) regarding a township being able to move more quickly after a property has been declared a nuisance twice in one year. Mr. Robert Baker, Building Official/Zoning Inspector stated Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 passed April 12, 2021, basically updates the HB 393 law. The updated township resolution 20-20 passed on May 6, 2020, is basically an identical version to ORC 505.87. Mr. Baker noted that grass height over 8 inches can be cited. Mr. Baker stated he inspected properties in the township and noted a few grass violations, letters were sent, and the property owners complied. Mr. Novotny is complying with grass violation, weather permitting, and should be completed this week. A Stanley Road violation is being followed up with a certified letter regarding junk vehicles and house in disrepair. Mr. Baker is working with another homeowner regarding a violation on Darrow Road who appears to be having financial difficulty and noted there are still people out of work and doesn't want to put anyone in

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harm's way. Trustee Hill noted the resident on Stanley Road is building a barn, so the junk vehicles are being addressed.

Trustee Hill brought up for discussion the issue of purchasing the Trax. He discussed the mileage stating if the mileage was 16 miles it was new and if it was 600 miles it was a demo and not apples to apples. He stated Chevy gives dealers an incentive to drop the price on a demo. Trustee Hill stated Pat O'Brien was offering a new vehicle and Spitzer offered a demo. Trustee Dickel stated it was not a demo, it was a new vehicle. Mr. Baker clarified he was the one who was given the price and the one who test drove the vehicle at Pat O'Brien Chevrolet. He talked to a manager and informed him the vehicle was for the township and asked for their best price. As far as, the Spitzer vehicle being a demo, he verified with the dealership that a car is not considered a demo until it gets to 3,000 miles, but at 1,000 miles the warranty starts at the 60,000 miles. So, at 600 miles the warranty is still 5 years or 60,000 miles. The vehicle was new, titled 2021, and was brought from another dealership located in Pennsylvania which is why it had some miles on it. Mr. O'Brien does a lot for the community, and the township did go to his dealership for their best price. Mr. Baker stated Ohio ethic laws are very specific and the only legal and ethical thing to do was to purchase the vehicle from Spitzer. Mr. Baker ended with there was no inappropriate action taken to buy the car other than looking out for the township's best interest to save money. Trustee Hill stated he had two issues with the estimates he looked at and asked who got the estimates for the F150 from Liberty Ford and why did it have a STX package included? Trustee Dickel stated he got the estimate and that's the way it was quoted with incentives. Trustee Hill stated the package wasn't needed. Trustee Dickel stated he was trying to give us the best price for the vehicle. Trustee Hill stated we didn't need a remote start and we are not buying the vehicles for ourselves. Trustee Hill said they keep leaving out the words lowest and the best, the best is buying from a township resident Pat O'Brien. The Board moved on after discussion.

Trustee Dickel brought up for discussion changing the fees regarding nuisance abatements for mowing. Currently, the charge to mow grass is \$150.00. The Board had a listing of their equipment maintenance costs and fees. It was explained the township will work with any hardship cases.

MOTION BY C. Hill, second by R. Dickel authorizing to update the nuisance abatement fees for mowing to \$250.00 per cut (See Attachment). Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 35-21

NEW BUSINESS:

The Vermilion Rotary Club volunteered to clean up the litter on Lake Road in the township. Trustee Hill disposed of the bags through the help of Dairy Stop in Vermilion who volunteered their dumpster. The Board thanked Dairy Stop for their kindness.

MOTION BY R. Dickel, second C. Trinter authorizing the agreement from the Erie County Engineer's Office to contract to bid out road maintenance and repairs for 2021 through the County Wide Road Program and to forward the certificate of availability of funds to the Fiscal Officer for certification that \$1,493.00 has been encumbered (See Exhibit B). Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

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MOTION BY C. Trinter, second by C. Hill accepting the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021, as made by the Budget Commission of Erie County, Erie County Auditor's Office. The changes include an increase to the Fire District Fund of \$2,625.00 (See Attachment A). Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-21

MOTION BY: R. Dickel, second by C. Trinter to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:47 a.m. with no further business to discuss. Roll Call – C. Hill, yes; R. Dickel, yes; C. Trinter, yes; Motion Carried.

Ronald Z. Dickel

Trustee

C. Hill

Trustee

Charles T. Trinter

Trustee

Vina A. Karres

Township Secretary