

**Vienna Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting-Town Hall 7:00pm
February 4, 2019**

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Brown-present, Mr. Dascenzo-present, Mr. Pegg-present.
Quorum present.

Motion #19-041: Resolved, to approve January 7, 2019 minutes. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN=yes, DASCENZO=yes, PEGG=yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-042: Resolved, the approval of the payroll for the previous month as prepared by the fiscal officer. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN=yes, DASCENZO=yes, PEGG=yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-043: Resolved, the approval of the bills and warrants for the previous month as prepared by the fiscal officer. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN=yes, DASCENZO=yes, PEGG=yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter from Cafaro Foundation in response to a request from Trustee Phil Pegg. Vienna Ecumenical Food Pantry received \$500.00.

2018 Year End Department Report Summation (complete report available in each department)

Road-Funerals-18, foundations-6, lots sold-9.

Zoning-Permits-37, violations-14, fees-\$7694.25.

Fire-Calls-874, response time-4minutes 55 seconds, major fires-3.

Motion #19-044: Resolved, to hire Natalie Cleland and Michael Rudawsky as EMT's part-time as needed pending drug test at a rate of \$11.00 per hour. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN=yes, DASCENZO=yes, PEGG=yes. Motion carried.

Police-Citations-298, Arrests-100.

Motion #19-045: Resolved, to hire Theresa Hartman as DARE officer at a rate of \$15.50 per hour pending drug test, part-time as needed. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN=yes, DASCENZO=yes, PEGG=yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-046: Resolved, to hire James Johnson part-time as needed as a Patrolman at a rate of \$13.50 per hour pending drug test. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Citizens in attendance

Tarin Brown-1030 Ridge Road, Wanting to know if BCI report will be released upon completion.

Mary Swift-4450 Warren-Sharon Road, stated 8 months ago an anonymous tip was called about an officer. Why was it not acted on? Chief Ludt replied he never received such a tip.

Matt Zoccole-5430 Smith Stewart, Maybe we should have a Citizens Review Board.

Michele Garman-1111 Youngstown-Kingsville, Easter Egg Hunt is April 13, 2019. NHW is collecting candy for it.

Trustee Business

Motion #19-047: Resolved, Police officers working as SRO's \$15.50 per hour effective January 6, 2019. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-048: Resolved, to renew VFIS of Ohio for 2019 at \$1060.00 (Volunteer Health Insurance). Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-049: Resolved, to pay Trumbull County Engineer \$3232.20 for culvert replacement on TH1203. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-050: Resolved, to pay Avrem \$4500.00 for 50 hour Simple Service plan. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-051: Resolved, to rescind 2F1/17, 3F1/18, 4F1/19, 5C1/32 (ref; Volume 39, page 17523-17524, Date 05/03/13). This bridge was recently replaced by a simple beam structure. New SFN7841273. This bridge is located on TH33B Prindle Booth Road in Vienna Township. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion # 19-052: Resolved, to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan of the Geuaga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-053: Resolved, to approve the Vienna Township Credit Card Policy. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-054: Resolved, to transfer \$100,000.00 from Money Market to General Checking. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-055: Resolved, to pay Great Garage Door \$1700.00 for Road Department door. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-056: Resolved, to pay Trumbull SWCD \$1393.00 for 2019 conservation appropriation. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-057: Resolved, to pay Avrem \$810.00 for Police Department printer. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-058: Resolved, to pay Cross Radio \$2413.83 for removal and installation of equipment in new Police cruiser. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-059: Resolved, to pay Lexipol \$2770.00 for 2019 law enforcement policy update subscription. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-060: Resolved, to appoint Linda Yannon to Mahoning Valley Sanitary District Advisory Board. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-061: Resolved, to pay Armour Express \$2894.40 for Police bullet proof vests to be reimbursed thru a grant. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-062: Resolved, to pay Armour Express \$10516.00 for Police bullet proof vests to be reimbursed thru a grant. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Brown.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Heidi Brown read the following statement:

On December 17, 2018, the Chief of Police of the Vienna Township Police Department, Bob Ludt, received and allegation of misconduct against Sgt. Michael Sheehy from the

Superintendent of the Mathews Local School District. Chief Ludt immediately contacted the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and asked BCI to conduct an investigation into these allegations. Pending the completion of the investigation by BCI and at the request of the Mathews Local School District, Sgt. Sheehy was taken off his assignment in the Mathews Local School District. He was not assigned for any road or patrol duty because of the BCI investigation. The Board of Trustees did not at that time take any formal action against Sgt. Sheehy while the facts were being investigated by BCI. Vienna Township will have no further comment on allegations made by the Mathews Local School District. All questions should be directed to BCI or the county prosecutor's office.

The Vienna Township Police Department recently had reason to believe that Sgt. Sheehy was involved in other situations that were ultimately referred to BCI and the county prosecutor's office. The Board will not have any further comment on them beyond this statement or the resolution that we will consider. Any extraneous comments by any public officials could jeopardize the pending criminal case against Sgt. Sheehy.

Vienna Township provides police protection to its residents through police constables. These individuals, like police officers, are granted procedural protections by the Ohio Revised Code. Unlike other local departments, Vienna Township does not have a police department with police officers who have waived some of those statutory protections through a collective bargaining agreement and that would give the Township the ability to respond to situations differently than what the Ohio Revised Code spells out. Vienna Township does not have that capability; we must follow the Ohio Revised Code. Vienna Township has done that and is doing that. All formal action against police constables must be taken by the Board of Trustees, not by the Chief of Police.

Motion #19-063: Resolved, to adjourn to executive session at 7:26 pm to consider action. Action will be taken. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-064: Resolved, to reconvene at 7:45 pm. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-065: Resolved, the Board of Trustees intends to invoke all of the powers available to it under R.C. 505.491 to 505.495 to pursue charges against Michael Sheehy. The charges will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 4, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall. The hearing will take place in executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1) unless Michael Sheehy requests that the hearing be conducted in public and recorded by stenographic means. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yews, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Motion #19-066: Resolved, to adjourn at 7:50pm. Moved by Brown, Seconded by Dascenzo.

Roll Call Vote: BROWN-yes, DASCENZO-yes, PEGG-yes. Motion carried.

Phil Pegg Trustee Chair

Linda J. McCullough Fiscal Officer