

Vienna Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Mathews High School 7:00 pm  
June 3, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call: Mr. Dascenzo – present, Mr. Pegg – present, Mr. Haddle – present. Quorum met.

Regular Meeting

**Motion 24-0603-A: Resolved, to approve the May 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes and May 14, 2024, special meeting minutes. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Haddle.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-B: Resolved, to approve the previous month's payroll as prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Moved by Haddle, Seconded by Dascenzo.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-C Resolved, to approve previous month's bills and warrants as prepared by the Fiscal Officer. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Haddle.**

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

Correspondence

Trustee Pegg reported meeting with Brookfield Township Trustee Dan Suttles and Howland Township Interim Administrator Pantalone regarding Fire and EMS coverage in the township.

Following the meeting with Howland Township he received a letter from Raymond Pace, Fire Chief of Howland Township, which he read into the record.

Department Summations (complete report available in each department)

Zoning: 3 permits written, one for accessory building, one for deck and one for an addition to a home. 18 property transfers during the month. The health department also declared 936 Scoville North unfit for human habitation.

Police: 26 reports issued, 1 crash, working on investigation with FAA. Also reported working on getting the cars auctioned off.

Fire Department: 67 calls. Vienna responded to 19 of those calls. Received mutual aid from Brookfield, Howland, Fowler and Liberty. Presented a quote for tires.

Road: Working on mowing grass and replacing signs in the township. Also, reported a successful scrap tire pickup. Trustee Haddle reported on the cleanup day and scrap drive he held to benefit the playground project.

Trustee Pegg reported working on removing a tree laying on the wires on Warren Sharon Rd. He has been in contact with the electricity company, who directed him to the phone company who owns the wires. He has sent photos to EMA in hopes that the tree gets removed.

### Visitors

Phillip Saloom – 4651 Creekside Dr – Spoke about things being investigated and questioned Trustee Pegg having the most tenure on the board. He also stated that he did some reading and there is a requirement that two trustees sign each check. Each check that was written out of the account was signed by at least two trustees. He stated that 10 years ago the township had lots of money and now the township has lots of debt. He questioned what the distribution was between Blueline Solutions and the Township. Also, he wanted to know what else the township will be responsible for, including the equipment and officer time. He wanted to know what the net will be after all the other items are factored into the program. He also questioned how much money came from the inheritance and where all of it went.

Joe Muccio – 694 Warner Rd – Concerned how the township got into this situation. Found out that the Fiscal Officer is to work with the Trustees on all financial matters. Going forward, he wanted to know if the culture in the township is going to change. Mr. Muccio wanted to know if enough income is being generated to cover the services provided. He wanted to know if there were other ways to generate money other than speed cameras. There was also a question about the letter to the editor published over the weekend by Mr. Pirko suggesting the township incorporate and apply an income tax. He thinks this should be investigated through a study committee.

Cindy Johnson – 2362 Henn Hyde – Questioned the process of fiscal emergency and when the process was started and where we are at in the process.

Dee Berkic – Vienna Dr – Asked questions about the press release that was released by the township in February. She wanted to know if the trustees had found the \$1 million dollars that was missing. She also asked the trustees on the letter to the editor and wanted to know where he got his information from.

Tom Powell – 412 Sodom Hutchings Rd – Asked the trustees what was the only thing that brought in money other than the levies. Stated that if EMS was operating with a paramedic last month, they would have brought in \$30k. It would be able to bring in its own money to operate.

Terin Brown – 1030 Ridge Rd – Questioned what the Fire Chief needed tires for. Chief Brannon detailed the process of getting the quote and receiving an outstanding bill for the police department. He asked why we still have police officers if we still have outstanding bills. Also, asked why there are no Fire/EMS when there are existing levies.



Jacqueline Sage – 3904 Warren Sharon Rd – Asked the process for laying off the police officers since it wasn't done by seniority. Asked specifically about Sgt Padula and why he was laid off. Ms. Sage also wanted to know why the officers sit for hours at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Doug Gollan – 3781 Warren Sharon Rd – Asked Trustee Pegg, who has been a trustee since 2006, and had an audit report from 2019-2020 that said that money was not being spent wisely and they could not make an opinion on it. In the audit there is a client response, and, in several places, it says they have not received a response from the township. Trustee Pegg said that he has never received a copy of the audit. He had no knowledge of the audit. Also, asked about the Opioid Settlement and wanted to know how much money was going to receive as part of the settlement. He also asked about the risk management pool.

Terin Brown – 1030 Ridge Rd – Asked if the Trustees received a copy of the audit or have a closing meeting with the auditor. As a former school board member, he previously participated in such meetings.

Jeff Dreves – 5269 Smith Stewart Rd – Quersted all 3 trustees why they should be believed in the future. The former fiscal officer should have given them paperwork each month outlining the expenses and income. Previously, there was a truck repair by the road department in they wanted money upfront because they have not been paid. Should have that not been a red flag?

Dee Berkic – Vienna Dr – Asked why the trustees allowed the previous Fiscal Officer to keep the records in books at home since the township provided a facility for her to use.

Tammy Cogswell – 3904 Warren Sharon Rd – Asked if the township was still using a private attorney when the township could get a free attorney. Wanted to know the rate for the attorney and how many hours the attorney is being used.

Eric Ginn – 1482 Stanley St – Wanted to know when the township is going to start paying Chief Brannon.

**Motion 24-0603-D: RESOLUTION TO FILL VACANCY OF TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

WHEREAS, Rhonda Root, the duly elected Fiscal Officer of Vienna Township, Trumbull County, Ohio resigned from office;

WHEREAS, the office of Fiscal Officer is vacant;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Corine Hardman, Elector of the Township be and hereby is appointed to the Office of Fiscal Officer, Vienna Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, to fill such vacancy, and to hold such Office until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

**Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Haddle.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-E: Resolved, to approve Trustee Pegg as Chair of the Board of Trustee and Trustee Dascenzo as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees. Moved by Haddle, Seconded by Dascenzo.**

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

Trustee Pegg announced department liaisons: Pegg – Road/Cemetery, Dascenzo – Police, Haddle – Fire.

**Motion 24-0603-F: Resolved, to acknowledge the appointment of Tom Shay as the Assistant to the Fiscal Officer at the rate equal to that of the Fiscal Officer. The Assistant to the Fiscal Officer shall be paid with the funds previously appropriated on April 1, 2024. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Haddle.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-G: RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ADVANCE OF REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, the township Board of Trustees of Vienna Township is authorized to request an advance of Real Estate Property Taxes and Delinquent Real Estate Property Taxes pursuant to ORC 321.34

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Trustees of Vienna Township does hereby request an advance of Real Estate Property Taxes and Delinquent Real Estate Property Taxes pursuant to ORC 321.34.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Trustees of Vienna Township does hereby request the Trumbull County Auditor to advance any Real Estate Property Tax and Delinquent Real Estate Property Tax money in the Treasury of the Trumbull County to the account of the Township of Vienna.

**Moved by Haddle, Seconded by Dascenzo.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-H: Resolved, to proceed with placing a Road and Bridge 1 mil renewal levy for a period of 5 years before the electors of Vienna Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Haddle.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-I: Resolved, to establish fund 2273 ARP Coronavirus Relief Fund to account for the funding received under the American Rescue Plan Act. Moved by Haddle, Seconded by Dascenzo.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-J: Resolved, to go into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G) to consider the compensation and employment of a public employee. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Haddle.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-K: Resolved, to return from executive session at 8:51pm. Moved by Haddle, Seconded by Dascenzo.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-L: Resolved, to reinstate Sgt Lee Padula to the Police Department effective June 1, 2024, and to retroactively credit his sick time during the laid off period. Moved by Dascenzo, Seconded by Haddle.**

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

**Motion 24-0603-M: Resolved, to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Haddle, Seconded by Dascenzo.**

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

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Phil Pegg, Chair

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Corine Hardman, Fiscal Officer

