

Vienna Township Trustees  
Special Meeting  
Mathews High School Cafeteria 6:30 pm  
August 5, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and followed by a moment of silence.

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

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Blue Line Traffic cameras.

Pegg:

This is a public hearing as required by law. The traffic camera will start August 6, 2024.

We owe over \$1,000,000. We are in a fiscal emergency, and no one has come up with other ideas to generate new income.

Township resident claimed we ticketed him going 65 in a 45 mph zone on Niles Vienna.

Pegg and Dascenzo voted for the cameras in May.

Pegg tells story of neighbors fighting and seeking council with former Trustee Glenn Wireman. Wireman suggested follow the law. That is what Vienna will be doing in this situation.

Someone asked: “What happened to the neighbors?”

Pegg: “They moved”

All signs were installed on Tuesday. All permits have been received and recorded.

Two officers have been trained and two more officers will be trained on Thursday (08/08/2024).

Legal Notice was placed in the Tribune on Friday 8/2/2024 as required.

Cameras will be handheld and not mounted on posts. Camera to toss photo if car is not speeding.

What is considered speeding? 11 miles over the posted speed sign.

First 30 days, speeders will receive a warning. On or after September 5, 2024, citations will be issued. Citations come back, get reviewed. There could be a special circumstance that would get citation tossed.

The locations are as follows:

- State Route 11
- State Route 82
- State Route 193

- Niles – Vienna Rod
- Warren Sharon Road – close to Sodom Hutchings Road

We are not going into the neighborhoods

Legal Notice: 215-IT-August 2, 2024 #9634 – Posted in Tribune

The contract is for two years not three years as previously stated. Should the Township choose to cancel before the end of the second year, we will be required to pay Blue Line.

Questions:

Sean Stimac:

Will the contract be available to be reviewed by the public?

Will there be an audit on tickets being excused by Sgt. Padula and Interim Chief Brian Darby?

Pegg: Girard Court will get \$10 per ticket it processes. The cut between the township and Blue Line is from the gross before the Girard Court costs.

James Dabazo:

Offered the Trustees a suggestion on how to generate revenue. The township could place a tax on injection wells for the poison being put in the ground.

Kim Ellis:

Will there be five primary places the cameras will be run? Yes.

Will they operate the camera during the day? Yes

Will Blue Line pay for overtime? Yes

How will officers respond to calls if they are holding the camera? – yes, they can put the camera down, respond to calls, then come back to the camera.

Karen Sargent:

How many cameras did we get? One

If sheriff or Ohio State Highway Patrol issue ticket does Vienna get any of that money? No, 100% of the money goes to the entity who issued the ticket.

Joe Muccio:

Is incorporation an option? Feasibility study?

Pegg: Incorporation means higher payroll – councilmen, councilmen at large, Law Director, full time bookkeeper, water source, county roads would then be the responsibility of the incorporation.

Pegg: The township does not have the money to do the feasibility study.

Muccio: YARS is the largest employer. They do not pay taxes.

Haddle: We would have to approach the Department of Defense for any type of tax.

Doug Gollan:

How soon will the money be received from the cameras?

Pegg: Not until October.

**Motion 24-0805-A: Resolved, to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Pegg, Seconded by Haddle.**

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